

Canadian Spectrum Summit 2017

Thursday, May 11 – Friday, May 12, 2017

University of Calgary

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We are at a potential crossroads for our increasingly wireless media. The iPhone is ten years old and smartphones are now ubiquitous. As demand for digital connectivity has grown, publicly accessible wi-fi is now the norm for a range of businesses and institutions. And new uses for wireless technologies such as automated cars are on the horizon and will certainly increase spectrum requirements. Spectrum auctions have been a regular method of spectrum assignment for two decades, but can that method accommodate future demand? What are the alternatives?

The Canadian Spectrum Summit at the University of Calgary will explore this critical moment in the development of our communications system by gathering Canadian and international scholars and civil society groups to discuss the future of spectrum management around the globe. This two-day event follows the successful 2013 Spectrum Summit and will be structured around a series of panel discussions with time following each for audience engagement.

Speakers include:

Marko Ali-Fossi (University of Tampere, Finland)

Martin Cave (Imperial College Business School, UK)

Linda Doyle (Trinity College, University of Dublin)

Harold Feld (Public Knowledge, USA)

Marcela Gomez (University of Pittsburgh, USA)

Zita Joyce (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)

Ben Klass (Carleton University, Canada)

Michael Marcus (formerly Virginia Tech and FCC, USA)

Judith Mariscal Aviles (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico)

Catherine Middleton (Ryerson University, Canada)

Eli Noam (Columbia University, USA)

Steve Song (Network Startup Resource Center, University of Oregon)

Gregory Taylor (University of Calgary, Canada)

Martin Weiss (University of Pittsburgh, USA)

Featured Speaker: Marc Raboy (McGill University) discussing wireless history and his recent Governor General's Literary Award and RBC Taylor Prize shortlisted book [Marconi: the Man Who Networked the World](#). This talk is part of dinner on May 11 (an extra cost applies).

Summit Agenda:

Among the issues addressed at the Canadian Spectrum Summit 2017:

- Spectrum sharing
- 5G
- Spectrum policy in the developing world
- Spectrum and indigenous rights
- Spectrum and the public interest
- Wholesale networks
- New spectrum governance models
- Dynamic pricing

Other speakers: if you have an academic or civil society project regarding spectrum policy that you believe is relevant to the Spectrum Summit, please contact Gregory Taylor (email below) with a one page proposal before Feb 28. Panels have not been finalized and there may be room for additional speakers.

Registration:

There is no charge for this event but space will be limited so we ask that people who wish to attend register at <https://spectrumsummit2017.eventbrite.com> . We are first extending an invitation to the academic community but we expect interest from regulators, industry, and media to attend, so please register early.

There will be an extra charge for dinner and Marc Raboy's talk on Thursday, May 11 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Details on that event will be forwarded to those who register for the Summit.

Canadian Spectrum Policy Research:

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