



Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Social Sciences

Monday, November 18, 2024, 1 :00 to 3:00 PM, ET

1) Welcome. Call to Order / Mot d'accueil. Ouverture de la réunion

2) Land acknowledgement / Mot de reconnaissance territoriale

The Royal Society of Canada recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories across the country upon which those of you joining us remotely today are located. Based in Ottawa, la Société royale du Canada rend hommage au territoire traditionnel non cédé des Algonquins Anishinabeg et aux membres de la Nation algonquine Anishinabeg.

This territory encompasses the watershed of the Kitchissippi (Great River), today commonly called the 'Ottawa River.' The Anishinabeg Algonquins have been present in the watershed for thousands of years, long before the arrival of Europeans, and will continue to live there for a long time to come.

Physically, I am based at Memorial University in Newfoundland. I acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups. I also acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.

3) Motion to approve 2024 agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour de la réunion de 2024

Moved by / Proposé par Ken Coates

Seconded by / Appuyé par Rianne Mahon

4) Motion to approve minutes from 2023 Academy II Annual Meeting, November 18, 2023 / Adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion annuelle de 2023 de l'Académie II, 18 novembre 2023

- Barbara was the only member present at the last meeting. Linda suggested that she table the minutes and that they be referred to the executive.

All in favour of tabling the 2023 Minutes.

5) President's Report for 2024 / Rapport de la présidente pour 2024

- a. Continuities and Transitions in Academy II and RSC Leadership / Continuités et changements au sein de la direction de l'Académie II et de la SRC

Except for the stepping down of Frank Deere, President of the College, there were no changes to the over-arching RSC leadership this year. The new President of the College is Audrey Moores, a professor of Chemistry at McGill. Francois Baylis from Dalhousie is President elect for the RSC overall and will replace current President Alain-G. Gagnon after the annual meeting at the COEE next November in Montreal.

The Academy II leadership remains the same this year, except for the addition of President Elect, Guy LaForest. Guy will become President of Academy II at the time of the next COEE in November 2025. Welcome and congratulations on your election, Guy.

Guy Laforest remercie la présidente qui l'invite à présenter son parcours. Guy Laforest est spécialiste de pensée politique, d'histoire intellectuelle, de théories du fédéralisme, de théories du nationalisme, et de politique constitutionnelle au Canada. Il a été professeur de science politique à l'Université Laval et ancien directeur de l'École nationale d'administration publique. Pour une présentation du parcours professionnel et intellectuel de Guy Laforest, voir le profil de notre collègue dans le site de l'Acfas : <https://www.acfas.ca/communaute/profil/guy-laforest>

b. Actions related to recommendations from the 2023 Annual Meeting/

In last year's Annual Meeting, there was some discussion and a recommendation that the RSC consider changing its name by removing "Royal". This suggestion was brought forward for discussion to the RSC Council and Board. There is sympathy for the suggestion within the RSC leadership, but there are potential implications for the status of the RSC (given it was set up by government) and there are also significant cost implications that would pose a challenge for the RSC at this point in time. The suggestion will be revisited in the future.

As noted last year, as part of its commitment to Inclusive Excellence in the current strategic plan, in 2023-4 the RSC developed and distributed a voluntary EDI survey to nominees. The survey results were not intended for use in the selection process but to help establish a baseline for the kinds of nominations received and to enable the RSC to monitor progress around EDI among those elected in current and future years. In the Academy's Annual Meeting last year, it was suggested that a similar survey should be circulated to existing fellows. As agreed, this suggestion was brought to the attention of the RSC Board and Council. There has been no action on this suggestion, in part because of concerns that response rates would be very low and thus not really useful.

c. Rationale for change in format/timing of the Annual Meeting / Raisons des changements de format et d'horaire de la reunion annuelle

In the past, all the Academy Annual Meetings took place at the COEE, along with the Annual Meeting of the RSC. Some issues associated with this timing included:

1. The crowded agenda for the COEE and the desire to create more space for substantive dialogue around future RSC policy and other partnered initiatives;



2. Constraints on staff time during this very busy time of year; and,
3. The fact that those present at the COEE are generally almost exclusively new inductees. After some discussion within the Board, it was decided to try hosting virtual Annual Meetings after the COEE in order to address some of these issues and increase participation in the meetings.
4. In place of the Annual meetings, we inserted a series of thematic exchanges into the agenda for the COEE this year - a kind of speed dating exercise. These exchanges focused on core themes such as sustainable migration, climate action and health resilience, poverty and inequality, and civility (among others). Many but not all of these themes are the focus of work elsewhere within the RSC including the RSC/UQO Dialogue series and the international initiatives discussed below. The thematic discussions may, in the future and with Fellow engagement – lead to the development of Task Forces and related policy pieces on these or other core themes. This kind of approach will, we hope, help us increase the capacity of the RSC to mobilize its membership and their networks to provide independent expertise to government and wider society- a core objective in our current Strategic Plan – as the RSC membership did during the COVID pandemic. My sense is that members appreciated having more opportunity to focus on substantive issues and to network during the COEE, but this is an experiment and membership feedback is encouraged.

d. RSC milestones for 2024 / Dossiers majeurs de 2024

(i) *2024 Fellow Selection Process / Processus de sélection des nouveaux membres 2024*

Academy II has two Divisions – one English and one French and each has its own Fellow Selection Committee. In 2024, the Division 1 committee was chaired by Ken Coates. Ken is entering into the second year of his second term. The Sciences Sociales Division 2 Committee is chaired by Sebastien Grammond (also entering the second year of his second term as Chair)

The Selection Committees reviewed a total of 95 nominations in 2024, including 83 nominations for Division 1 and 12 nominations for Division 2. In both cases, this was an increase in the number of nominations relative to the previous year. 21 of the 83 nominations to Division 1 were successful; 5 of the 12 nominations to Division 2 were successful for an overall success rate of 27%. Inductees from Division 1 included many interdisciplinary scholars coming from approximately 9 disciplines; those inducted into Division 2 came from 5 disciplines.

In reviewing the various files, committees are asked to take into account such diversity concerns as discipline, region, university size and gender as part of the basis for inclusive excellence.



(ii) Fellow Selection Committee Membership / Composition du Comité de sélection des nouveaux membres

Members of the Fellow Selection Committee Division 1 – 2024	Members of the Fellow Selection Committee Division 2 – 2024
Ken Coates- Chair	Sébastien Grammond – Chair
John Hariss	Michel Janosz
Pratima Bansal	Corinne Gendron
Wendy Craig	Simon Langlois
Les Jacobs	
Claudia Mitchell	
Margo Greenwood	
Payam Akhavan	

Barbara thanked both the Division Directors and committee members for their hard work and investment in this crucial part of the Academy's business. Since some committee members have completed their terms, particularly in Division 1, we are currently looking for Fellows to replace those who are departing. All fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences are eligible to participate on a selection committee but in any one year, we strive to ensure the committee reflects the wider diversity objectives of the RSC.

(iii) Membership Report / Rapport sur les membres

Taking into account the 26 new fellows elected in 2024 and the loss of deceased members this past year, there are currently 410 fellows in Academy II.

(iv) Social Science award winners / Lauréats de prix en sciences sociales

The RSC reviews external nominations for multiple awards and medals. Some of these are allocated every year, and some less frequently. Recipients do not have to be members of the RSC. Only a few awards/medals are specific to social science fields. In 2024, the Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies went to Rianne Mahon from Carleton who will be presenting on her work at the end of this meeting. The Innis-Gerin Medal went to Psychologist, Robert Vallerand, who is based at l'Université de Québec à Montréal. This year, the Yvan-Allaire award on governance went to a newly inducted member of the College, Valerie Napoleon, of the University of Victoria. There is also a postdoctoral fellow award in the field of social sciences each year (one of three). Barbara encouraged Fellows to nominate candidates for each of these awards and any others that seem appropriate.

(v) Journal Facets and Social Science Update/ Revue Facets et sciences sociales

The journal *Facets* is the official journal of the RSC. Until now, this has been basically an interdisciplinary natural science journal but, as the official journal of the RSC, they have committed to expanding more solidly into the social sciences. During last year's annual meeting, we hosted a panel



discussion where Fellows reflected on ways the *Facets* leadership might best accomplish this expansion. Since that time, the journal has advertised for a social science editor and they are in the process of interviewing candidates. Hopefully they will have someone in place soon. This is an open access journal with relatively low open access fees and some options for publication without fees. Academy of Social Sciences Fellows are encouraged to check out the journal.

(vi) 2024 Dialogue with the UK Academy of Social Sciences / Dialogue 2024 avec la UK Academy of Social Sciences

In spring 2024, Barbara was contacted by the UK Academy of Social Sciences about a project they were engaged in that was exploring how social sciences can, and do, inform government policy in different countries of the world. This project is related to a UK-based investigation they are doing on the same question. The broader objective of their work is to “help deliver better outcomes for citizens through a strong social science voice within a broader evidence-informed policymaking and implementation process.” Their broader report (but not the international comparison, which is not a public document) can be found here: [Academy of Social Sciences launches project on Whitehall’s use of evidence to inform impactful policy – Academy of Social Sciences](#)). The initiative is interesting and RSC Academy II might want to try to carry out its own investigation here in Canada in the future.

(vii) RSC/Université du Québec en Outaouais, Dialogues Initiative 2024-25/ SRC/Université du Québec en Outaouais, Initiative des Dialogues 2024-25

The Academy II leadership has been actively engaged in the recently instituted RSC Dialogues initiative led by Alain-G. Gagnon, President of the RSC. This initiative supports four bilingual dialogues on key topics each year. For last year’s Dialogues the RSC collaborated with Massey College at the University of Toronto. The Dialogues are hybrid events and they are recorded. The Youtube links for last year’s recordings are below:

Health of the elderly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYQZ7rzgLFM&t=9s>

Water is life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNO8dvPH3Ok&t=1046s>

Freedom of expression: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFeixBDIM9I&t=2499s>

Creativity in the age of AI: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbw_LICnSRY&t=28s

For this year’s Dialogues, the RSC is collaborating with l’Université du Québec en Outaouais. The first 2024-2025 RSC-UQO Dialogue took place this past October and focused on Climate Action and Health Resilience. The second Dialogue will take place in December, and the third and fourth will happen in March and May of 2025. The Academy of Social Sciences is responsible for helping to organize the third RSC-UQO Dialogue on the topic of sustainable migration. In May, there will be a Dialogue on the theme of Poverty and Inequality (May). Fellows are encouraged to watch for announcements about these Dialogue events and to go to the RSC’s Youtube channel if they want to review a recording of one of these Dialogues.

(viii) RSC International Initiatives for 2024-2025/ Initiatives internationales de la SRC 2024-2025



The RSC has initiated an At-Risk and Displaced Academics and Artists (ARDAA) programme as part of its Inclusive Excellence initiative. That programme is currently run by the College, but the Board has suggested extending the program to include engagement by the Academies. The programme is for international researchers who have been displaced to Canada and need support. In light of conditions around the world at this time, this is an important programme that can help the RSC respond effectively to regional and global challenges. The RSC will be working on this initiative this coming year.

The RSC's International committee, chaired by Paul Young, has been very active in 2024. In 2025, Canada will be hosting the G7 meetings. At each of these meetings, member country academies collaborate to develop S7 statements on key issues for discussion by policy-makers. Because Canada is hosting the G7 meetings this year, the RSC was tasked with developing suggestions for topics and draft, peer reviewed statements for circulation to committees in other countries. This year, there will be 3 S7 statements on similar topics to those explored in the UQO Dialogues, as well as during the thematic discussions we held during the COEE. The draft statements are currently under review by committees from the other G7 countries and should be finalized for release fairly soon. The RSC will also take the notes taken during the COEE thematic discussions to develop short summaries for distribution. The hope is that, in some cases at least, members with expertise related to these themes will be interested in forming task forces or other groups to continue the discussions and potentially develop expanded and diverse policy and other reports similar to those done by RSC members for COVID-19.

Over the past two years, the RSC has been collaborating with Royal Societies in New Zealand and Australia to develop a Tri-academy Partnership on Indigenous Engagement. The first event resulting from this partnership, a Research Summit on Cultural Heritage in an Era of Reconciliation, took place in Vancouver on November 4-6, 2024. The event included presentations and representatives from all three Academies, as well as others. Within the RSC, organization of the event was spear-headed by Frank Deere, past president of the College with substantial help from RSC staff. The next event will take place next year in New Zealand.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the RSC's International Committee activities including peer review of S7 statement drafts, please contact Paul Young.

(ix) Strategic Planning Exercise

The RSC is now entering the third and final year of its current Strategic Plan. The current plan can be downloaded from the RSC website at the following link: [Strategic Plan | The Royal Society of Canada](#). The RSC Board is currently planning the launch of a review of that strategic plan with the objective of having a revised and updated plan for presentation to the membership at the November 2025 COEE. They are discussing how to consult with the broader membership as part of this process.

6) Secretary Linda Cardinal's Report on Academy 2 Francophone Initiatives / Rapport de la secrétaire Linda Cardinal sur les initiatives francophones de l'académie 2



Linda Cardinal, the Secretary of Academy II, has been very active over the past two years in developing and participating in RSC initiatives in collaboration with Canada's francophone universities and organizations. I have asked Linda to talk about the work she has been helping to lead on this front.

Presentation by Linda Cardinal of the two activities of the Academy.

L. Cardinal reported that in 2024, she organized two panels in collaboration with members of the College (Isabelle Archambault from the University of Montreal and Patrick Leroux from Concordia University at the time – he has since become Rector of Saint Paul University in Ottawa) as well as the International Association for Quebec Studies represented by Anne Trépanier from Carleton University. The meeting took place at the University of Ottawa, as part of the annual Acfas conference. Here is a summary of the panels:

Panel 1 : L'Idée d'université : quelle avenir?

Président : Louis Patrick Leroux (Concordia)

Panélistes : Emmanuelle Bernheim (Université d'Ottawa); Louis Maheux (Université de Montréal); Frédéric Mérand (Université de Montréal); Patrick Noël (Université de Saint-Boniface)

Panel 2 : L'avenir de l'université francophone

Présidente : Suela Sefa (AIÉQ)

Panélistes : Christian Agbobli (UQAM); Jonathan Paquette (Université d'Ottawa); Liette Vasseur (Brock)

Conclusion : Martin Maltais (UQAR) et Linda Cardinal (SRC)

About 40 people attended the two panels.

After the success of this first initiative, Isabelle Archambault, Audrey Moore, Guy Laforest, and myself decided to propose a second meeting at Acfas in 2025, which will take place at ETS / Concordia University in May 2025. The proposed theme for this meeting is the impact of migration policies on higher education institutions in Canada. The focus will be on Francophone and bilingual institutions in Quebec and in minority Francophone contexts.

The proposal was submitted to the Acfas organizing committee. The approved proposals will be announced in December 2024.7) Proposed Motion / Motion proposée

The Academy of Social Sciences expresses their deep appreciation to the Walter House staff for their extraordinary administrative support of the RSC / L'Académie des Sciences sociales exprime sa reconnaissance pour le soutien administratif exceptionnel rendu par le personnel de la Maison Walter.

Moved by / Proposée par Guy Laforesst

Seconded by / Appuyée par Jennifer ???



8) Other Business / Varia

9) Motion to Adjourn / Levée de la séance

La levée de la séance est à 13h55

Moved by / Proposé par Guy Laforest

Seconded by / Appuyé par Rianne Mahon

10) Social Science Award Winners Panel Presentations and Discussion / Présentations des lauréats des prix en sciences sociales et discussion

As indicated in the agenda, this part of the meeting was originally intended to consist of panel presentations by some of this year's social science award winners. Unfortunately, only one winner was available at this time. Rianne Mahon is the 2024 winner of the Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies and she agreed to present.

The Ursula Franklin Award in Gender Studies was established by the RSC in 1999, through the generous donations of Fellows, to recognize significant contributions by a Canadian scholar in the humanities and social sciences to furthering our understanding of issues concerning gender. The award, in the form of a diploma, is offered every two years if there is a suitable candidate. Rianne Mahon, previously Professor and CIGI Chair at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, was elected to the Royal Society in 2019. Currently she is distinguished research professor with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton University. In addition to numerous articles and chapters on various topics, she has co-edited books including *Feminist Ethics and Social Politics: Toward a New Global Political Economy of Care* (with F. Robinson). After *08: Social Policy and the Global Financial Crisis* (with G. Boychuk and S. McBride), *Achieving the Social Development Goals: Global Governance Challenges* (with S. Horton and S. Dalby), and co-authored *Advanced Introduction to Social Policy* (with D. Béland). Her current work focuses on the gendering of global governance, with a particular focus on the diffusion of the concept of a 'care economy'.

The title of the presentation was: *The Care Economy An idea that has taken root in Latin America*

