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## Janine Brodie - Vision Statement

It is an honor to be nominated as President of the Academy of the Social Sciences (Anglophone and Francophone Divisions). For the past four decades, I have been a proud social scientist both by profession (political science) and by imagination. Although in recent times, the very concepts of the “social” and “science” have been attacked in some quarters, I remain deeply committed to what I believe are the primary missions of the social sciences – to reveal the multiple ways in which inequalities in representation, resources, and recognition shape the promises of daily life and, to generate evidence and arguments through robust research and engagement that cultivate new social literacies that reimagine the possible.

Throughout my career, I have attempted to advance this vision through my research, teaching, and service to academic organizations. As an engaged Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, I have assumed numerous leadership roles, including member and then Chair of the Gender Awards Committee (2004, 2006), Assistant Director and then Director of the Academy of Social Sciences (Anglophone Division 2007-2014), member and Chair of this Division’s Fellow Selection Committee (2007-2014), and organizer of the 2013 RSC Annual Research Symposium “Social Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Toward a New Intergenerational Social Contract.” During these years, I worked closely with Fellows in both Divisions of the Academy (including two future Presidents, Constance Backhouse and Alain –G. Gagnon) to strengthen the Academy’s representation of and responsiveness to Canada’s growing diversity (gender, race/ethnicity, indigenous, linguistic, regional, disciplinary) and, to increase the number of Fellows allocated by the RSC to the Academy of the Social Sciences.

As President of the Academy of the Social Sciences, I would extend the important initiatives of my most immediate predecessors, such as

- enhancing the participation of Fellows in the RSC
- making the Academy more inclusive and responsive to Canada’s increasingly diverse social landscape
- mobilizing Academy members to contribute to critical national conversations (for example, through expert panels, research profiles, and symposia) on reconciliation, precariousness, inequality, and sustainability, and, especially, the unprecedented experiences of urban indigenous and “majority-minority” dynamics in Canadian cities
- increase linkages, mentorship opportunities and collaboration between the Academy and the College of New Scholars.

Most critically, the leadership of the Academy of the Social Sciences will be charged with developing concrete strategies and programs to embrace and implement the bold vision for a renewed RSC as set out in its new strategic plan “Mobilize, Catalyze, Sustain” (2018-2022).

