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The Fair Elections Act: Implications for Canadians

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Cross Common Room, 108 St. John's College

SPEAKERS: Richard Balasko (former Chief Electoral Officer of Manitoba), Dr. Paul Thomas (Professor Emeritus, U of Manitoba) and Dr. Royce Koop (Political Studies, U of Manitoba) | Moderated by Paul Vogt (Executive-in-Residence, MIPR)

Bill C-23, the "Fair Elections" Act, proposes sweeping overhauls to Elections Canada that are going to have serious ramifications for Canadian democracy. How will this affect you? Why did it matter that you could have someone vouch for your identity at the polling station? Why shouldn't Elections Canada be responsible for investigating electoral fraud? Will the government's changes lead to an increase or a decline in voter participation? Join our distinguished panel in discussing the outcomes and consequences of this important piece of legislation.

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