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RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES IN CANADA'S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS LAW

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FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2019

- 8:00 – 8:30** Registration & refreshments
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- 8:30 – 8:40** Welcoming remarks
- 8:40 – 9:00** Keynote address – Mark Starowicz
- 9:00 – 10:30** The right to sovereign control over communications systems
Samer Bishay (Iristel), [Konrad von Finckenstein](#), QC, Dr. Greg Taylor (University of Calgary), Suzanne Lamarre, P. Eng. (Therrien Couture)
- 10:30 – 10:45** Refreshments
- 10:45 – 12:15** The right to be informed – strengthening democracy in Canada by ensuring the production and distribution of local, national and international news
Kevin Chan (Facebook), [Jeffrey Dvorkin](#) (University of Toronto), Michel Cormier (Leaders' Debates Commission), Dr. Wade Rowland (York University)
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- 12:15 – 1:10** Lunch (on site)
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- 1:10 – 1:35** Address – Brad Danks, OUTtv
- 1:35 – 2:55** The right to universal, affordable access to distribution systems
[Bram Abramson](#), Tim Denton (ISOC), Katrine Dilay (Public Interest Law Centre), Janet Lo (TekSavvy), Laura Tribe (OpenMedia)
- 2:55 – 3:15** Refreshments
- 3:15 – 5:00** The right to sovereign control over audio-visual content, and the responsibility to reflect Canada to all people in Canada
Lisa Anderson (Deaf Wireless Canada), [Carol Ann Pilon](#) (APFC), David Sparrow (ACTRA), Dr. Dwayne Winseck (Carleton University)

Underlining - moderator

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SATURDAY, 11 MAY 2019

- 8:30 – 9:00** Refreshments
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- 9:00 – 10:30** The responsibility to set a clear mandate for, fund, and distribute a national content provider in the 21st century
Daniel Bernhard (Friends of Canadian Broadcasting), [Jeffrey Dvorkin](#) (University of Toronto), Paul Gaffney (Public Broadcasting for the 21st century) and Dr. Christopher Waddell (Carleton University)
- 10:30 – 10:45** Refreshments
- 10:30 – 12:15** The responsibility to ensure effective governance of the communications system in Canada's public interest
Kirwan Cox (Quebec English-language Production council), John Lawford (Telus), [Ann Mainville-Neeson](#) (Telus), Kamala Rao (Canadian Media Guild)
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- 12:15 – 1:30** Lunch (on site)
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- 1:30 – 3:00** Open discussion, Part 1 of 2
Part 1: Which rights and responsibilities matter most? Priorities that Parliament should set for Canadian communications – a moderated discussion for all participants
- 3:00 – 3:15** Refreshments
- 3:15 – 4:15** Open discussion, Part 2 of 2
Part 2: Ranking the rights and responsibilities that Parliament should set for Canadian communications - moderated discussion, continued -
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- 4:15 – 4:30** Concluding remarks