

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



Research Conference on Whistleblowing in Canada: «Collaborating to Explore the Evolving Landscape of Whistleblowing»

Date: May 27 -May 28, 2026

**Place: ESG University of Quebec at Montreal
405 St. Catherine E., Montreal, QC. H2C2C4**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

During these chaotic times, speaking up is more important than ever. Join the conversation as Academics and Whistleblowers discuss the issues in this critical area supporting successful organizations, democratic governance and accountability.

Register at:

<https://sites.grenadine.uqam.ca/sites/esg/en/cwrn2026/home>

Day 1 – May 27, 2026
Student Leadership, Emerging Knowledge, and Field Experiences

	Activity	Speakers
8:30-9:00h	Registration	
9:00-12:00	Student Workshop Facilitators: Wim, Nadia, Amélie, Pamela	
9:00-10:00	Student Presentations	Joy Cramer, Elliott Cobbaut, Alain Messi, Nicholle Kovach, Caroline Dufour, Lisa McLeod, Audrey De Rancourt, Hanna Ouellette, Sofiya Maksymova
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15-12:00	Workshop on student research and challenges	Participatory thematic discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch and networking	
13:15-14:30	Roundtable: Canadian whistleblowers' experiences	Kelly Donovan (law enforcement) Julian Branch (journalism) Jo-Ann Fenessy (consulting)
14:30-15:15	45 years of whistleblower support and advocacy: emerging priorities and challenges	Tom Devine (Government Accountability Project)
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-17:00	Keynote	Wim Vandekerckhove (EDHEC Business School)
17:00-17:30	Organizers' closing remarks	
17:30-19:00	Networking Cocktail Reception	

Day 2 – May 28, 2026
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Interconnection of Knowledge

	Session / Theme	Speakers
8:00-9:00	Registration	
9:00-10:15	Understanding Acts of Whistleblowing	Ian Foxley, Maria Gonzales, Taymi Milan and Kate Kenny (online) Moderators: Amélie Perron, Caroline Dufour
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30-12:00	The Challenges of Whistleblowing	Zachary Huxley, Leslie Berger, Meghan Van Portfliet, Amélie Perron Moderators: Nadia Smaili, Paulina Arroyo
12:00-13:00	Lunch and networking	
13:00-14:00	Retaliation Against Whistleblowers	Jacqueline Garrick, Pamela Forward, Jennifer Fraser Moderators: Amélie Perron, Nadia Smaili
14:00-14:15	Coffee Break	
14:15-15:30	Whistleblower Protection in Canada	Carroll Boydell, Jeanne Simard, Ian Bron, Patrica Akiobe Moderators: Audrey de Rancourt, Pamela Forward
15:00-15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45-17:00	The Whistleblowing Ecosystem	Caroline Hunt, Assif Rayyan, Donna Smith et Joshua Bergman Moderators: Paulina Arroyo, Alain Messi
17:00-17:30	Closing Remarks	

Jour 1 – 27 mai 2026
Relève étudiante, savoirs émergents et expériences de terrain

	Activité	Intervenant·e·s
8h30-9h	Accueil et inscription	
9h-12h	Atelier étudiant Facilitateurs : Wim, Nadia, Amélie, Pamela	
9h-10h	Présentations de la relève étudiante	Joy Cramer, Elliott Cobbaut, Alain Messi, Nicholle Kovach, Caroline Dufour, Lisa McLeod, Audrey De Rancourt, Hanna Ouellette, Sofiya Maksymova
10h-10h15	Pause-café	
10h15-12h	Atelier sur la recherche et les défis étudiants	Discussion thématique participative
12h-13h	Diner et réseautage	
13h15-14h30	Table ronde : expériences de lanceurs d’alerte au Canada	Kelly Donovan (police) Julian Branch (journalisme) Jo-Ann Fenessy (consultation) <i>Modératrice:</i> Amélie Perron
14h30-15h15	45 ans de soutien aux lanceurs d’alerte et d’advocacy: priorités et défis émergents	Tom Devine (Government Accountability Project)
15h15-15h30	Pause-café	
15h30-17h	Conférence plénière	Wim Vandekerckhove (EDHEC Business School)
17h-17h30	Mot des organisatrices	
17h30-19h	Cocktail de réseautage	

Jour 2 – 28 mai 2026
Perspectives interdisciplinaires et interconnexion des savoirs

	Session / Thème	Intervenant·e·s
8h-9h	Accueil et inscription	
9h-10h15	Comprendre l'acte de lancement d'alerte	Ian Foxley, Maria Gonzales, Taymi Milan and Kate Kenny (en ligne) Modératrices: Amélie Perron et Caroline Dufour
10h15-10h30	Pause-café	
10h30-12h	Défis du lancement d'alerte éthique	Zachary Huxley, Leslie Berger, Meghan Van Portfliet, Amélie Perron Modératrices: Nadia Smaili et Paulina Arroyo
12h-13h	Diner et réseautage	
13h-14h	Représailles	Jacqueline Garrick, Pamela Forward, Jennifer Fraser Modératrices : Amélie Perron et Nadia Smaili
14h-14h15	Pause-café	
14h15-15h30	Protection des lanceurs d'alerte au Canada	Carroll Boydell, Jeanne Simard, Ian Bron, Patrica Akiobe Modératrices : Audrey de Rancourt et Pamela Forward
15h-15h45	Pause-café	
15h45-17h	Écosystème du lancement d'alerte	Caroline Hunt, Assif Rayyan, Donna Smith, Joshua Bergman Modératrice : Paulina Arroyo et Alain Messi
17h-17h30	Allocution de clôture	