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PARTNERS' MEETING

Friday, May 5, 2023, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm ET

NOTES

Participants

The list of participants is appended.

Supporting Documents

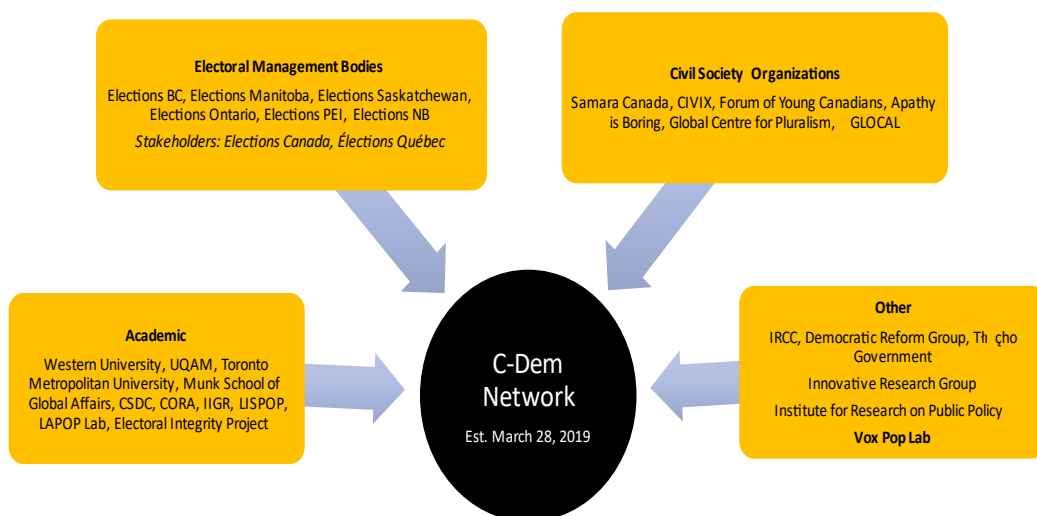
- C-Dem Annual Report
- C-Dem 2023 Partners' Meeting Agenda
- C-Dem Partners' Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

Agenda Item # 1: C-Dem Annual Report Highlights

(a) Network Evolution

[Vox Pop Labs](#) is the newest addition to the C-Dem Network.

C-Dem Network



C-Dem Researchers

Co-Directors	Collaborators
Laura Stephenson (PI), Western	Christopher Alcantara, Western
Allison Harell, UQAM	John Beebe, Toronto Metropolitan University
	Marc-André Bodet, Laval University
Co-Investigators	Jake Bowers, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Cameron Anderson, Western	Arnaud Dellis, UQAM
David Armstrong, Western	Victoria Esses, University of Western Ontario
Éric Bélanger, McGill University	Elizabeth Goodye-Grant, Queen's University
Loleen Berdahl, University of Saskatchewan	R. Michael McGregor, Toronto Metropolitan University
Amanda Bittner, Memorial University	Martin Papillon, Université de Montréal
Ruth Dassonneville, Université de Montréal	Dietlind Stolle, McGill University
Dominic Duval, UQAM	John Zoe, University of Alberta
Joanna Everitt, UNB	Matthew Lebo, University of Western Ontario
Holly Ann Garnett, RMC	Clifton van der Linden, McMaster University
Tania Gosselin, UQAM	
Peter Loewen, University of Toronto	Advisory Council
Royce Koop, University of Manitoba	John Aldrich, Duke University
J. Scott Matthews, Memorial University	Keith Archer, Retired Chief Electoral Officer, Elections BC
Larry McNabb, Statistics Canada	André Blais, Université de Montréal
Valérie Anne Mahé, Université Laval	Patrick Fournier, Université de Montréal
Mark Pickup, Simon Fraser University	Elisabet Gidengil, McGill University
Maryse Potvin, UQAM	Leonie Huddy, Stoney Brook University
Jason Roy, Wilfrid Laurier University	Shantdyengar, Stanford University
Daniel Rubenson, Toronto Metropolitan University	Richard Johnston, University of British Columbia
Jerald Sabin, Bishop's University	Stuart Soroka, University of Michigan
Jared Wesley, University of Alberta	Elizabeth Zechmeister, Vanderbilt University

(b) Data Collection and Upcoming Studies

Completed Studies

- Canadian Election Studies – 2019 and 2021
- Democracy Checkups – 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 (in the field)
- Provincial Election Studies:
 - 2020 - New Brunswick (NB), Saskatchewan (SK), and British Columbia (BC)
 - 2021 – Newfoundland and Labrador (NL), and Nova Scotia (NS)
 - 2022 – Ontario and Quebec
 - 2023 – Prince Edward Island

Upcoming Studies

- Democracy Checkups – 2024, 2025, and 2026
- Provincial Election Studies: Alberta (May 29) and Manitoba (expected October 3)
- Territorial Election Study – Tłıcho Election Study 2025
- Canadian Election Studies – uncertain when the next federal election will be called

Release of C-Dem Datasets

C-Dem has released the dataset for:

- 2019 and 2021 Canadian Election Study
- 2019, 2020, and 2021 Democracy Checkup
- Five provincial election studies: NB, SK, BC, NL, and NS

These datasets are available from Harvard's Dataverse and through the Canadian Opinion Research Archive at Queen's University.

(c) Key Activities and Research Outputs

Key Activities

- Annual Forum: 2023 in Montreal, rotate with Toronto each year
- Co-sponsorship of conferences and workshops
 - Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (TMU/Toronto)
 - MapleMeth (Western)
 - TMU Behavioural Political Economy Series
- Support of conference panels
 - ISPP panel in Montreal 2023
 - Atlantic Provinces PSA 2023
 - APSA pre-conference in Vancouver 2024
- Partnered Research Programme (led by C-Dem Co-Investigator, H. Garnett)
- Annual Module Competition

**CONGRATS TO
THE WINNERS OF
THE 2023 C-DEM
MODULE
COMPETITION!**

Mark Williamson
New York University
"Framing reconciliation: Personal
responsibility and attitudes
toward intergroup relations in
Canada"
Winner Student Stream

Prof. Daniel Hopkins
University of Pennsylvania
"Efficacy, Trust, and Canadian
Federalism"
Winner Faculty Stream

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Research Outputs

- Five (5) books or edited volumes
- Twenty-three (23) articles
- Seven (7) book chapters
- Fourteen (14) articles under review
- Seven (7) public reports (usually in collaboration with partners)

C-Dem has entered into a contract with Elections Canada to produce up to five research reports that make use of data gathered by Elections Canada (the National Electors Survey) and C-Dem. Drafts of these reports will be presented later today, as part of the 2023 Forum.

Agenda Item # 2: Updates from Partners and Affiliates

Updates were provided by:

- Glocal Foundation of Canada - <https://glocalfoundation.ca/>
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html>
- Democratic Engagement Exchange <https://www.engagedemocracy.ca/>
- Samara Centre for Democracy <https://www.samaracentre.ca/>
- CIVIX Canada <https://civix.ca>
- Apathy is Boring <https://www.apathyisboring.com/>
- Elections BC <https://elections.bc.ca/>
- Elections Canada <https://www.elections.ca>

Agenda Item # 3: Discussion

Partners were asked to provide feedback on C-Dem's research output and suggest ways to focus its research during the second half of the project's funding period.

During the discussion, several opportunities for collaboration were identified, including:

- Increasing public access and use of the data, such as:
 - helping teachers integrate democracy-related data into their teaching practices, one of C-Dem's goals; *Civix* has developed *Democracy Bootcamp*, a professional development conference for teachers designed to improve their democratic engagement and delivery of CIVIX programming
 - making data more user-friendly; eliminating the "superfluous stuff"
 - working together to create more targeted/specific datasets, e.g., environmental issues, newcomers' experiences, people's trust in democratic institutions;
- Gaining a better understanding of "what youth want;" youth are the target audience of *Glocal*, *Civix*, and *Apathy is Boring*; *Glocal* offered the involvement of the youth volunteers they have trained to facilitate digital citizenship, youth engagement, information accessibility, and civic knowledge mobilization
- Helping each other with recruitment; C-Dem can send job opportunities to network members
- Providing insight into the data needs of researchers; *Elections BC* is servicing the needs of journalists, yet would like to also meet the needs of researchers

C-Dem can facilitate collaboration among partners. This is one of the major goals of the project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

APPENDIX

Participants

(a) C-Dem Partners

- Apathy is Boring, *Erika de Torres*, Impact and Development Director
- Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, *Frederick Bastien*, Director
- Civix, *Dimitri Paviounis*, Director of Research
- Elections British Columbia, *Aidan Brand*, Senior Director, Corporate Planning and Strategic Initiatives
- Elections Ontario:
 - *Lisa Conway*, Director, Innovation & Electoral Transformation
 - *Amaal Darr*, Senior Research & Insights Advisor
 - *Caleigh Doyle*, Researcher, Research & Insights
- Glocal Foundation of Canada:
 - *Faye Ying*, Executive Director
 - *Joseph*, Visiting Colleague
- Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, *Paola Ortiz Loaiza*, Policy Analyst
- Latin American Public Opinion Project Lab, *Elizabeth Zechmeister*, Director
- Democratic Engagement Exchange (The Toronto Metropolitan University), *Catherine Corriveau*, Operations and Stakeholder Engagement
- The Samara Centre for Democracy, *Beatrice Wayne*, Research Manager

(b) Affiliates

- Elections Canada, *Jacques Ewoudou*, Assistant Director for Research, and *Miriam Lapp*, Senior Director, Research, Consultations, and Civic Education

(c) C-Dem Executive Committee

- *Allison Harell*, Professor, Département de science politique, Université du Québec à Montréal (C-Dem Co-Director)
- *Daniel Rubenson*, Professor, Department of Politics, Ryerson University
- *Laura Stephenson*, Professor, Department of Political Science, Western University (C-Dem Co-Director)
- *Peter Loewen*, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto