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Rationale for the Workshop:

While often treated as having sharply different histories, the Americas also share important similarities in citizenship practices. Currently, some countries in Latin America have on-going experiments with social citizenship that are not that different from Canada's choices about how to update its liberal welfare regime, for example. Moreover, the colonial and post-colonial encounters have left deep scars and prompted mobilisation by indigenous peoples in North, Central and South America, all of whom are claiming their own place in a redesigned citizenship regime. This said, it is also important to recognise that different encounters with colonialism and imperialism as well as histories of liberal democracy, have resulted in different citizenship regimes across the region.

Today in both North and South America the encounter with neo-liberalism in the 1980s and 1990s has now altered the relationship among markets, families, the community sector and the state, with significant consequences for social rights and responsibilities and forms of governance. At the same time, both North and South have faced demands, framed as citizenship claims, for inclusion of marginalised groups, especially indigenous peoples. Important constitutional reforms occurred in the 1980s and 1990s in Nicaragua, Colombia and Brazil as well as Canada. Mobilisation also focused on claims for gender equality and a citizenship regime that would truly include women. And finally, intensification of migration flows across the globe brought population mobility within (rural-urban; cross-regions) countries and across borders. These population shifts only intensified claims-making both domestically and trans-nationally for access to social services, for valuing cultural diversity, for labour norms and for respect for human rights. This initial one-day meeting is set within a larger context, which is the constitution of a research network that will conduct on-going exchanges informed by the notion that the time has come for regional dialogue and breaking down the traditional "area studies" boundaries which have kept researchers working on Latin America quite distant from those concerned about Canada, and the latter separate from students of the United States.

As an initial step, we have identified four themes that appear ripe for a conversation about similarities and difference in patterns of change in citizenship regimes. In addition to focusing on the policy content of such patterns, we are also particularly interested in observing the shifts in scale, as citizenship claims are framed not only within countries but also locally and transnationally.



PROGRAMME

8:30 – 8:45 Arrival and continental breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 Introduction

- Jane Jenson, CRC in Citizenship and Governance

**9:00 – 11:30 – Transnational, National and Local Citizenship Claims:
Learning from the Mobilisation of Indigenous Peoples**

Discussant: Catherine LeGrand, McGill University

- Deborah Yashar, Princeton University
Contesting Citizenship: Indigenous Movements and the State in Latin America
- Martin Papillon, University of Toronto
Embedded Nations? Changing dynamics of Aboriginal governance in Quebec
- Jim Handy, University of Saskatchewan
Making Citizens in Guatemala

11:30 – 12:00 Pause santé

**12:00 – 13:30 – Transnational, National and Local Citizenship Claims:
Social movement practices and citizenship claims**

Discussant : Cristina Rojas, Carleton University

- Carlos Milani, Université Fédérale de Bahia (UFBA), Brazil
Does local social development involve local citizenship claims ?
- Pascale Dufour, Université de Montréal
The World March of Women: First Quebec, then the world.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch



14h30 – 17h30 - Rethinking Social Citizenship: Policy and Governance Practices

Discussant : Rianne Mahon, Carleton University

- Luc Turgeon, University of Toronto
Re-scaling social citizenship. Cities in the United States
- Maria Inés Picazo Verdejo, Université de Concepción, Chile and CRC in Citizenship and Governance
Educational reforms in post-neoliberal Chile. Citizenship rights and governance
- Lucie Lamarche, Université de Québec à Montréal
What might the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights do?
- Anne Latendresse, Université de Québec à Montréal (not confirmed)
New citizenship practices in urban management and planning: From Porto Alegre to Montreal

