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## Local professors outline federal election issues at roundtable event

*Laurier event designed to get students and the general public involved in political debate*

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WATERLOO – Professors from Waterloo's two universities will offer their political expertise during an informal and interactive roundtable discussion of the Canadian federal election. The general public is welcome to attend the event in Wilfrid Laurier University's Paul Martin Centre from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 23.

Some of the issues up for discussion include the results and impact of the latest election polls, how the five-party system affects election dynamics and the outcome of the recent leadership debates. Panel members include professors Barry Kay, David Docherty, Cathy Barr and Brian Tanguay of Laurier's political science department, as well as John Wilson and Gerry Boychuk of the University of Waterloo.

"It's really one of our duties as a political science department to discuss timely issues like the federal election and provide some perspective on the Canadian political landscape," says event organizer Debora VanNijnatten. "Many of the professors on the panel have already been commenting on the Canadian and American elections for the media. This event gives students and the general public a chance to discuss what's on their minds."

Moderated by Laurier professor John McMenemy, the event will encourage audience members to ask questions, participate in the political discussion and raise any issues they feel are important to the federal election.