The European Union - Canada: Comparing Social Policy Reforms

August 17, 2001 – The Director of CPRN's Family Network wears many hats, and one of them is that of Co-Director of the Institute for European Studies in Montreal.

This fall, the Institute will hold a colloquium on the theme, "The European Union: One Market, One Social Model? / Union européenne: Marché unique, modèle social unique?"

Interconnections among social and economic policies, as well as models for governing, are very much on the agenda these days. This is as true in Quebec and Canada as in the European Union and its Member States. So, to prompt transatlantic dialogue and learning, the Institute is inviting a range of European experts and practitioners to meet in Montreal with North American colleagues to discuss these matters, so crucial to the future of both societies.

The opening roundtable will set out the broad political issues in play. To launch the debate, participants have been invited who are used to moving between both the academic and political worlds.

The next three workshops will take up the issues of economic and social intersections in three different ways.

(1) A look at the forces for convergence and divergence, as well the room for manoeuvre for diverse paths.
(2) An examination of the respective roles of state, markets and third sectors.
(3) Issues of governance and institutional design.

The languages of the colloquium are English and French, and there will be simultaneous translation of all presentations and comments.

The colloquium takes place on the 28th and 29th of September 2001 in Montreal.

For more information on programme and registration visit the conference Web site at www.iee.umontreal.ca

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