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Media advisory: The legacy of Claude Ryan

A McGill University & Newman Centre symposium

Former Canadian Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney** and former Quebec premier **Jean Charest** will be among the distinguished participants in a symposium that will explore diverse aspects of Claude Ryan's life, including his role as a public intellectual, journalist, politician, and Catholic. The symposium, *The legacy of Claude Ryan*, organized by McGill University and McGill's Newman Centre, in collaboration with L'Idée fédérale, will take place on **Thursday and Friday, February 13-14, 2014**, respectively at the **Newman Centre** and the **Sofitel Hotel**. 2014 marks the tenth anniversary of Claude Ryan's death.

Among the 20 speakers will be:

Bernard Descôteaux: Director of *Le Devoir*, Mr. Descôteaux joined the paper in 1974 when Claude Ryan was himself the paper's director.

Gisèle Gallichan: Journalist Gisèle Gallichan worked as a political correspondent at the Quebec National Assembly for nearly 30 years, for various media outlets.

Michael Gauvreau: An award-winning historian from McMaster University, currently at work on a two-volume biography of Claude Ryan, Mr. Gauvreau will deliver a keynote lecture: '*A parallel government of the spirit: Claude Ryan and Liberalism's fate, 1925-1971*'

Guy Lachapelle : Professor of Political Science at Concordia University and author of *Claude Ryan et la violence du pouvoir – Le Devoir et la Crise d'octobre 1970 ou le combat de journalistes démocrates*.

Ann Leahy: Former Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican.

Solange Lefebvre: Chair in Religion, Culture, and Society at the Université de Montréal, Prof. Lefebvre has written on issues such as reasonable accommodation, religious diversity, and religion in the public sphere.

Thomas Mulcair, MP: Leader of the Official Opposition and leader of the New Democratic Party, Mr. Mulcair was both a colleague and friend of Claude Ryan.

André Pratte: Chief editorial writer at *La Presse* where he has been since 1986.

WHAT: The Legacy of Claude Ryan – A symposium

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursday, February 13, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, **Newman Centre of McGill University**, 3484 Peel St., Montreal ([map here](#))

Friday, February 14, 9 am – 12:00 pm, **Sofitel Hotel**, 1155 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal ([map here](#))

Most of the event will be held in French.

For detailed information about the program and registration, please visit: <http://www.clauderyan.ca>

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