

08:45	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Kathleen Kellett, Faculty of Arts, Ryerson University Chris Cowperthwaite, Open Democracy Project Ana Serrano, Open Democracy Project Karim Bardeesy, Ryerson Leadership Lab	
09:00	<b>Setting the Stage</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Michael Champagne AYO!	
09:15	<b>What is Democracy?</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Astra Taylor, Filmmaker Conversation Facilitator: Michael Champagne, AYO!	
09:55	<b>Envirionics Insights: Do Canadians Still Believe in Democracy?</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Keith Neumann Envirionics Institute for Survey Research	
<b>10:10 ROOM CHANGE</b>				
10:25	<b>Women, Power and Intersectionality: Political Life Unplugged</b> MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	<b>Civil Society, Political Parties: Who Can Fix Our Broken Democracies?</b> ROOM B (1-149)		
	Kathleen Wynne, MPP, Don Valley West, ON Michelle Woolfrey, Blind Girls Inc. Bhutila Karpoche, MPP, Parkdale-High Park, ON Kyla Kakfwi Scott, Dene Nahjo Denise Siele, Hill Solutions Conversation Facilitator: Rachel Pulfer, Journalists for Human Rights	Hon. Karina Gould, MP, Burlington, House of Commons Sevaun Palvetzian, CivicAction Michael Chong, MP, Wellington-Halton Hills, House of Commons Karim Bardeesy, Ryerson Leadership Lab Conversation Facilitator: Jane Hilderman, The Samara Centre for Democracy		
<b>11:25 ROOM CHANGE</b>				
11:30	<b>Remarks from the Minister of Democratic Institutions</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Hon. Karina Gould, Member of Parliament - Burlington	
11:40	<b>Political realities of the tech stack.</b> MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	<b>How &amp; why we fight. Citizens in the space of protest.</b> ROOM B (1-149)	<b>Conservative viewpoints on community and democracy.</b> ROOM C (1-147)	
	How we move forward with an eye out for tech's unintended consequences Vass Bednar, Delphia	Building the solidarity economy: dispatches from Québec Jérémie Bédard-Wien, Québec Solidaire	Economic Liberty for All: Advocating for Low-income Business Owners Amy Hermalik, University of Chicago Clinic on Entrepreneurship	
	The time for digital justice has never been more pressing, but are people listening? Nasma Ahmed, Digital Justice Lab	Why we protested against the repeal of Ontario's sexual education curriculum Rayne-Fisher Quann, March for Our Education	Where is Power in the Union? Brian Djikema, CARDUS	
	Majority vs minority interests or how we can build algorithms so we don't ignore the needs of the latter Jutta Treviranus, OCADU	Grassroots organizing and advocacy on and off-line Aaron Bains, World Sikh Organization	Less Bay Street, More Main Street: Conservative approaches to Family, Faith and Community Ken Boessenkool, KTG Public Affairs Ltd.	
Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Taylor Owen, Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University	Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Martin Regg Cohn, Toronto Star	Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Sean Speer, Macdonald-Laurier Institute		
<b>12:40 LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITION</b>				
13:30	<b>Politics of Listening</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Presented by Ryerson Faculty of Arts	Leah Bassel, Professor, University of Roehampton Introduction by Pam Sugiman, Ryerson University Faculty of Arts
<b>14:15 ROOM CHANGE</b>				
14:25	<b>Local Power. How municipal organizations and citizen collectives are designing our futures.</b> MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	<b>Slow down and fix things. Re-Making the media that can break our democracy.</b> ROOM B (1-149)	<b>Art as the necessary catalyst for impactful collective action.</b> ROOM C (1-147)	
	The role of municipal libraries as the new spaces and channels for community organizing Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library	How reality television can move us beyond fake news: insights from APTN's First Contact Vanessa Loewen, First Contact Canada	Design as Protest Bryan C. Lee Jr., Colloqate	
	How cities can lead the charge in protecting our digital human rights. Bianca Wylie, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Tech Reset Canada	Disrupting click bait cycles by letting communities talk first Erin Millar, The Discourse	Reclaiming the #smartcity for #smartcitizens by #smartartists Beth Coleman, Critical Media Lab, University of Waterloo	
	Creating a global network of participatory democracies one neighbourhood at a time Eleanor Finley, University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Rebuilding trust in news organizations Kathy English, Toronto Star	Using culture, innovation, and technology to catalyze social impact in human rights and international development Lina Srivastava, Creative Impact & Experience Lab	
Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Olivia Chow, Institute of Change Leaders	Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Shawn Micallef, Spacing	Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Richard Lachman, Ryerson University		
15:30	<b>Participatory Workshops &amp; Sessions</b>	<b>ROOM B (1-149)</b> Smart Cities I: Inclusion Facilitated by Toronto Smart Cities Open Forum + CityInclusive – Future Cities Visioning; Megan Marcoux, Bojan Francuz, Daniella Barretto	<b>ROOM C (1-147)</b> Civic Campaign Accelerator Workshop with Open Democracy Project Facilitated by Chris Cowperthwaite, Annamaria Enejajor, Hema Vyas, Katie Gilfillan	
	<b>ROOM D (1-073)</b> Design as Protest Facilitated by Bryan C. Lee Jr. (Colloqate Design) with support from Helen Yung (Culture of Cities Centre)	<b>ROOM E (1-075)</b> Does increased community connectedness lead to a stronger, healthier democracy? Facilitated by SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue; Shauna Sylvester, Jasleen Bains, Daniel Savas		
	<b>ROOM F (1-077)</b> Unconference Facilitated by Aaron Williamson	<b>ROOM G (1-129)</b> Inspire Democracy with tools that (net)work: Elections Canada's resources for your community Facilitated by Victoria Bennett, David Le Blanc	<b>ROOM H (1-119)</b> The Ghetto is Public Policy - Segregation & School Disinvestment Facilitated by Logan Students	
17:00	<b>Reception</b>	COMMONS (1-148)		
18:30	<b>Screening: What is Democracy?</b>	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Q&A with filmmaker and activist, Astra Taylor	



08:45	Meditation led by The Centre for Mindfulness Studies	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Jason McKinney, Trinity College School of Divinity Tita Angangco, The Centre for Mindfulness Studies
08:50	Opening Remarks	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Ana Serrano, Open Democracy Project Karim Bardeesy, Ryerson Leadership Lab
08:55	Populism and its Discontents: Views from the Left and Right	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Sarada Peri, Writer & Communications Strategist Sean Speer, Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute Conversation Facilitator: Karim Bardeesy, Ryerson Leadership Lab
09:40 ROOM CHANGE			
09:50	Why we disagree about climate change - and what we can do about it? MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	How divisiveness is built into our (political) systems and what we're gonna do about it. ROOM B (1-149)	How Libraries Can Save Democracy. ROOM C (1-147)
	Jaskiran Dhillon, New School Graham Saul, Nature Canada Lara Ellis, ALUS Canada Amber Bennett, Climate Outreach  Conversation Facilitator: Toby Heaps, Corporate Knights	Elizabeth Dubois, University of Ottawa Jane Hilderman, The Samara Centre for Democracy Mohammed Naeem, More in Common Martin Cuéllar, Indivisible Chicago  Conversation Facilitator: David Moscrop, University of Ottawa	Jorge Amigo, Toronto Public Library Emory Davidge, Urban Strategies, Inc.  Conversation Facilitator: Pamela Robinson, Graduate Studies and Special Projects, Ryerson University
	11:05 ROOM CHANGE		
11:15	Beyond the Choir	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Jonathan Smucker, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Beyond the Choir
11:55 ROOM CHANGE			
12:05	Towards the spiritual commons. Does faith have a place in our secularized collective becoming? MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	The uphill climb of non-partisan democratic engagement. How youth, newcomer communities and the rest of us are taking on this challenge. ROOM B (1-149)	Competing visions of democracy ROOM C (1-147)
	Tita Angangco, The Centre for Mindfulness Studies Jason McKinney, Trinity College School of Divinity Azeezah Kanji, Legal Academic & Writer David Pfrimmer, Martin Luther University College  Conversation Facilitator: John Milloy, Martin Luther University College	Samantha Reush, Apathy is Boring John Rae, Council of Canadians with Disabilities Seher Shafiq, The Canadian-Muslim Vote Saeed Selvam, Laidlaw Foundation  Conversation Facilitator: John Beebe, Democratic Engagement Exchange, Ryerson Faculty of Arts	A Research Overview of the Many Faces of Democracy Daniel Savas, SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue  Responding to Populism Ben Rowswell, Betterplace  Memory Politics and Democracy Jenny Wüstenberg, York University  Super Panel and Q&A Moderator: Sanjay Ruparelia, Ryerson University Faculty of Arts
	13:10 LUNCH & EXHIBITION		
14:00	The Existential Moment for Global Power Structures	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Maria Ressa, CEO & Executive Editor, Rappler Interview and Q&A with Lisa LaFlamme, Chief News Anchor, CTV National News
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15:30	Participatory Workshops & Sessions MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	ROOM B (1-149)	ROOM C (1-147)
	ToolsXChange Facilitated by Bailey Greenspon, Scott Young	Mayoral Candidates: Shaping Cities Beyond Elections Facilitated by Kate Graham, Shauna Sylvester, Zain Velji, Kim Devine	Student Leaders' Response to OSAP and Fee Changes Facilitated by Sam Andrey Presented by Unifor
	ROOM D (1-073) DXC Freestyle Social: Test Drive a New Social Tool to Strengthen Our Democracy Facilitated by Katie Gibbs, Anthony Morgan	ROOM E (1-075) Community + Digital: Building connections for better tech Facilitated by Shea Sinnott, Patrick Connolly, David Cox, Anowa Quarcoo, Laura Chang	ROOM F (1-077) Cooperation: A Polite Economic Revolution Facilitated by Dru Jay, Aaron Williamson, Hazel
	ROOM G (1-129) Parkdale Community Benefits Framework Facilitated by Mercedes Zaygas, Ana Teresa Portillo	ROOM H (1-119) Lessons from Participatory Budgeting in Experiments in Kitchener Facilitated by Sean Geobey	ROOM K (1-003) Smart Cities II: Alternative Urban Futures with Toronto Open Smart Cities Forum Facilitated by Nabeel Ahmed, Tracey P. Lauriault, David Murakami, Bianca Wylie, Molly Sauter, Brenda Macphail
	ROOM L (2-003) Reinventing Local News to Serve Democracy Facilitated by Lindsay Sample, Anita Li	ROOM M (2-164) Vote PopUp - Turning Voter Engagement on its Head Facilitated by John Beebe, Grade 7 student	
17:00	Closing Interactive Session	MAIN STAGE (AUDITORIUM)	Ana Serrano, Co-Director, DemocracyXChange Karim Bardeesy, Co-Director, DemocracyXChange Chris Cowperthwaite, Co-Director, DemocracyXChange

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