



The Social Commons: Transformational Thinking on Social Solidarity for the 21st century

Policy and Social Change Symposium

Date: Friday, November 15, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Oakham House, 63 Gould Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1E9

Cost: \$30 per ticket, includes lunch (limited seating)



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Francine Mestrum

International researcher, social development activist and Coordinator of Global Social Justice Network working out of Brussels and Mexico City.



In Memory Of:
Marvyn Novick
(1940 - 2016)

A leading thinker and contributor to social policy in Ontario and Canada.

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8:30 a.m. Doors open, registration

9:00 Welcome & Overview

Peter Clutterbuck, Marvyn Novick Legacy Planning Group



9:10 Reflection on Marvyn Novick's Thoughts on the Social Commons

Dr. Brigitte Kitchen, retired Professor of Social Work, York University, Co-founder of Child Poverty Action Group



9:15 Exploring a Social Commons Framework for the Canadian Context

Dr. Francine Mestrum, International researcher, social development activist and coordinator of Global Social Justice Network working out of Brussels and Mexico City



9:45 Audience Questions/Commentary/Discussion

10:30 Break

10:45 Panel Discussions on Social Commons Topics

Decent Work and Income Security in a Social Commons Framework

Moderator/Interviewer:

Dr. Wayne Lewchuk, Professor of Economics and Labour Studies, McMaster University



Panelists:

John Cartwright, President, Toronto and York Region Labour Council and Chair, Council of Canadians



Laura Cattari, Campaign Coordinator, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, activist for rights of persons with disabilities



Dr. Sid Frankel, Associate Professor on Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba



Integrating Social & Environmental Justice

Moderator/Interviewer:

Franz Hartmann, Chief Engagement Officer, smallchange fund, former Executive Director of Toronto Environmental Alliance



Panelists:

Emmay Mah, Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance



Devika Shah, Executive Director, Social Planning Toronto (former positions with World Wildlife Fund Canada and Pembina Institute)



Erin Hayward, Turtle Clan, Prof. of Indigenous Environmental Sciences, Fleming College



The Civic Commons: Implications of the Social Commons Framework for Cities

Moderator/Interviewer:

David Miller, North American Director, C40 Climate Action Leadership Group, former Mayor of Toronto



Panelists:

Michal Hay, Founding member and Executive Director, Progress Toronto



Peter MacLeod, Co-founder and Principal, MASS LBP



Neethan Shan, Executive Director, Urban Alliance on Race Relations, former Toronto City Councillor



Protecting the Social Commons: Taxes, Services, and the Role of Government

Moderator/Interviewer:

Trish Hennessy, Executive Director of Upstream, former founding Director of Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' Ontario Office



Panelists:

Dr. Alex Himelfarb, Director Emeritus of the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs, at York University, former Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to Cabinet, Government of Canada



Sheila Block, Senior Economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives



12:15 p.m. Lunch

Child Poverty Knows No Boundaries
Leila Sarangi, C2000 national Coordinator



1:30 Future Forward – Applying the Lens of a Shared History and a Shared Future – Perspectives of the Next Generation of Leaders

Ausma Malik, Director of Social Engagement, Atkinson Foundation



Tiffany Balducci, President, Durham Region Labour Council



Ricardo Tranjan, Senior Researcher, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives



2:30 Final Reflection from Francine Mestrum

3:00 Thank You from the Marvyn Novick Legacy Planning Group