The right to vote is the linchpin of a successful democracy. An efficient and reliable voter registration system is the foundation upon which the electoral process rests. The goal is to register everyone who is eligible – and to prevent the registration of anyone who is not. Please join our panel of international experts as they engage in a comparative discussion of the Canadian and U. S. systems of voter registration – to put it succinctly, a national registry database in Canada versus self-initiated registration in the United States. We will also touch upon the related issue of voter ID: is it necessary or advisable? What is its purpose – and what kinds of documents would serve that purpose? Do ID requirements disenfranchise particular segments of the population? We look forward to a lively discussion, as well as audience participation.

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