

**Department Seminar Series Schedule**

**Winter 2014**

**16 January 2014 (12:00 – 2:00):** [Dr. David E. Smith](#), OC, FRSC

Distinguished Visiting Professor

Department of Politics and Public Administration

Ryerson University

**JOR730**

**Title:** Terms of Reference for a Royal Commission on the Constitution: An Exploration

**Abstract:** Notwithstanding the endemic tensions of its federal system, for many decades Canada's political institutions were considered – by Canadians at least – as models of a modern constitution. No longer is this the case. Its tripartite Parliament – Crown, Senate, and Commons – is awash in doubt, as seen, for instance, in controversies attending the exercise of Crown prerogative, the selection and tenure of Senators, and the sclerotic procedures of the Commons. The difficulty of reform in one part of Parliament is that it appears to require compensatory change in its other parts. If reform is nonetheless deemed necessary, how then to proceed? Would a royal commission on Canada's constitution be the answer? What perforce would be its terms of reference? The presentation is an exercise in both political pathology and prescription.

**Biography:** Dr. David Smith was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2013. He is also a [Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada](#) (FRSC), the highest academic accolade in Canada that is available to scientists and scholars. He is Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration and a member of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies at Ryerson University. He was appointed to his present position in 2013, following a long and distinguished career at the University of Saskatchewan (1964-2004), where he is *Professor Emeritus*, and at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Regina, where he is a Senior Policy Fellow. Ryerson University conferred on Dr. Smith a Doctor of Letters *Honoris Causa* at the June 2010 convocation ceremony.

Dr. Smith has lectured in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, and Korea, and held a visiting professorship of Canadian studies in Japan. He has testified before parliamentary committees, done briefings for the Canadian Senate, and briefed a former Governor General on the role of the Canadian Crown. He served as a Commissionaire on the *Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan* in 2004.

The 2014 annual [Phyllis Clarke Memorial Lecture](#)

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

Monday 03 March 2014

7:00 pm

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[Dr. Costas Lapavitsas](#)

SOAS, University of London (UK)

- Professor in Economics

- Associate Dean (Research)

- Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

**Title:** The Systemic Crisis of Financialization: 2007-present

**Biography:** xxxxxx

Costas Lapavitsas teaches economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He has done research in the political economy of money and finance, the Japanese economy, the history of economic thought, economic history, and the contemporary world economy.

During the last three years his interests have focused on the Eurozone crisis, and he has undertaken research on it with a group of researchers associated with Research on Money and Finance at SOAS. His longer-term research interests, however, include the financialization of capitalism, its characteristic trends, variable forms and manifold implications for contemporary society.

He has published widely in the academic field, and also writes frequently for the international and Greek press. His most recent books are *Profiting Without Producing*, *Crisis in the Eurozone*, and *Financialization in Crisis*.

**27 March 2014 (12:00 – 2:00):**



**Dr. Tae-Hwan Kwak**

Professor Emeritus, Eastern Kentucky University, USA

**JOR730**

**Title:** Peace Regime Building Initiative on the Korean Peninsula

**Abstract:**

Dr. Kwak will discuss a long-term, comprehensive roadmap for the Korean peninsula peace regime building which seeks to replace the 1953 Korean armistice agreement with a Korean peninsula peace treaty. The two-track approach to Korean peninsula peace regime building will be discussed in detail at the inter-Korean and the international levels. A peace regime can be institutionalized by implementing the inter-Korean basic agreement (1991) through inter-Korean cooperation and by concluding a Korean peninsula peace treaty through the four-party peace talks involving the U. S., China, and the two Koreas.

Dr. Kwak will elaborate on his proposal for a Korean peninsula peace treaty among the four parties involving the ROK, the DPRK, the U. S. and China as an alternative to existing two Koreas' peace regime formulae.

**Biography:**

Dr. Kwak, currently Chair-Professor at Kyungnam University and is the Chair of the Institute for Korean Peninsula Future Strategies (IKFS). He is also the former President of Korea Institute for National Unification, a think tank, as well as the former Director of the Institute for Far Eastern Studies (IFES), Kyungnam University. Dr. Kwak was a recipient of Global Peace Foundation's 2012 Innovative Scholarship for Peace Award.

Dr. Kwak is the editor and co-editor of 31 books, including *North Korea and Security Cooperation in Northeast Asia* (Ashgate, March, 2014), *Peace Regime Building on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asian Security Cooperation* (Ashgate: Hampshire, England, June 2010); *North Korea's Foreign Policy under Kim Jong Il: New Perspectives* (Ashgate: Hampshire, England, 2009). He has authored over 200 book chapters and scholarly articles in Korean, Japanese and English.