

Thursday March 26

Time	Event	Location
7am-9pm	Registration	MAIN LOBBY
7:30-8:30am	Coffee & Continental Breakfast for training-day registrants	PENTHOUSE
8:30-9:30am	Introduction and Morning Motivation with Bob Master , co-chair, Working Families Party, and Director, Legislative/Political and Mobilization Activities, Communications Workers of America	PENTHOUSE
9:30am-12pm	Master Skills Training TRAINING TRACK A: <i>Building People Power in the 21st Century</i> Led by Hahrie Han , professor of political science, Wellesley College, and co-founder and co-director, Project on Public Leadership and Action; author, <i>How Organizations Develop Activists: Civic Associations and Leadership in the 21st Century</i> and co-author, <i>Groundbreakers: How Obama's 2.1 Million Activists Transformed Field Campaigns in America</i>	BALLROOM A
	TRAINING TRACK B: <i>Digital Fundamentals</i> <i>(laptop or tablet required)</i> Led by the New Organizing Institute Tracy Russo , founder, Russo Strategies; Julielyn Gibbons , digital strategist; Erin Mazursky , founder and Executive Director, Rhize	BALLROOM B

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12-1:30pm	LUNCH	PENTHOUSE
	12:30-1:30pm / Lunch with NationBuilder	
1:30-4pm	TRACK A TRACK B	BALLROOM A BALLROOM B
4-4:30pm	Wrap Up	BALLROOM B
5-8pm	Welcome Reception Welcome remarks from Ed Broadbent and Rick Smith of the BROADBENT INSTITUTE	PENTHOUSE – PINNACLE AND PANORAMA ROOMS
8-midnight	Hospitality Suites	

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7am-9pm	Registration	MAIN LOBBY
7:30-8:30am	Coffee & Continental Breakfast	GRAND SALON
8:45-9am	Welcome Remarks Welcome and Opening Ceremony with Chiefs Gilbert Whiteduck and Kirby Whiteduck O Canada, sung by Joy Klopp	MAIN BALLROOM
9-9:15am	Building a Better Canada: A welcome from Ed Broadbent , Chair, BROADBENT INSTITUTE	MAIN BALLROOM
9:15-10:15am	KEYNOTE by former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm <i>Today's Jobs Race: Manufacturing, Clean Energy and Prosperity</i> Strategic government investment is critical to future prosperity. Granholm will explain why the path to reviving manufacturing and ensuring good green jobs means taking climate seriously and investing in new alternative energies. Q&A with Steve Paikin , host of TVO's <i>The Agenda with Steve Paikin</i>	MAIN BALLROOM
10:15-10:30am	Coffee Break	

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MORNING SESSIONS		
10:30-11:30am	PANEL 1 Beyond the Boom and Bust: Oil, Innovation and Canada's Next Economy Stephen Harper declared Canada an "energy superpower" when he became Prime Minister in 2006. Facing plummeting oil prices and chronically low business spending on R&D, the panel will explore how Canada can move beyond the boom-bust resource cycle to build a smart, innovation-led growth strategy. PANELISTS: Edelgard Bulmahn , Vice President, German Parliament, and former Federal Minister of Education and Research; Nathan Cullen , Official Opposition critic for Finance; Eme Onuoha , Chief Innovation Officer, Industrial, Retail and Hospitality division, Xerox Services; Nobina Robinson , Chief Executive Officer, Polytechnics Canada MODERATOR: David Wolfe , Co-Director, Innovation Policy Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs	MAIN BALLROOM
	PANEL 2 Canada's Inequality Problem: What's the Fix? We know inequality is a significant problem in Canada, so how are we going to address it? The panel will examine how we got here and explore policy levers to fix the problem. PANELISTS: Craig Alexander , Chief Economist, TD Bank; Miles Corak , professor of economics, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of	GRAND SALON

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	Ottawa; Martha Friendly , Executive Director, Childcare Resource and Research Unit; Stephen Kakfwi , former Northwest Territories Premier MODERATOR: Heather Scoffield , Ottawa Bureau Chief, <i>The Canadian Press</i>	
11:30am-12:30pm	LUNCH • Speakers' Lunch (ticketed event)	MAIN LOBBY PENTHOUSE
12:30-12:45pm	Remarks by Hon. Tom Mulcair , Leader of the Official Opposition	MAIN BALLROOM
12:45-2pm	KEYNOTE by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka <i>Why Unions Can Lead the Progressive Fight</i> Under sustained attack by conservatives in North America, organized labour is on the move and striving to do things differently. Trumka will speak to how unions are reaching out to support workers organizing in new ways and championing broader progressive causes. The response panel will draw on Trumka's analysis to probe the challenges of organizing precarious workers. RESPONSE PANEL: Kaylie Tiessen , economist, CCPA-Ontario; Deena Ladd , Coordinator, Workers' Action Centre; Bob Master , co-chair, Working Families Party MODERATOR: Nathan Rotman , Political Action Director, Canadian Labour Congress	MAIN BALLROOM

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	AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
2:15-3:15pm	PANEL 3 Medicare and the Fight for Canadian Values REMARKS BY Roy Romanow , former Premier of Saskatchewan and head of the federal Commission on the Future of Health Care Tommy Douglas considered publicly funded, universal health care to be a reflection of Canadian values. Inadequate funding, and the unwillingness of governments to do the hard work of making federalism functional, have put the efficacy of the health care system and those values that underpin it at risk. Romanow and response panelists will discuss the key challenges and a pathway forward to a renewed, expanded Medicare. RESPONSE PANEL: Linda Silas , President, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions; Jamison Steeve , Executive Director, Martin Prosperity Institute MODERATOR: Greg Marchildon , Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Economic History, University of Regina	MAIN BALLROOM
	PANEL 4 Fighting for the Frame: How Progressives Can Win Back the Debate Taxes are too high, deficits are bad, and government wastes money. The Right has done a good job at framing key debates, with the help of their allies at conservative think tanks. The panel will explore the tussle to control the frame and shape political discourse and asks how the Left is fighting back to win.	GRAND SALON

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PANELISTS: **Anna Greenberg**, 2014 Democratic pollster of the year and Senior Vice President, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, Washington, DC; **Tasha Kheiriddin**, conservative columnist; **Tim Powers**, Vice-Chairman, Summa Strategies; **Paul Saurette**, professor of political science, University of Ottawa

MODERATOR: **David Akin**, veteran Parliament Hill reporter

3:15-3:30pm	Coffee Break	
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3:30-4:30pm	PANEL 5 Canada's Relationship with Indigenous People: Can the Damage be Repaired?	MAIN BALLROOM
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Controversial resource development; missing and murdered women and girls; deep economic inequality; the dark legacy of residential schools. There are no shortage of issues eroding trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. At this critical juncture in our shared history, the panel will discuss what must be done to forge a common, just path forward.

PANELISTS: **Perry Bellegarde**, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations; **Wab Kinew**, Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs, University of Winnipeg, and CBC broadcaster; **Marie Wilson**, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission

MODERATOR: **John Ralston Saul**, President, PEN International, and author of *The Comeback*

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	PANEL 6 The Attack on the CBC and Why Saving it Matters	GRAND SALON
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A healthy democracy thrives on an informed public. In countries around the world, public broadcasters underwrite democratic debate by providing reliable information and critical analysis of current affairs. Yet in Canada, the CBC is under attack. The panel will outline the broader issues at stake in the fight to save the CBC.

PANELISTS: **Colette Brin**, professor, department of communications and information studies, and Director, Centre for Media Studies, Laval University; **Jean-François Nadeau**, Associate Editor, *Le Devoir*; **Alain Saulnier**, former Director of Information, Radio-Canada

MODERATOR: **Pierre Nantel**, MP for Longueuil—Pierre-Bouche and Official Opposition critic for culture and heritage

4:45-6pm	KEYNOTE by Feminist Frequency founder Anita Sarkeesian <i>Feminism 3.0: The Gendered Minefield of Online Harassment</i>	MAIN BALLROOM
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Feminism 3.0: The Gendered Minefield of Online Harassment

Sarkeesian will talk about her personal experience with online harassment and violence, and why the misrepresentations of women in the tech and gaming spaces are an important new frontier in feminist struggles against misogyny. The response panel will contextualize Sarkeesian's experience to the issues facing the feminist movement in Canada.

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	<p>RESPONSE PANEL: Michele Landsberg, feminist author, activist and journalist; Leah Gazan, Indigenous rights activist and instructor, Faculty of Education, University of Winnipeg; Dalila Awada, Quebec activist and feminist</p> <p>MODERATOR: Denise Balkissoon, journalist and co-founder and editor-in-chief, <i>The Ethnic Aisle</i></p>	
6-8pm	Awards Ceremony & Social Awarding of the inaugural Jack Layton Progress Prize and the Charles Taylor Prize for Excellence in Policy Research	GRAND SALON
8pm-midnight	Hospitality Suites	

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7:30-8:30am	Coffee & Continental Breakfast	GRAND SALON
8:45-9am	Welcome Remarks	MAIN BALLROOM
9-10:15am	KEYNOTE by author and political philosopher Charles Taylor <i>Diversity, Secularism and the Path to an Inclusive, Progressive Quebec and Canada</i> <p>Progressive forces around the world are struggling to confront right-wing populism and its increasingly xenophobic, ethnic-nationalist tinge. In the wake of the contentious debate over the Quebec Charter of Religious Values, and amidst worrisome responses to terrorism, Taylor, one of the great Canadian thinkers of the last century, will discuss the future of multiculturalism and inclusion in Canada and Quebec.</p> <p>Q&A with Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, activist and author, <i>Tenir tête</i></p>	MAIN BALLROOM
10:15-10:30am	Coffee Break	

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MORNING SESSIONS

10:30-11:30am	PANEL 7 The Great Unravelling: Why it Matters How Canada has Become Less Democratic	MAIN BALLROOM
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Defanging watchdogs, gutting evidence-based policy-making, suppressing votes, breaking rules, and muzzling critics. These have serious social and political implications to the hollowing out of democracy. The panel will look within Canada and abroad to the negative impacts of eroded democratic institutions — and charts a way out.

PANELISTS: **Mark Bourrie**, author of *Kill the Messengers - Stephen Harper's Assault on Your Right to Know*; **Kelly Carmichael**, Executive Director, Fair Vote Canada; **Michael Harris**, author of *The Power of One: Stephen Harper And Canada's Radical Makeover*; **Frédéric Mérand**, Director of the Montreal Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM), University of Montreal

MODERATOR: **Susan Delacourt**, weekly columnist, *Toronto Star*, and author of *Shopping for Votes: How Politicians Choose Us and We Choose Them*

	PANEL 8 Canadian Pension Crisis: Time for a New Generational Contract?	GRAND SALON
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Millions of aging Canadians are fretting about how they'll pay their bills in retirement while most young people can't even imagine a future with a good pension. The panel will consider how we got to where we are and what a new generational contract and set of policy solutions should entail.

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PANELISTS: **Eugene Lang**, BMO Visiting Fellow, Glendon School of Public and International Affairs, York University; **Susan Eng**, Vice-President, Advocacy, Canadian Association for Retired Persons; **Marc Ranger**, Quebec Associate Director, Canadian Union of Public Employees, and spokesperson, Coalition syndicale pour la libre négociation; **Dave Watt**, Chief Economist, HSBC Canada

MODERATOR: **Andrew Jackson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Broadbent Institute

11:30am-12:30pm	LUNCH	MAIN LOBBY
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**11:30am-12:25pm / Lunch with
Canada's Food Movement:**

Round table to discuss food as a federal election issue
Hosted by **Food Secure Canada**

	11:45am-12:25pm / Lunch with Facebook: How Facebook can help power your campaigns and engage with Canadians Presentation by Kevin Chan , Head of Public Policy, Canada at Facebook	MAIN BALLROOM
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AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:30-1:45pm	THE GREAT BUDGET DEBATE	MAIN BALLROOM
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**Spending vs. Austerity:
Time to Invest or Cut?**

Just weeks before the 2015 federal budget, debators will tackle the big question facing this year's budget-makers: Is an austere approach to spending to balance the budget the best course of action, or is it time for major public investments in infrastructure

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and other strategic economic policies? At the core of this debate is disagreement over taxes, deficit spending and borrowing, and ultimately the role of government in shaping and creating markets.

Linda McQuaig, author of nine books on politics and economics

Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

VERSUS

Monte Solberg, former MP for Medicine Hat and Conservative cabinet minister, and co-founder and principal, New West Public Affairs

Philip Cross, Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute, and former Chief Economic Analyst, Statistics Canada

MODERATOR: **Tom Clark**, Chief Political Correspondent, Global Television Network, and host, *The West Block with Tom Clark*

2-3pm

PANEL 9

Fickle Millennials? Progressive Values and Political Engagement

The non-voting millennial is often conflated with an apathetic and disinterested citizen. The panel will explore new research on youth political values and ask how progressive-leaning millennials could be engaged and mobilized to change the outcome of an election.

PANELISTS: **David Kitching**, policy advisor and head of the Millennial Project, Foundation for European Progressive Studies; **Ausma Malik**, Trustee, Toronto District School Board; **David McGrane**, professor of political science, St. Thomas More College at the University of

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Saskatchewan; **Shad**, Juno Award winning rapper and new host, CBC Radio's Q

MODERATOR: **Aaron Wherry**, Associate Editor and Parliamentary Reporter, *Maclean's Magazine*

PANEL 10

Carbon Progress: Paris and Beyond

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The climate crisis has been called the greatest challenge of our times, yet many conservatives keep putting up roadblocks to solutions. With the next global summit on climate coming up in Paris, the panel will look at the problems, the solutions, and the road forward from the local to the international level.

PANELISTS: **Blaise Gonda**, project manager, *Progressives for climate* initiative, Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Paris; **Coralie Deny**, Director General, Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal; **Sidney Ribaux**, Executive Director, Equiterre; **Johanne Whitmore**, Chair in Energy Sector Management and its Pôle e3, École des Hautes Études commerciales de Montréal (HEC Montréal)

MODERATOR: **Mike de Souza**, investigative resources correspondent, *Reuters*

3-3:15pm

Coffee Break

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3:15-4:15pm	<p>HARRY'S LAST STAND: SAVING THE PROGRESSIVE STATE</p> <p>with Harry Leslie Smith, author and World War Two Veteran</p> <p>The 92-year old veteran will speak about his personal journey out of Depression-era poverty and war, the creation of the post-war welfare state, and issue a call to action to defend the decent society that was built and protected by the state. In response to Smith's speech, Toronto City Councillor Mike Layton will introduce a group of dynamic leaders who will explain what they're doing to heed Smith's call, and how they plan to press for progress on important issues facing Canada in this critical election year.</p> <p><i>Response and Ignite Session</i></p> <p>MODERATOR: Mike Layton, Toronto City Councillor</p> <p>Sharon Gregson, spokesperson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC</p> <p>Hans Marotte, responsible for legal services, Mouvement Action-Chômage de Montréal</p> <p>Katrina Pacey, Executive Director, Pivot Legal Society</p> <p>Kofi Hope, Managing Director, Community Empowering Enterprises</p>	MAIN BALLROOM
4:15-4:30pm	<p>Closing Remarks by Rick Smith, Executive Director, BROADBENT INSTITUTE</p>	MAIN BALLROOM