



The Group of 78 Annual Policy Conference

The Growing Struggle between Democracy and Global Economic Liberalization

September 23 – 25, 2011

Brittany Salon, Cartier Place Suite Hotel, 180 Cooper St., Ottawa

PROGRAM

Friday, Sept. 23

- 6:00 p.m. Registration and Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Keynote Address:
“The World Economy: Who’s Really in Charge? The Crisis of Global Economic Governance”
Tony Clarke, *Executive Director, Polaris Institute*

Saturday, Sept. 24

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome – **Richard Harmston**, *Chair, Group of 78*
- Panel 1, ***Can Democracy Survive the New Capitalism?***
Panelists: **Gordon Ritchie**, *Former Deputy Minister & Ambassador, Author and Corporate Director*
Roy Culpeper, *Distinguished Research Fellow, The North South Institute; Senior Fellow, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa; Adjunct Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University*
Manfred Bienefeld, *School of Public Policy and Administration and the Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University*
- 10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Dialogue with participants and among the panelists
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Luncheon address: ***“The Economic Roots of the Arab Spring: What Does the Future Hold?”***
Tony Burman, *formerly Managing Director, Head of Strategy for the Americas, Al Jazeera English, now Velma Rogers Graham Research Chair in News Media and Technology, Ryerson University School of Journalism.*
- 2:45 p.m. Panel 2, ***Sustaining Democracy (in a Globalized World): A Renewed Role for Canada?***
Panelists: **Susan Spronk**, *Assistant Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa*
Michel Chossudovsky, *Department of Economics, University of Ottawa; editor, Centre for Research on Globalization*
Bruce Campbell, *Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives*
- 4:45 p.m. Wrap up of Day

Sunday, Sept. 25

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Plenary Session: ***Conclusions, Recommendations and Actions.*** Rapporteur: **Daniel Preece**
11:00 a.m. Conference Closing Remarks – **Richard Harmston**
- 11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Group of 78 Annual General Meeting