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The Social Union: Canadian and European Approaches Compared

Tuesday, April 15, 2003 – The Social Union Framework Agreement (SUFA), signed in 1999 by the federal government and the provinces and territories, with the notable exception of Québec, is an experiment in multi-level governance of social policy and programs. For supporters and critics alike, the implementation of SUFA leaves much to be desired, while the exclusion of Québec belies its national credentials.

Comparing the Canadian experience with the European Union's coordinated approach to social policy is the focus of a colloquium next week in Montréal.

Gouverner à plusieurs ? Les voies de l'union sociale en Europe et au Canada is the joint project of The Institute for European Studies at the Université de Montréal and McGill University, and the Centre de recherche sur les politiques et le développement social. The Director of CPRN's Family Network, Jane Jenson is one of the workshop organizers and a participant.

The workshop consist of three sessions:

- Comparing multi-level governance in Europe and Canada
- The Social Union in Canada and,
- Europe's Approach to Coordination.

Alain Noël, CPRN Research Associate Denis Saint-Martin, and Éric Montpetit of the Université de Montréal, Antonia Maioni of McGill University, Harvey Lazar and Matthew Mendelsohn of Queen's University, and Joseph Facal, Government of Québec, are among the Canadian presenters. They will be joined by Philippe Pochet of the Observatoire sociale européen, Stefano Sacchi, University of Pavia, Patrick Marier of SUNY Brockport and George Ross, Brandeis University.

The colloquium takes place from 0930 – 1645, on Friday, April 25th in Room C-6149, Pavillon Lionel-Groulx, Université de Montréal, rue Jean-Brillant.

Admission is free.

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