Artificial Intelligence, Democracy and Your Election

Monday February 25, 2019
Sir John A. Macdonald Building
144 Wellington Street, Ottawa

11:45 p.m. - Registration and lunch
12:15 p.m. - Panel
1:30 p.m. - Close

Primer Presentation:
Merlyna Lim, Canada Research Chair in Digital Media and Global Network Society, Carleton University

Panelists:
Kevin Chan, Global Director and Head of Public Policy Canada, Facebook
Matthew Hindman, Associate Professor of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University, author of The Myth of Digital Democracy and The Internet Trap: How the Digital Economy Builds Monopolies and Undermines Democracy.
Merlyna Lim, Canada Research Chair in Digital Media and Global Network Society, Carleton University
The Honourable Allan Rock, Commissioner, Transatlantic Commission on Electoral Integrity and President Emeritus, University of Ottawa

Moderator:
Maureen Boyd, Director, Carleton Initiative of Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement

Artificial Intelligence, democracy and election integrity: can possible good outweigh potential harm?

Consider the following:

■ Canada’s Communications Security Establishment expects multiple hacktivist groups will ‘very likely’ try to influence the 2019 federal election.
■ Bot-led political campaigns that spread misinformation flourish despite attempts at control. Top fake news outlets on Twitter during the 2016 U.S. election still operate today.
■ Deep-fake technology – swapping of faces and voices in video – is easier to make and harder to detect.

Are we ready with deterrence strategies and contingency plans to protect our election?

Carleton University’s Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement invites you to attend this special panel discussion and reception. The conversation is for parliamentarians, staffers, interested diplomats and stakeholders. It is organized with the support of:

■ Anita Vandenbeld, M.P. (Orléans), chair of the International Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and co-chair of the Democracy Caucus;
■ Stephanie Kusie, M.P. (Calgary Midnapore), Shadow Minister for Democratic Institutions; and
■ Nathan Cullen, M.P. (Skeena-Bulkley Valley), NDP Critic for Democratic Reform

Registration is required by emailing carletonrsvp@gmail.com as soon as possible and before February 15, 2019. More information on the Carleton Initiative is available at www.carleton.ca/parldiplo.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.