

RESEARCH/PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

Québec Policy on the Arctic: Challenges and Perspectives

Friday, 1 May 2015 (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.), 317 Thomson Hall, University of Washington, Seattle

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University of Washington, Seattle

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Overview

Québec is an important part of the circumpolar world. It is the only province in Canada that has a vast Arctic territory where approximately 16% of the world's Inuit reside. Québec is a leader in Arctic affairs both in Canada and globally and has a unique relationship with the Inuit of Nunavik (Nunavimmiut). The Québec-Nunavik relationship is a model for a dynamic relationship between a sub-national government and an Indigenous region. It provides a template for Arctic nation-states, sub-national regions, the Arctic Council, and the Arctic Indigenous-*Qallunaat* (outsider) relationship globally. This workshop provides the opportunity for scholars and practitioners to come together to discuss the Québec-Nunavik relationship including its history; current economic, environmental and social challenges; and considerations for the future. The purpose of the workshop is for participants to discuss their research contribution and to set out a timeline for the first edited volume on Québec and Nunavik.

Background

The Canadian Studies Center was awarded a Québec Unit grant from the Québec Department of International Relations (2013-15) to build a higher profile for Québec research, teaching and public engagement on the University of Washington campus. The final project for the Québec Unit grant is a one-day workshop on the unique relationship between Québec and the Inuit of Nunavik in particular the policy dialogue that exists between this sub-national government and Inuit region. The Canadian Studies Center invited colleagues and Canada's top experts in Québec and Nunavik to the UW to discuss the Québec-Nunavik relationship from a variety of perspectives including consideration of the value of a jointly drafted Arctic policy.

Participant List & Draft Titles

Jean-François Arteau, Special Advisor, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, Government of Québec

“Nunavik is Inuit land – The land where we live”

Robert Bone, Department of Geography, University of Saskatchewan

“Nunavik and Québec: A unique relationship in Canada”

Nadine C. Fabbi, Canadian Studies Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies,
University of Washington

“Arctic policy dialogue in Nunavik and Québec: *Parnasimautik* and *Plan Nord*”

Christopher Fletcher, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, l'Université Laval
“The changing political contexts and conceptual challenges of Nunavik regional public health surveys:
Steps toward a community wellbeing study in 2016”

Vincent Gallucci, Canadian Studies Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and
School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington
“The sustainability of Nunavik’s natural resources under an ice melting climate regime”

Joel Heath, 2014-15 Canada Fulbright Chair in Arctic Studies, University of Washington
“Community-driven research with Inuit and Cree: Addressing cumulative impacts of hydroelectric
developments and establishing stewardship for sustainable northern development in James Bay
and South East Hudson Bay”

Scott Heyes, Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution
“Changing perceptions of home: How policy-making has affected Inuit connections and knowledge of
the Nunavik homeland”

Donna Patrick, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University
“Language, education, and *Plan Nord*: Toward a historically, politically, and economically situated Inuit
policy”

Joël Plouffe & Stéphane Roussel, Centre interuniversitaire de recherche sur les relations
internationales du Canada et du Québec, École nationale d'administration publique, Montréal
“Québec of the north in continental and global politics”

Thierry Rodon, Department of Political Science, l'Université Laval
“Serving Nunavimmiut: Public policy autonomy and adaptation in Nunavik”

Donat Savoie, Arctic, Inuit and Circumpolar Affairs, former Chief Federal Negotiator for Nunavik
“Why is Nunavik excluded from Canada’s Northern Strategy?”

Mark K. Watson, Department of Anthropology, Concordia University
“Urbanizing Nunavik: Changing infrastructures and diasporic linkages”

Gary Wilson, Department of Political Science, University of Northern British Columbia
“Nunavik in a broader context of Inuit self-government in Canada and in the Circumpolar North”

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