

Canada's Political Environment and the Politics of the Canadian Environment

A conference at the Embassy of Canada in Germany & the Heinrich Böll Foundation,
organized by the John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies

Berlin, Germany, November 13th – 14th, 2009

Conference Program:

Friday, 13th November	Venue: Embassy of Canada, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin
13:00 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome Address by His Excellency Peter M. Boehm Canadian Ambassador to Germany
	Introduction Dr. Simon Kiss (Freie Universität Berlin)
14:15 – 15:45	Keynote Address: Kathryn Harrison (University of British Columbia): <i>"Canada's Struggle with Climate Change: Good Policy vs. Good Politics"</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Panel I: Ecological Questions in Canadian Foreign Policy <i>Chair:</i> Tilman Santarius (Head of the International Climate and Energy Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation) Petra Dolata-Kreutzkamp (King's College, London, UK): <i>"How 'green' is Canada's Arctic policy? Environmental Security in the Far North"</i> Aranka Podhora (Berlin University of Technology): <i>"The influence of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on the Canadian approaches to North American and domestic environmental protection"</i>
17:30	Reception

Saturday, 14th
November

Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, 10117
Berlin

9:15 – 9:30

Welcome Address by Bastian Hermission

Head of the EU / North America Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation

9:30 – 11:00

Panel II: Managing Environmental Challenges in a Federal State

Chair: Kathryn Harrison (University of British Columbia)

Douglas M. Brown (St. Francis Xavier University):

“Cooperative Vs. Competitive Federalism: Outcomes and Consequences of Intergovernmental Relations on Climate Change Issues in Canada”

B. Timothy Heinmiller (Brock University):

“The Emissions Trading Convergence in Climate Change Policies: An Historical Institutional Explanation”

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00

Panel III: Urban Development and Suburbanization in Canada

Chair: tba

Delacey Tedesco (University of Victoria, B.C.):

“Three Models for the Sustainable Urbanization of Kelowna, B.C.: A Case Study in Political Idealization”

Elaine Ferrier (University of Waterloo):

“The “biodiversity bias” and the future of protected areas policy in Canada: A case study of the Oak Ridges Moraine”

Gabriel Eidelman (University of Toronto):

“Ontario Goes Green(belt): The Politics of Urban Sprawl and the ‘Places to Grow’ Plan”

Laura Taylor (York University):

“Local area planning and the global environmental imagination”

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Panel IV: Political Parties and the Environment

Chair: Lutz Mez (Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität Berlin)

Mike Painter-Main (University of Toronto):
“Protesters or Environmentally Concerned Voters? Explaining the Rise of the Green Party in Canada”

Simon Kiss (Freie Universität Berlin):
“Environmentalism, Class and the Canadian Party System”

Steven B. Wolinetz (Memorial University of Newfoundland):
“When Parties Bite the Bullet: Parties and Party Systems and the Politics of Climate Change”

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:30

Panel V: The Provinces, Public Policy and Political Actors

Chair: Miranda Schreurs (Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität Berlin)

Ian Urquhart (University of Alberta):
“Thinking Locally, Acting Globally: Environmental Politics and Alberta’s Oil Sands”

Dortje Klatte (Foundation Ecology and Farming, Bad Dürkheim):
“Genetically modified organisms in Canada: Resistance from the local to the global”

Kathleen McNutt (University of Regina):
“Pathways to Power: Policy transitions and the reappearance of the nuclear power option in Saskatchewan”

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Conclusion, End of Conference