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Drift and Austerity? Federal Social Policy in Conservative Times By Daniel Béland



Last spring, the Conservatives finally secured a majority while the NDP formed the Official Opposition in Ottawa. In this context of conservative domination and exacerbated left-right polarization, what can we say about the short and long-term future of federal social policy in a context of acute economic uncertainty and rapid demographic change?

Drawing on international and comparative scholarship about welfare state politics, the presentation will shed new light of the politics of drift and austerity at the beginning of the 21st century.

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