



Humboldt Colloquium

on the Occasion of the 40th Anniversary
of the German-Canadian Technology and Science Agreement
and
the 10th Anniversary of the Humboldt Association of Canada

“Excellence in Research”

Toronto, Canada
2-4 November 2012

Preliminary Programme

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Friday, 2 November 2012

14:00 – 15:30 Information Session: Funding Opportunities for Canadian-German Research Collaborations

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
German Research Foundation (DFG)
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH)
Max Planck Society (MPG)

16:00 – 18:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto

16:00 **Welcome Addresses**

Prof. Dr. Cheryl Misak
Vice-President and Provost, University of Toronto

Prof. Dr. Helmut Schwarz
President of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Werner Wnendt (tbc)
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Prof. Dr. Dietmar K. Kennepohl
President of the Humboldt Alumni Association of Canada

16:30 **Promoting Excellence in Research: German-Canadian Political Perspectives**

Cornelia Quennet-Thielen
State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Gary Goodyear (tbc)
Minister of State (Science and Technology), Canada

17:00 **Keynote Lecture**

Prof. Dr. John Polanyi
University of Toronto, Nobel Laureate

followed by **Reception**



Saturday, 3 November 2012

9:00 – 12:30 Spotlight on Current Research: Interdisciplinary Workshops with Presentations by Humboldt Alumni

Section 1: History, Culture, and Society
Chair: Prof. Dr. Rolf Baayen, Universität Tübingen

Section 2: Environment and Energy
Chair: Prof. Dr. Donald Dingwell, LMU München (tbc)

Section 3: Health / Life Sciences
Chair: Prof. Dr. Katja Becker, Universität Gießen

Section 4: Materials
Chair: Prof. Dr. Dierk Raabe, MPI für Eisenforschung, Düsseldorf

Section 5: Theoretical Sciences
Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthias Neubert, Universität Mainz

12:30 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Building International Research Careers and International Research Partnerships: Plenary Session

Chair: Dr. Katrin Amian, Sponsorship and Network Department,
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Prof. Dr. Cathrine Lu, McGill University (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Rolf Mathewes, Simon Fraser University
Prof. Dr. Heidi McBride, University of Ottawa (tbc)

15:00 - 16:30 Spotlight on Current Research: Interdisciplinary Workshops with Presentations by Early Career Researchers

Section 1: History, Culture, and Society
Chair: Prof. Dr. Gernot Wieland, University of British Columbia

Section 2: Environment and Energy
Chair: Prof. Dr. Anshuman Khare, Athabasca University

Section 3: Health / Life Sciences
Chair: Prof. Dr. Chung-Wai Chow, University of Toronto

Section 4: Materials
Chair: Prof. Dr. Dietmar Kennepohl, Athabasca University



Section 5: Theoretical Sciences
Chair: Prof. Dr. Kevin Beach, University of Alberta

16:30 – 18:30 Spotlight on Current Research: Poster and Networking Session
Poster presentations and information booths on sponsorship instruments to promote scientific Canadian-German cooperation

19:00 – 21:30 Dinner
Dinner Speech:
Prof. Dr. Monica Heller, University of Toronto (tbc)
“Language, Identity and Nation in the Globalized New Economy” (tbc)

Sunday, 4 November 2012

9:30 – 11:00 The Alexander von Humboldt Professorship and Canada Excellence Research Chair Programmes: Competition and Cooperation
Chair: Prof. Dr. Donald Dingwell, LMU München (tbc)

Prof. Dr. Helmut Schwarz
President of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Prof. Dr. Rolf Baayen
Alexander von Humboldt Professor, University of Tübingen, formerly University of Alberta

Prof. Dr. Oliver Ernst
Canada Excellence Research Chair, University of Toronto, formerly Charité Berlin

Prof. Dr. Cheryl Misak
Vice-President and Provost, University of Toronto

11:00 Coffee Break



Alexander von Humboldt
Stiftung/Foundation

11:30 – 12:30

**Panel Discussion:
The Humboldt Network and the Canadian-German Research
Partnership: Agendas and Visions for the Future**

Chair: Dr. Steffen Mehlich, Sponsorship and Network Department,
Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation

Prof. Dr. Chung-Wai Chow, University of Toronto
Dr. Jennifer Decker, Canadian Embassy, Berlin (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Henry Mantsch, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Prof. Dr. Matthias Neubert, Universität Mainz (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Leonard Wiebe, University of Alberta

12:30

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Dr. Helmut Schwarz
President of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

13:00

Farewell-Lunch

14:30

End of Colloquium