# DEMOCRACY XCHANGE

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3

### 7:15PM - 8:15PM

**KEYNOTE:**
**MUSA AL-GHARBI - POLARIZATION AND PERCEPTION:**
**RETHINKING DIVISION IN MODERN SOCIETY**

**Musa al-Gharbi**, Sociologist, Author and Assistant Professor at Stony Brook University
**Nam Kiwanuka**, Journalist

## FRIDAY, APRIL 4

### 8:45AM - 9:10AM

**CO-FOUNDERS WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS BY TORONTO MAYOR OLIVIA CHOW**

### 9:10AM - 10:00AM

**PLENARY:  RECLAIMING PUBLIC SERVICE:**
**A CALL TO ACTION**

**Taki Sarantakis**, President, Canada School of Public Service
**John Elvidge**, City Clerk, City of Toronto
**Hillary Hartley**, Former CEO, United States Digital Response
**Moderator: Martin Regg Cohn**, Toronto Star Political Columnist

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

### 9:00AM - 9:45AM

**IN CONVERSATION WITH TIMOTHY SNYDER "ON FREEDOM" AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY**

**Timothy Snyder**, Chair in Modern European History, supported by the Temerty Endowment for Ukrainian Studies, at the University of Toronto, and Richard C. Levin Professor of History at Yale University
**Carol Off**, Journalist and Author

### 9:55AM - 10:50AM

**PANEL A: Elections and How Polling Can Bridge Divides**

**Shachi Kurl**, President, Angus Reid Institute
**Andrew Parkin**, Executive Director, Environics Institute for Survey Research
**Madalina Botan**, European Digital Media Observatory/ Associate Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
**Moderator: Lara Honrado**, Columbia University SIPA

### 11:00AM - 11:55AM

**PANEL A: Who's Steering the Machine? AI, Democracy and the Public Good**

**Seher Shafiq**, Global Engagement Manager, Mozilla Foundation
**Neil Desai**, Chair, Solace Power and ClearRisk
**Hillary Hartley**, Former CEO, United States Digital Response
**Laura Gabor**, Co-founder, Ecologicca & Founder, What in the Tech
**Moderator: Vass Bednar**, Executive Director, MPP in Digital Society at McMaster University

### 2:50PM - 3:45PM

**PLENARY: NEW IDEAS FOR A DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY**

**Matthew Mendelsohn**, CEO, Social Capital Partners
**Dan Debow**, Build Canada
**Claire Trottier**, Chair of Patriotic Millionaires Canada
**Moderator: Murad Hemmadi**, Reporter, The Logic

### 3:50PM - 4:50PM

**PANEL A: The Future of the CBC: Public Broadcasting in a Polarized Era**

**Marla Boltman**, Executive Director, Friends of Canadian Media
**Harrison Lowman**, Managing Editor, The Hub
**Tara Henley**, Journalist and Author
**Jessica Johnson**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy at McGill University
**Moderator: Jennifer Hollett**, Executive Director, The Walrus

### 5:00PM - 6:00PM

**KEYNOTE: SING FOR DEMOCRACY: CHOiR! CHOiR! CHOiR!**

### 6:00PM - 6:15PM

**CLOSING REMARKS: FOUNDERS ADDRESS**

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