Academics without Borders Canada: Building the Capacity of Universities in the South

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Presenters

Gilles Breton – Graduate School of Public and International Affairs – Globalization of Post-secondary Education. After completing a PhD in Economic Sociology from École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris (1981), Gilles Breton was hired in 1982 by the Department of Political Science at Université Laval. He has been interested in globalization for almost three decades. His recent publications focus on internationalization strategies for the university environment and analyze the main issues universities are now facing in the context of increasing globalization and the development of a knowledge-based society.

Steven Davis – Executive Director, Academics without Borders Canada - Steven Davis is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Simon Fraser University and Carleton University and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at McGill University and the Université du Montréal. Dr. Davis was the founder of AWBC and founder and director, from 2002 to 2007, of the Centre on Values and Ethics at Carleton University and one of the founders of the Cognitive Science Programme at Simon Fraser University. He was also the president of the Canadian Philosophical Association and Anglophone editor of its journal, Dialogue. He has edited several collections of essays and published a book and articles in various areas of philosophy.

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