

# POLITICAL CHALLENGES OF/FOR/IN 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS: ADDRESSING POLARIZATION IN THE CLASSROOM

bringing together researchers and practitioners to address challenges related to polarization in the classroom

October 4 2024

17 00 h - 19 00 h **Welcome reception**

October 5 2024

9 h 00 - 9 h 45 **Maya Goldenberg, University of Guelph**

Topic: Addressing misinformation in the classroom.

9 h 45 - 10 h 10 **Response and discussion: Lana Parker, University of Windsor**

10 h 10 - 10 h 20 **Coffee break**

10 h 20 - 11 h 05 **Noah Weeth Feinstein, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Topic: Challenges of teaching climate change.

11 h 05 - 11 h 30 **Response and discussion: Blane Harvey, McGill University**

11 h 30 - 12 h 00 **Focus group discussion**

**Small group**  
Small group discussion focused on finding practical solutions to problems presented.

12 h 00 - 1 h 00 **Lunch break**

1 h 00 - 1 h 45 **Bryan Warnick, Ohio State University**

Topic: Polarization and civic trust

1 h 45 - 2 h 10 **Response and discussion: Vivek Venkatesh, McGill University**

2 h 10 - 2 h 20 **Coffee break**

2 h 20 - 3 h 05 **Casey Burkholder, Concordia University**

Topic: Teaching sex education

3 h 05 - 3 h 30 **Response and discussion: Cris Mayo, University of Vermont**

3 h 30 - 4 h 00 **Focus group discussion**  
**Small group**

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October 6 2024

9 h 00 - 9 h 45 **Campbell Scribner, University of Maryland**

Topic: The prospects for a consensus about the political role of the school.

9 h 45 - 10 h 10 **Response and discussion: TBD**

10 h 10 - 10 h 20 **Coffee break**

10 h 20 - 11 h 05 **Wayne Journell, University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Topic: Addressing censorship of teachers and students.

11 h 05 - 11 h 30 **Response and discussion: Bruce Maxwell, University of Montreal**

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1 h 00 - 2 h 00 **Panel discussion**

2 h 00 - 3 h 00 **Group discussion**

The institute concludes with a large-group discussion encapsulating the overarching themes that have emerged.

Register here:



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