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POLIS Discussion Series Event

Ecological Governance Abroad and at Home: Water Management Lessons from Semi-Arid Brazil to Canada's "Wet" Coast

You are invited to the next POLIS Project Discussion Series event. Guest speakers Dr. Nathalie Gravel and Kevin Reilly will be exploring ecological governance approaches and water management initiatives in the Brazilian Northeast and B.C.'s Capital Regional District. The presentations will be followed by a moderated roundtable discussion.

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: University of Victoria

Dr. Nathalie Gravel is a geographer and a professor at Université Laval in Québec City. She will be presenting on her water governance research in the Brazilian Northeast.

In this semi-arid region, civil society and levels of government have been working together to improve water management strategies to counter water shortages, including rainwater harvesting and efforts to reduce water demand. Nathalie will explore the paths being taken by rural communities to move toward environmental governance and ecological citizenship in this region.

Kevin Reilly is the Demand Management Coordinator for B.C.'s Capital Regional District. Bringing his local perspective, Kevin will open with a discussion regarding the Sooke Reservoir, a protected watershed that is the region's primary water supply. He will speak about the water conservation and efficiency programs in place in and around Victoria, and how these relate to priority management issues across Canada, including water pricing, universal metering, and measurement.



Space is limited. RSVP to
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