



Canadian Study  
of Parliament Group

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## Parliamentary Business Seminars

2018-2019

**The Canadian Study of Parliament Group (CSPG)** is dedicated to enhancing the understanding of parliamentary government and institutions by promoting research and dialogue on legislative systems in Canada. To that end, we are pleased to offer a series of non-partisan seminars on parliamentary and legislative topics with presentations from experts in the field. The seminars are bilingual – simultaneous interpretation is provided – and open to all levels of skills and experience. Seminar registration includes breakfast and a buffet lunch.

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

### **Parliamentary Diplomacy: Multiplying Channels for Influence**

Most discussions of Canadian diplomacy centre on the actions of the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, and Defence. Yet, parliamentarians are very active in advancing Canada's interests abroad and in receiving foreign delegations. This seminar explores the practice of parliamentary diplomacy in Canada, examining the diplomatic role of the Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons, the operation and influence of parliamentary associations and friendship groups, and the impact of the parliamentary foreign affairs committees. Particular attention will be given to the use of parliamentary diplomacy to strengthen Canada-US relations during the NAFTA renegotiations.

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

### **Gearing Up for the Next Election**

With the 2019 federal election on the radar, political parties and other stakeholders have been quietly yet definitively undertaking the preparations necessary to be in full electoral mode before the writs are dropped. This seminar will group together current and former parliamentarians, political operatives, electoral officials as well as others involved in the electoral process to discuss the preliminary ground work essential to a general election campaign and the changes that have occurred to our electoral process since the last general election.

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

### **#MeToo movement and Parliament**

The #MeToo movement has been a watershed moment for changes to workplace culture, particularly for women in fields traditionally dominated by men. As parties set out to recruit more women as candidates for the next election, what can be said about what women will encounter on Parliament Hill? How has being a parliamentarian changed (or not) since #MeToo? And, what has the movement meant for the Standing Committee on the Status of Women - which will celebrate its 15th anniversary in 2019 - and the consideration of parliamentary business more broadly?

## \*Registration Fees

	<b>CSPG Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>
<b>**Series of 3 seminars</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$500</b>
November 16, 2018	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$200</b>
January 18, 2019	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$200</b>
March 29, 2019	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$200</b>

For students and retirees the cost is \$25 per seminar.

**\*Registration fees are transferable to another person the day of the seminar but are not refundable. You must advise CSPG's Secretariat 48 hours prior to the event of any changes to your registration.**

**\*\* The Series must be paid in one payment prior to the first seminar and is not refundable. You will be automatically registered to all 3 seminars.**