

# RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS AND DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE AND CHALLENGES OF DOING RESEARCH IN FRENCH IN CANADA



The RSC, the Université de Montréal (UdeM), Acfas and the Fonds de recherche du Québec are proud to host jointly this day of reflection, Reception for New Members and Discussion on the Future and Challenges of Doing Research in French in Canada which takes place on the UdeM campus on Friday, May 12, 2023.

In the afternoon, a panel of experts will launch a discussion on the challenges facing Quebec researchers and Francophone minority researchers in Canada outside Quebec.

## DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE AND CHALLENGES OF DOING RESEARCH IN FRENCH IN CANADA

### The Future and Challenges of French Language Research in Canada

Doing research in French in Canada presents three separate challenges. The first challenge is common throughout the global francophone community. What future can be expected for French scientific research and French literary and artistic works, considering the omnipresence of the English language worldwide? The other two challenges are specific to Canada, but a distinction must be drawn between working in French in Quebec and doing so in a minority situation within English Canada, whether as a researcher or as a specialist in arts or literature. This third challenge is not as well understood and – in addition to the issue surrounding the status of French in a minority setting – it also raises the issue of the relationship between majority Francophones in Quebec and minority Francophones elsewhere in Canada. Moreover, the Canadian Francophone community is evolving and must address the issues of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) among its different subgroups. This workshop will have two main focuses: the current situation and the future outlook of French language scholarly works.

During the first part of the workshop, a summary of the results of the Forum on Science in French held by the FRQ and Acfas in April 2023 will be presented. This will be followed by a session on the specific issue of conducting scholarly activities in French in a minority setting in several disciplinary fields: social sciences, humanities, arts, health and life sciences, and natural and applied sciences. Speakers will identify the challenges and issues associated with these various fields of knowledge.

The second part of the workshop focuses on the future outlook of scientific and cultural knowledge mobilization and the specific issue, which can no longer be ignored, of EDI within the Francophone community.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS		
FRIDAY, May 12, 2023   Room 1140, André-Aisenstadt Hall, Université de Montréal		
TIME	Session	
9:15 am	Morning Coffee and Snack	
10:00 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Alain-G. Gagnon, President of the Royal Society of Canada
		Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens, Vice-President, Strategic Planning and Communication, Professor, Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal
		Michel Tremblay, President, Academy of Science, Royal Society of Canada
10:10 am	<b>Presentation of 2020-2022 Quebec RSC Award Winners</b>	
10:30 am	<b>Domino Presentation of 2020-2022 Québec RSC Members</b>	
12:00pm	Lunch   <b>**Jean Brillant Hall Cafétaria, Université de Montréal**</b>	

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TIME	SESSION	PANELISTS
1:30pm - 1:40pm	Welcoming Address	Alain-G. Gagnon, President of the Royal Society of Canada
	Opening Remarks	Sophie Montreuil, Executive Director, ACFAS
	Summary of the Forum sur la science en français (Forum on Science in French) hosted by the Fonds de la recherche du Québec (FRQ)	Isabelle Archambault, Professor, School of psychoeducation, Université De Montréal
1:40pm - 2:25pm	PANEL 1   French research and artistic production in Canada	
	Moderator	Simon Langlois, Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Université Laval
	Panelists	Frédéric Bouchard, Department of Philosophy, Université de Montréal
		Mireille Lalancette, Department of Political Science, Université de du Québec à Trois-Rivières
		Fanie Pelletier, Department of Biology, Université de Sherbrooke
Caroline Quach-Thanh, microbiologist and infectiologist, Sainte-Justine		
2:25pm - 3:10pm	PANEL 2   Francophone scientific knowledge mobilization	
	Moderator	Simon Langlois, Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Université Laval
	Panelists	Éric Forgues, Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities, University of Moncton
		Louis Patrick Leroux, Department of English & Department of French Studies, Concordia University
		Tanja Nieman, Director, ÉRUDIT
Joëlle Pineau, Department of Computer Science, McGill University		
3:10pm - 3:55pm	PANEL 3   EDI and research in French	
	Moderator	Simon Langlois, Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Université Laval
	Panelists	Jude Mary Cénat, Department of Psychology, University of Ottawa
		Benoit Doyon-Gosselin, writer, Vice-Dean, University of Moncton
		Vincent Larivière, Library Science, Université de Montréal
Audrey Moores, Department of Chemistry, McGill University		
3:55pm	Closing Remarks - Alain Gagnon, President of the Royal Society of Canada	

## BIOGRAPHIES



### ISABELLE ARCHAMBAULT

Dr. Isabelle Archambault's research aims to understand the factors and practices that support school engagement and well-being among youth from underprivileged and immigrant backgrounds and youth with mental health issues.



### FRÉDÉRIC BOUCHARD

Dr. Frédéric Bouchard's philosophical research focuses on the relationship between expertise, science and society, and on the epistemological foundations of evolutionary biology and ecology.



### JUDE MARY CÉNAT

Dr. Jude Mary Cénat, Ph.D., M.Sc., C.Psych. is an Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa School of Psychology and holds the University Research Chair in Black Health. He is the Director of the Vulnerability, Trauma, Resilience and Culture Laboratory and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Black Health.



### BENOIT DOYON-GOSSELIN

Dr. Benoit Doyon-Gosselin studies Acadian literature and Franco-Canadian literatures. He has recently published *Moncton mentor. Géocritique d'une ville*, published by Éditions Perce-Neige.



### ÉRIC FORGUES

The research of Dr. Éric Forgues focuses on community development in a minority context, community governance, language of service, language engagement and cultural events in a minority context.



### **JEAN-FRANÇOIS GAUDREULT-DESBIENS**

Gaudreault-DesBiens' research focuses on federalism, fundamental freedoms, from a comparative perspective, and the relationship between law and culture.



### **MIREILLE LALANCETTE**

Dr. Mireille Lalancette conducts non-partisan research to document how Canadian politics is experienced by its players and presented in the media. She is interested in political communications, social-digital media, and media representations and discourses, and in particular on the argumentation process.



### **SIMON LANGLOIS**

Dr. Simon Langlois' research focuses on social stratification and inequalities in Quebec and Canada. He is preparing a book on the class system in Quebec, 1971-2021. He is a Professor Emeritus at Laval University.



### **LOUIS PATRICK LEROUX**

The research of Dr. Louis Patrick Leroux focuses on Quebec theater, contemporary circus and the practice and issues of research-creation. He is also Associate Dean of Research at Concordia University.



### **VINCENT LARIVIÈRE**

Dr. Vincent Larivière's research focuses on science policy, the evolution of scientific knowledge production, and the diversity issues in the scientific community.



### AUDREY MOORES

Dr. Audrey Moores' research focuses on green chemistry and more specifically on the use of sustainable resources to access new functional materials and molecules with a reduced environmental footprint.



### SOPHIE MONTREUIL

Sophie Montreuil has served as executive director of Acfas since December 2019. She previously held senior positions at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec and at the Association des communicateurs scientifiques du Québec. She holds a Master's degree from the Université de Montréal and a doctorate from McGill University in French language and literature. She has published several collective works, including most recently *Faire connaissance : 100 ans de sciences en français*, co-edited with Claude Corbo and published by *Éditions Cardinal*.



### TANJA NIEMAN

Tanja Niemann is Executive Director of the scholarly journal dissemination platform erudit.org, one of Canada's leading digital research infrastructures in the humanities and social sciences field. She has a background in communication and media studies.



### FANIE PELLETIER

Dr. Fanie Pelletier is a Professor in the Department of Biology, Université de Sherbrooke. She is a Fellow of the College of the Royal Society of Canada and she received several awards, including the prestigious NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Early Researcher Award in Science and Engineering. Her research focuses on the evolutionary ecology of vertebrates, including on life-history evolution, reproductive strategies, and population dynamics. She has used innovative methods to demonstrate how human activities affect wild populations. She is also a member of the Terrestrial Mammal Specialist Subcommittee for the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and Co-Editor in chief of FACETS, the official journal of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Science.



### **JOËLLE PINEAU**

Dr. Joëlle Pineau is a Professor at the McGill School of Computer Science, where she co-directs the Reasoning and Learning Lab. She is a researcher at Mila and holds a Canada.



### **CAROLINE QUACH-THANH**

Dr. Caroline Quach-Thanh is a Professor in the Departments of Microbiology, Infectious Diseases & Immunology and Pediatrics at the Université de Montréal. She is the Infection Prevention and Control Officer at CHU Sainte-Justine, where she is also a microbiologist-infectiologist. Dr. Quach is a clinician-scientist and holds the Canada Research Chair, Tier 1, in Infection Prevention and Control. Her research focuses on the prevention of nosocomial and vaccine-preventable infections, particularly in medically vulnerable populations.