

# Conference Examining Canada's Role in Haiti

The Ottawa Initiative on Haiti 2009

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A one-day conference taking stock of Canada's role in Haiti since 2004

Saturday, February 28th

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

University of Ottawa

ALUMNI THEATRE

85 University (Jock-Turcot Building)

- What role can the Haitian Diaspora play in rebuilding Haiti?
- What Happened in February 2004, when Haiti's elected president and parliament were all removed from office?
- What have been the impacts of the 2004 coup?
- What role has Canada played in Haiti since then?
- What might be US President Obama's "Brother's New Deal" for Haiti?

Designed in the spirit of dialogue for healing and reconstruction, OIH 2009 is a bold Haitian-led initiative; a space to engage in inspiring, fruitful and real inter-generational debate on some of the most pressing questions facing the future of Haiti today.

Featured Speakers:

- Camille Chalmers, Haiti-based Economist, PAPDA
- Michel Chossudovsky, Director, Centre for Research on Globalization, and Professor of Economics
- Edwidge Danticat, U.S.-based Haitian Author, "Krik? Krak!" and "Brother, I'm Dying"
- Carlo Dade, Executive Director, Canadian Foundation of the Americas
- Raymond Dubuisson, Ottawa-based Haitian Statistician & Radio Host, CHORHA
- Patrick Elie, Haiti-based Political Analyst, Former Haitian Secretary of State for National Defense
- Jude Jean-François, Ottawa-based Social Worker and Radio Host, Member of AKASAN

- Marcus Garcia, Haiti-based Veteran Journalist with Haiti en Marche and Mélodie FM
- Peter Hallward, U.K.-based Author, "Damming the Flood: Haiti, Aristide and the Politics of Containment"
- Michael Keefer, Associate Professor, University of Guelph
- Marguerite Laurent, U.S.-based Haitian Writer, Lawyer & Performance Poet
- Stu Neatby, Ottawa-based Labour Organizer & Member, Canada Haiti Action Network
- Kesner Pharel, Haiti-based Economist
- Jean Erich René, Ottawa-based Haitian Agronomist
- Jean Saint-Vil, Ottawa-based Haitian Writer & Member, AKASAN and the Canada Haiti Action Network

A prepared lunch will be available for purchase at this free event.

Presented by: AKASAN, Ottawa Haitian Students Club, Ottawa Haiti Solidarity Committee, SFUO Ottawa

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