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*École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP).*

**Post-Chaoulli Healthcare Privatization in Canada:  
Lessons from Québec.**

**Monday, 15 February, 2010**  
**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Purvis Hall, 1020 Pine Ave. West, Room 25**

***ALL ARE WELCOME***  
***- Refreshments to follow -***



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**Abstract:**

The 2005 Chaoulli narrow majority ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada epitomizes the high mark of conservative judiciary activism in an age of Charter rights. Few people had paid attention to the prohibition of duplicative private insurance enacted by provincial governments covering 90% of the Canadian population before the Supreme Court of Canada concluded that the Quebec prohibition infringes the right to personal inviolability protected by the Charter.

The talk will address responses to this decision from the Quebec government and other structural changes occurring within Quebec and other provinces which may be paving the road to increased privatization of public healthcare programs in Quebec and across Canada.

**Bio:**

Marie-Claude Prémont is Law professor at École nationale d'administration publique in Montréal, (National Public Administration School) since 2007, after 12 years at the Faculty of Law of McGill University where she held the position of Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

She is a member of the Quebec Bar as well as a member of the Professional Engineers Corporation of Quebec. She teaches and does research in the field of Health Law and Municipal Governance. She has been closely following the impact on Quebec public policy in health of the Chaoulli 2005 Supreme Court decision concerning private health insurance and delivery.



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The Seminar Series - Winter 2010 will take place from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on Mondays in Room 25 of Purvis Hall. The invited speakers are:

***February***

**22 February 2010**

**No Seminar – Study Break**

***March***

**1 March 2010**

Ann Macaulay, Director, Participatory Research at McGill.

Topic: *Theory and Practice: participatory research and knowledge translation.*

**8 March 2010**

International Women's Day Health panel

Participants: Lydya Assayag, Réseau québécois d'action pour la santé des femmes; Sadeqa Siddiqui, South Asian Women's Community Centre; Angela Campbell, McGill Faculty of Law.

**15 March 2010**

Philippe Couillard, Senior fellow in health law, Faculties of Law and Medicine, McGill University.

Topic: *TBA.*

**22 March 2010**

Anne-Marie Audet, Vice President, Quality Improvement and Efficiency, The Commonwealth Fund.

Topic: *Getting it Together: How Can Healthcare Systems Achieve Coordination and Integratio..*

**29 March 2010**

Sergio Sismondo, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Queen's University.

Topic: *Pushing Knowledge in the Drug Industry*

***April***

**5 April 2010**

**No Seminar – Easter Monday**

**12 April 2010**

Maurice McGregor, Prof Emeritus of Medicine at McGill University.

Topic: *Paying for Technology. The cost of ignoring opportunity costs. There is no free lunch.*