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As part of our popular Lunch Talk Series McLaughlin College proudly presents:



"The 2021 Canadian Election -- The Election No One Wanted"

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called a snap federal election in the midst of the pandemic in the hopes of winning a majority, the five-week summer election campaign ended with virtually the same results as the last election in 2019. The outcome was another Liberal Minority Government which prompted commentators to say, "All this for that?" There were many disappointments during this "pandemic election" including the fact that it was the most expensive election in Canadian history, and it had the lowest turnout on record.

We have assembled an outstanding panel of experts to give us their analysis of the 2021 federal election results and to give us their thoughts and reflections on what this general election will mean for Canada both in the short and long-term. Join us for the ongoing public policy debate on our future as a nation!

MODERATOR



JAMES C. SIMEON is Head of McLaughlin College and Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), York University. He is a former Director of SPPA. His principal areas of research include public international law, especially, international refugee law, and public policy and administration.

PANELISTS:



SYLVIA BASHEVKIN is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. Some of her scholarly distinctions include fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada, and the Canadian Political Science Association Prize in International Relations.

Title of the talk: Do unnecessary elections invite trouble for governing? ??parties?



ROBERT DRUMMOND is University Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics and School of Public Policy and Administration, York University. His key areas of expertise are politics and government, public policy, Ontario politics, public politics in an aging society, political parties and elections, pensions and retirement policy and labour policy.



FREDERICK FLETCHER is University Professor Emeritus, Communication Studies and Politics, at York University. His research and teaching have focused on the media and politics, with special attention to elections and electoral democracy. His recent research deals with coverage of Indigenous issues in mainstream newspapers and the challenges faced by traditional media in the digital era. **Title of the Talk:** Campaign 2021: News media narratives and images



DENNIS PILON is an Associate Professor in the Department of Politics at York University. He is the author of *Wrestling with Democracy: Voting Systems as Politics in the Twentieth Century West* and *The Politics of Voting: Reforming Canada's Electoral System*.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
FROM 12:30 TO 2:00 PM via ZOOM**

Registration Link: <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwdeispjliG9DN0yqEDoLUoETMm9uDTWUK>

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