

Preventing Genetic Discrimination: an evolving legal landscape

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Location: McIntyre Medical
Building, Room 521

Keynote Speaker:
**the Honorable Senator
James Cowan,**
the sponsor of Bill S-201

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There is significant public concern over genetic discrimination, which in turn affects participation rates in genomic research and the use of clinical genetics services. In response, many countries have adopted laws and policies to address this issue, such as the United States Genetic Nondiscrimination Act (GINA). The Canadian government recently adopted Bill S-201 *"An act to prohibit and prevent genetic discrimination"*, after a long legislative process. Once entered into force, Bill-201 will be the first Canadian law specifically prohibiting genetic discrimination and the use of genetic test results to conclude contracts of goods and services. This seminar provides an overview of Bill S-201 and situates the changing Canadian landscape within the broader international normative context on genetic discrimination.

Presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion. The seminar will be chaired by Professor Bartha Maria Knoppers, Director of the Centre of Genomics and Policy.