

Board Past Chair biography



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Guy Laforest is the Director General of l'École nationale d'administration public (ENAP) and a full professor in the Department of Political Science at Université Laval, where he has been teaching since 1988. He attended university in Canada, at the University of Ottawa, Laval, McGill (where he obtained his doctorate in 1986) and at the University of Calgary. His main areas of teaching and research are modern political theory, intellectual history, Canadian constitutional politics, and the theories of federalism and nationalism. He has written a few hundred scientific publications and papers, and is currently working on various projects related to the reinterpretation of Canadian federalism. He also contributed to the dissemination of the work by philosopher Charles Taylor in France (Guy Laforest and Philippe de Lara, *Charles Taylor et l'interprétation de l'identité moderne*, Paris: Editions du Cerf, 1998). In September 2014, his book entitled *Un Québec exilé dans la fédération: essai d'histoire intellectuelle et de pensée politique*, was published by Québec-Amérique. This book has also been published in English, under the title *Interpreting Quebec's Exile within the Federation: Selected Political Essays*, Brussels, Peter Lang, 2015.

Outside of Canada, he has taught at Colorado College in the United States, at the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, at the Centre for political and constitutional studies in Madrid, and in summer schools at the University of Graz in Austria. He teaches in French, English, Spanish and Catalan, and he reads in German. In 2014, he was elected to the Royal Society of Canada, and in 2013 was invested as a Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade de l'Association des parlementaires de la francophonie, at the National Assembly of Quebec.

From 2011 to 2015, he was vice-president (administration and finance) of the Association internationale des études québécoises. He was chair of the scientific committee for the ACFAS Congress at Université Laval in 2013, and was in charge of social sciences for the ACFAS Congress at the same institution in 1998. In 2001, he was chair of the scientific committee for the congress organized by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, on campus at Université Laval. In research, he is co-director of an area of research for a strategic group, the Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité et la démocratie au Québec (CRIDAQ). He is also a member of the Groupe de recherche sur les sociétés plurinationales (GRSP).

He is married to Andrée Lapointe and is the father of three children (Isabelle, Vincent and Raphaël). He plays tennis and likes to go hiking all across America and Europe.