THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING C.D. HOWE INSTITUTE SPECIAL POLICY CONFERENCE



Monday, November 30, 2015, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St, Ottawa, ON K1N 8S7

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:30 am	RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION
9:30 am – 9:40 am	WELCOMING REMARKS Daniel Schwanen, Vice President, Research, C.D. Howe Institute
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Session I – From Over-The-Air to Internet TV: The Future of Broadcasting
	• How do rules from the Let's Talk TV proceeding suit the modern internet television world, and how will they fit in a potential future lead by wireless television and communication and other technologies we cannot yet foresee?
	Speakers:
	 Lawson Hunter, Counsel, Stikeman Elliott LLP & Senior Fellow, C.D. Howe Institute Michael Hennessy, Former President and CEO, Canadian Media Production Association
	Moderator:
	Andrew Coyne, Political Columnist, National Post
10:40 am – 10:55 am	Break
10:55 am – 11:55 am	Session II – Canadian Content in the Future
	 How do Canada's policies of supporting made-in-Canada and local content work with current technology? Should Canadian taxpayers support content producers? What is the future of broadcasting quotas, government financial support for Canadian broadcasting, and a public broadcaster in a globally integrated world? How are policies enforced in an increasingly global market? Speakers: Richard Stursberg, Former Vice President, CBC/Radio Canada Michael MacMillan, President, Blue Ant Media Irene Berkowitz, Instructor, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University
	Moderator:
	Kate Taylor, Cultural Columnist, Globe and Mail
11:55 am – 1:30 pm	Session III – Keynote Luncheon
	 Keynote Speaker: Michael Wolff, Television Is the New Television: The Unexpected Triumph of Old Media In the Digital Age Moderator: Daniel Schwanen, Vice President, Research, C.D. Howe Institute

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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Session IV: What Does the Consumer See: Content in a Globally Integrated Sector
	 Do the current regulations provide a level playing field for delivering content to consumers? What are the tax and regulatory implications of non-Canadian internet content providers? Does a "Netflix Tax" make sense? Is one workable? How do content rights fit in the broadcasting world? What are the implications of new bundling and pricing rules for Canadian-based broadcast distributors?
	 Speakers: Carmel Smyth, National President, Canadian Media Guild Peter Miller, Media Lawyer and Consultant Elisa Kearney, Partner, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
	Moderator: Daniel Schwanen, Vice President, Research, C.D. Howe Institute
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45pm-3:45 pm	Session V: The Future of Canadian Competition and Regulatory Policy in Telecommunications and Broadcasting
	 What regulatory framework has been guiding the CRTC's approach to wholesale and retail services since its 2006 directive to focus on market forces? Has technologically-driven competition displaced the "natural monopoly" picture? Are the economic arguments for direct regulation still valid? How should capacity constraints be managed? Should the CRTC ease the burden of regulation in the sector and defer to competition law to combat anti-competitive conduct?
	 Speakers: Vicky Eatrides, Deputy Commissioner, Competition Promotion Branch, Competition Bureau Bram Abramson, Chief Legal & Regulatory Officer, TekSavvy Solutions Inc. Andy Baziliauskas, Principal, Charles River Associates
	Moderator: Grant Bishop, Fellow-in-Residence, C.D. Howe Institute
3:45 pm – 3:55 pm	Rapporteur's Remarks
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3:55 pm - 4:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS Daniel Schwanen, Vice President, Research, C.D. Howe Institute

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