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Public Lecture by

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"Shooting the Messenger: Canada's Mania for Secrecy"

Abstract:

Whistleblowers are once again getting a lot of attention in much of the world, thanks to Edward Snowden, Julian Assange and now the movie *Kill the Messenger*. Canada has quite a few heroic whistleblowers of its own — enough to sustain FAIR, an organization that offers news about them and support to them. The government even created an office to investigate leaked accusations from civil servants. But its first Commissioner resigned after three years, having found no evidence of wrongdoing in the seven cases she actually chose to investigate out of the 228 complaints she received. Her position is again vacant. Relatively few Canadians even know the names of people who risked their careers to speak out about illegal or immoral behavior in their workplaces. This lecture examines Canada's resistance to snitches, no matter what their motives.