

LAW AND DEMOCRACY WEEK

Course n°17: Current Issues of Law and Politics in Canadian Democracy (Gregory Tardi)



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This session will be a concluding discussion for the course, to be organized and structured by the students. It should aim to map out the general observations about the subject-matter of the week's work. The focus should be to craft a participatory exercise, dealing with the nature and elements of democracy, the rule of law in governing, as well as on current problems of democracy. There should be particular mention of solutions for perceived democratic deficits, as well as the contribution of democracy to the service of the public interest.