

PANEL: Envisioning the/another university as responsive to the times: What might be possible and how might it come into being?

Universities want “to be funded and to be left alone”
-John Dennison, (late) scholar of Canadian higher education

The uses of the university, by Clark Kerr (1966), former Chancellor of UC Berkeley, reinvigorated a rich literature on the nature, purpose, and roles of the university (e.g., Newfield, 2016). Canadians, too, are concerned with the place of this key institution of our social architecture (e.g. Fallis, 2007). Do Dennison’s words ring true or perpetuate an unproductive trope. Recently, the Presidents of McGill University and Université de Montréal, Suzanne Fortier and Daniel Jutras, urged “Let’s use universities to restart Montreal” (Montreal Gazette and La Presse 30 October 2020). They signal a readiness to marshal their institutions to confront change, adapt, and serve the public good. But how do we light the path forward? Leaders, researchers and citizens are asking: whose university? Serving whom? Indeed, by whom and to what ends?

Join us for an expert panel discussion to envision the university of the future

Panelists:

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Date and time

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