



# Global Markets, Inequality and the Future of Democracy: Program

## FRIDAY, Sept. 27, 2019

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens

5:25 p.m. Welcoming Remarks: Roy Culpeper, Chair, Group 78

5:30 p.m. Keynote Address by Robert Kuttner: Saving Democracy From Globalization:

Introduction of speaker: **Ed Broadbent**, Chair, Board of Directors, The Broadbent Institute

Moderator: **Roy Culpeper**, Chair, Group of 78

Speaker: **Robert Kuttner**, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University.

7:30 p.m. Dinner and Discussion of Keynote Address: Q & A

Moderator: **Roy Culpeper**, Chair, Group of 78

Speakers: **Manfred Bienefeld**, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy and Public Administration

**Armine Yalnizyan**, Former senior economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives; Fellow at the Atkinson Foundation

**Robert Kuttner**, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University.

## SATURDAY, Sept 28, 2019

8:15 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Panel 1: Global and macroeconomic policies that drive increasing inequality and challenge democracy:

Moderator: **Peter Venton**, Former senior economist in Ontario Government

Speakers: **Mario Seccareccia**, Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Ottawa

**John Myles**, Professor Emeritus of sociology and Senior Research Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto

10:30 a.m. Coffee/Health Break

11:00 a.m. Panel 2: National, microeconomic, social and labour market policies leading to wage stagnation, precarity, the gig economy, growing income disparities:

Moderator: **Gordon Betcherman**, Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa

Speakers: **Leilani Farha**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing; Executive Director, Canada without Poverty

**Katherine Scott**, Senior Economist, CCPA, gender equality and public policy

**Ellen D. Russell**, Associate professor in Digital Media and Journalism and Social and Environmental Justice programs, Wilfrid Laurier University

12:30 p.m. Lunch

- 1:30 p.m. Keynote Address by Julie Delahanty: Public Good or Private Wealth?**
- Moderator: **Roy Culpeper**, Chair, Group of 78  
 Speaker: **Julie Delahanty**, Executive Director, Oxfam Canada
- 2:30 p.m. Coffee/Health Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Panel 3: Restoring policy space and national capacity to reverse growing inequality and strengthen democracy.**
- Moderator: **Manfred Bienefeld**, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy and Public Administration  
 Speakers: **Lars Osberg**, Professor of Economics, Dalhousie University  
**Toby Sanger**, Executive Director, Canadians for Tax Fairness  
**Angella MacEwen**, Chief Economist, Canadian Union of Public Employees
- 4:20 p.m. Robert Kuttner, Keynote Speaker: Reflections on the Conference Proceedings**  
**4:35 p.m. Conference Conclusion and Closing Remarks**  
**4:50 p.m. Conference Adjourns**
- 5:15 p.m. Group of 78 Annual Meeting to follow immediately U Ottawa, FSS, Room 4006**

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A democracy should protect its citizens, especially the most vulnerable among them, but increasingly the United States is failing to do so. This investigative and persuasive documentary blends the insights of philosophers, authors and journalists with the experiences of citizens of the Rust Belt in the U.S. Midwest, where the steel industry once flourished, but where closures and outsourcing have left urban areas desolate and hopeless. It's here that Donald Trump finds some of his most fervent supporters, as he's not considered part of the hated Washington establishment.

Journalist Chris Hedges, argues that the crisis predates Donald Trump's election by many years. Like his source of inspiration, the Canadian philosopher John Ralston Saul, Hedges regards Trump as the symptom rather than the disease. Decades ago, U.S. democracy began selling its soul to big corporations. Lobbyists and corporatism took control in Washington, gradually undermining the will of the people. Journalist Naomi Klein recently described Trump's administration as a "corporate coup d'état". Hedges and Ralston Saul argue that the real coup took place long before.

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