

## Program

# *The Normative Implications of Regional Organization of Metropolitan Regions*



**May 27-28, 2011**

Executive Airport Plaza Hotel  
& Conference Centre  
Richmond, BC



This conference was organized by Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary (UJF - Grenoble 1/Institut Universitaire de France), Pierre Hamel (Université de Montréal, Canada) and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria, Canada) as a follow-up workshop to the *Compared Territorial Governance* workshop held in Grenoble, France last June.

To distinguish this conference from other forums where these issues have been discussed, we are emphasizing the spatial dimension of governance. The central questions that a territorial approach to accountability helps to answer are:

- **Is territorial competitiveness based on functional efficiency?**
- **Are territories only places aimed at retaining economic flows or are they still at the service of their populations?**
- **Who makes everyday governance: elected people who govern territories or technicians who do more than administrating it?**

The contributions gathered throughout the two conferences/workshops all put emphasis on the huge normative dimensions of the current debates on regionalism (public choice, metropolitan government, new regionalism, rescaling and re-territorialisation). Our ambition is to explain and compare them in order to clearly identify the various facets of those arguments and illustrate them across case studies.

#### **Local Organizing Team:**

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University of Victoria

## Day 1: FRIDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>

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**8:00-9:00**

### **Breakfast and Welcome**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

#### **Welcome Address**

**Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

Welcome and overview of metropolitan governance in North America and Europe in Comparative Perspective

**Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary** (UJF - Grenoble 1/Institut Universitaire de France)

**Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly** (University of Victoria)

The European experiences as presented in Grenoble and presentation of the draft of the *Grenoble Edited Collection*

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**9:00 – 10:30**

### **Panel 1: Discussion Panel - Metropolitan Forms and Functions in Theory**

Chair : **Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

**Tara Ney** (University of Victoria)

“Disrupting Hierarchical Governance with Deliberative Policy Analysis: Possibilities and Complications with Public Policy Mediation”

**Claire Launay** (IRG, Oficina Bogotá, Colombia)

“A Cross-Disciplinary, Inter-Actor and Pluri-Cultural Approach to Governance”

**Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly** (University of Victoria)

“The Normative Dimensions of Metropolitan Governance in Comparative Perspectives”

**Discussants: Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

**Tassilo Herrschel** (University of Westminster)

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**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

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**11:00 – 12:30**

**Panel 2: Metropolitan Forms and Functions in North America and Europe – Normative Assumptions**

**Chair: Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

**Donald Phares** (University of Missouri, St. Louis)

**Donald Norris** (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

“U.S. Metropolitan Governance: From Formal Structure to the Status Quo?”

**Hank Savitch** (University of Louisville)

**Ron Vogel** (University of Louisville)

“Territory and Power: Planning and the Challenges of Globalization”

**Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary** (UJF - Grenoble 1/Institut Universitaire de France)

“What Choice of Planning Models: Hybridizing Territorial References in Latin America”

**Discussants: Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

**Peter Newman** (University of Westminster)

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**12:30-14:00**

**Lunch**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

**Keynote Address**

**Mayraj Fahim** (Local Government Adviser, CityMayors.com)

“Causes and Consequences of Avoiding Integrated Local Governance in the United States”

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**14:00 – 15:30**

**Panel 3: Metropolitan Forms and Functions in North America and Europe – Normative Assumptions**

**Chair: Hank Savitch** (University of Louisville)

**Jean-Pierre Collin** (UCS/INRS)

**Marie-Éve LaFortune** (UCS/INRS)

“The Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal Ten Years After: The Ups and Downs of Metropolitan Governance”

**Peter Newman** (University of Westminster)

“The Governance of Urban Infrastructure – Managing Experts and Managing Contention”

**Sarah Mekdjian** (UPMF Grenoble 2)

“Normalizing Diversity: Multiculturalism in the Service of Urban Order”

**Discussants: Hank Savitch** (University of Louisville)

**Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary** (UJF - Grenoble 1/Institut Universitaire de France)

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**18:00-20:30**

**Dinner**

Location: Tivoli's II

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**Day 2: SATURDAY, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**8:00-8:30**

**Breakfast**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

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**8:30 – 10:00**

**Panel 4: Cooperation and Efficiency – the Normative Role of Markets?**

**Chair: Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

***Richard Feiock*** (Florida State University)

“Self-Organizing Regionalism and Network Governance: Network Structure and Partner Choice for Economic Development in Metropolitan Regions”

***Brian Walisser*** (B.C. Government, Local Government Policy & Research)

***Gary Paget*** (B.C. Government, Governance and Structure Division)

“Regional Mechanisms for Efficiency and Cooperation: the British Columbia Experience”

***Tassilo Herrschel*** (University of Westminster)

“The Governance of City Regions between Local Competitiveness and Regional Aspiration”

**Discussants: Donald Phares** (University of Missouri, St Louis)

**Pierre Hamel** (Université de Montréal)

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**10:00-10:30 Coffee Break**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

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**10:30 – 12:00**

**Panel 5: Cooperation and Effectiveness – the Normative Role of Democracy?**

**Chair: Donald Phares** (University of Missouri, St Louis)

***Pierre Hamel*** (Université de Montréal)

“Governance and Deliberative Democracy: An Ongoing Debate”

***Guillaume Gourgues*** (UPMF Grenoble2)

***Sophie Louargant*** (UPMF Grenoble2)

“From Regional to Urban Participation: How do Public Authorities Frame the Territories of Democracy?”

***Harlan Koff*** (Université du Luxembourg)

“Are Territories at the Service of their Communities or are Communities at the Service of their Territories?: Cross-border Governance and Democracy in the Americas”

**Discussants: Donald Phares** (University of Missouri, St Louis)

**Peter Newman** (University of Westminster)

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**12:00 - 13:30**

**Lunch**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

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**13:30 - 14:30**

**Presentation: Jim McDavid and Thea Vakil (University of Victoria)**

“The Challenges of Regional Governance in the Greater Vancouver Region of British Columbia: Discussion Paper”

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**14:30-14:45 Coffee Break**

Location: Westminster Ballroom

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**14:45 – 16:00**

**Discussion Forum**

“The Challenges of Regional Governance in the Greater Vancouver Region – Developing Recommendations for Local and Provincial Governments”