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Laurier hosts international workshop on federalism in Canada and the European Union

WATERLOO – Experts from Canadian and European universities will gather at Wilfrid Laurier University Oct. 28-29 as part of an international workshop on federalism in Canada and the European Union.

The workshop aims to highlight the decentralized characteristics of Canadian federalism, which could serve as a model for future European Union federalism.

“Europeans have commonly associated federalism with the centralized American federal state, and consequently tended to reject it as a guiding principle for further European integration,” said Dr. Thomas O. Hueglin, workshop organizer and Laurier’s 2009-2010 university research professor. “Canada may turn out to be a new model of federalism in a world of complex diversity. Some in the European Union have already taken notice.”

Workshop presentations range from “Is the EU heading towards a federation?” by Lenka Rovna, Charles University, Prague to “Maintaining the federal balance: intergovernmental relations as ‘the’ or ‘one’ federal institution” by Grace Skogstad, University of Toronto.

The public is invited to attend all workshop events and to participate in a public roundtable: “Rethinking Federalism in Canada and the European Union” at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 at 232 King St.

For a full list of workshop speakers and topics, please visit:
http://www.wlu.ca/events_detail.php?grp_id=166&ev_id=7773

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