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Online Voting Roundtable: Electoral Futures in Canada
September 26th, 2016
Tabaret Hall
550 Cumberland Street
University of Ottawa

The Online Voting Roundtable leverages the insights, experiences and research of government officials, experts and practitioners from around the world, and members of Indigenous communities to discuss the possible adoption of online voting in Canadian federal elections in light of the mandate of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform to explore the voting reform.

Discussion will focus on whether there is a climate for such a policy change, what policy implementation could look like, legal, operational and technical considerations, and the steps to be taken leading up to deployment in the short, medium and long-term. This dialogue will provide the basis for policy recommendations to the federal government.

This event is sponsored by McMaster University, a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada-funded project led by Dr. Chelsea Gabel, and the Centre for International Policy Studies at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Gabel's project examines the impact of technology on the participation and governance of Indigenous communities in Canada.

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8:30 a.m.   Registration and coffee

9:00 a.m.   Introduction: **Nicole Goodman,** Centre for e-Democracy and University of Toronto
Opening remarks: **The Honourable Maryam Monsef**, Minister of Democratic Institutions

9:15 a.m.   **Panel I: Canadian Attitudes and Experiences with Online Voting**

Moderator: **Karen Bird**, McMaster University

The State of Online Voting and Policy Considerations for Canada
Nicole Goodman, Centre for e-Democracy and University of Toronto

Canadians' Attitudes Toward Online Voting
Jon Pammett, Carleton University

Online Voting's Effect on Voter Turnout in Ontario, Canada
Leah C. Stokes, University of California, Santa Barbara

10:20 a.m.   Coffee break

10:30 a.m.   **Panel II: Indigenous Perspectives on Online Voting**

Moderator: **David MacDonald**, University of Guelph

Introduction: **Chelsea Gabel** and **Karen Bird** McMaster University
Remarks: **Yvonne Jones**, Inuk MP Labrador
            Charlie Angus, MP Timmins-James Bay

Indigenous Perspectives on Online Voting in Federal Elections: Nipissing First Nation
Dwayne Nashkawa, Nipissing First Nation

Indigenous Perspectives on Online Voting in Federal Elections: Whitefish River First Nation
Chief Paibomsai and a youth representative, Whitefish River First Nation

Lessons from Huu-ay-aht First Nations
John Jack, Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Innovation: The Journey to Online Voting
Joyce King, and **Leona Benedict**, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

12:00 p.m.   Catered light lunch

12:45 p.m.   **Panel III: Other Country Experiences**

Moderator: **Jon Pammett**, Carleton University

Online Voting in the United States
Thad Hall, Fors Marsh Group

The Swiss Experience with Online Voting
Uwe Serdült, University of Zurich

Estonia's Experience with Online Voting
Priit Vinkel, Chancellery of the Riigikogu and Estonian National Electoral Committee

2:15 p.m.   Coffee break

2:30 p.m.   **Panel IV: Technical Considerations for Online Voting**

Moderator: **Nicole Goodman**, Centre for e-Democracy and University of Toronto

Security Considerations for Remote Online Voting
Aleksander Essex, Western University

Advanced Technical Considerations of Online Voting
Dan Wallach, Rice University

New Technologies: Blockchain and Online Voting
Jeremy Clark, Concordia University

4:00 p.m.   **Panel V: Policy Lessons for Canada**
Panellists are given less than 5 minutes each to comment on future possibilities in Canada

Moderator: **Les Jacobs**, York University

Participants:
Aleksander Essex, Western University
Nicole Goodman, Centre for e-Democracy and University of Toronto
Thad Hall, Fors Marsh Group
Valerie Monague, Anishinabek Nation, Union of Ontario Indians
Jon Pammett, Carleton University
Uwe Serdült, University of Zurich
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