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Lecture Series "Canada 150"

Invitation to the 11th lecture, by

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Managing identity: The Charter of the French Language and ethnic, national, and civic affiliation in Quebec

The Charter of the French Language is the centerpiece of language planning policy in Quebec. Enacted by the National Assembly, the provincial parliament, just over forty years ago, the law makes French the sole official language of the province and seeks to make it 'the normal and everyday language' of public life in Quebec. Although language has been a matter of political contention in Canada since the British Conquest of Quebec in 1760, this lecture will explore how the Charter reflects the particular situation that developed during the Quiet Revolution of the 1960s in which the French language came to be seen among French-speaking Quebecers as the determining feature of French Canadian ethnic identity, the predominant means of imagining and constructing an inclusive and integrative Quebec nation, and a key element in the institutional and symbolic relation between the provincial state and its citizens.

Der kanadische Botschafter, Stéphane Dion, nimmt an der Vorlesung teil und lädt anschließend zu einem Neujahrsempfang im Foyer der Aula ein.

