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## SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE IRAI,  
**IN THE AUDITORIUM OF MONTREAL'S GRANDE BIBLIOTHÈQUE,  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2017**

**An academic conference that is open to the public.**

Time	MORNING	
08h15 - 08h45	Registration	
08h45 - 09h00	Opening remarks by the President of the IRAI, Daniel Turp (Université de Montréal, Québec)	
<b>Self-Determination in Our Times / A Classic Concept Re-invigorated</b>		
09h15 - 09h45	Introductory lecture	Wolfgang F. Danspeckgruber (Princeton University, USA)
<b>Session 1 - Self-Determination: Philosophical and Political Perspectives</b>		
10h00 - 11h00	From Rationalism to Pragmatism: A Real Transformation in Self-Determination Theory?	David Haljan (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Flanders)
	What is a people?	Alain Dieckhoff (Sciences-Po Paris, France)
11h00 - 11h15	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 2 - Self-Determination: The Emerging of New Rights?</b>		
11h15 - 12h45	The Procedural Renewal of the International Right to Self-Determination	Emanuel Castellarin (University of Strasbourg, France)
	The constitutional status of the right to decide	Marthe Stefanini (Aix-Marseille University, France)
	The « Right to Decide » : a Constitutional Right in the Democratic State	Mercé Barceló (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Catalonia)
12h45 - 14h00	<b>Lunch (lunch boxes will be provided to participants, on-site)</b>	

Time	AFTERNOON	
<b>Session 3 - Self-Determination, Democracy, and Citizenship</b>		
14h00 - 15h30	What's Law Got to Do with It? Independence Referendums and IR Realism	Matt Qvortrup (Coventry University, United Kingdom)
	Participatory Constituent Processes and the Right to Decide	Jaume Lopez Hernandez (Pompeu Fabra University, Catalonia)
	Between Two Unions: Scotland and the Politics of Independence	Nicola McEwen (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
15h30 - 15h45	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 4 - Self-Determination and Indigenous Peoples</b>		
15h45 - 17h15	Indigenous Rights or National Independence? The Paths towards Self-Determination in the Territories of French Oceania	Natacha Gagné (Université Laval, Quebec)
	Three Main Challenges of the Free Determination of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America	Raquel Yrigoyen Fajardo (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)
	Maori Self-Determination and the Politics of Contemporary Sovereignty	Dominic O'Sullivan (Charles Sturt University, Australia)
17h15 - 17h30	Closing Thoughts and Thanks from the President and Director General of the IRAI	
17h30 - 19h00	<b>Cocktail reception</b>	