

## GUEST SPEAKER – FIPA AGM

### "Brokering Access: Power, Politics, and Freedom of Information Process in Canada"

Wednesday April 18, 2012

YWCA Hotel, 733 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

AGM begins at 7:30 pm, speaker at 8:30 pm

*People are welcome to attend the full meeting or the speaker only*

September 2012 will see the release of the book *Brokering Access: Power, Politics, and Freedom of Information Process in Canada*, edited by Mike Larsen and Kevin Walby (UBC Press).

This volume explores the laws and practices that comprise the Canadian access to information regime. It also investigates the ways in which the same laws and practices act to maintain and legitimize secrecy, and the ways in which they are subverted and circumvented in the interests of information control.

A key argument that appears throughout this volume is that access regimes emerge as sites of contestation between the public pursuit of transparency and cultures of secrecy in government.

Drawing on themes that emerge in the volume, Mike Larsen will speak about the idea of "brokering access" and the use of systematic ATI / FOI requests as a method of investigation in the social sciences, with an emphasis on research on policing and security practices.

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**NOTE: FIPA's Annual General Meeting is open to the public, but seating is limited and members will receive preferred seating.**

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### Speaker: Mike Larsen



**MIKE LARSEN** is an Instructor in the Dept. of Criminology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and Co-Managing Editor of the Journal of Prisoners on Prisons ([www.jpp.org](http://www.jpp.org))

Mike's current research deals with Canadian national security practices, particularly as they involve the deprivation of liberty and government secrecy, public accountability, and the right to know.

His current work focuses on the Canadian security certificate regime, with an emphasis on practices of detention and surveillance, and makes extensive use of access to information requests.

Mike is Co-Editor (along with Kevin Walby) of the edited volume *Brokering Access: Power, Politics, and Freedom of Information Process in Canada*, forthcoming from UBC Press.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association (FIPA) will hold its Annual General Meeting and election of Directors on

**Wednesday April 18, 2012 at 7:30 pm**  
**YWCA Hotel, 733 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC**  
**(Between Robson and Georgia Streets)**

**Guest Speaker: Mike Larsen, Instructor, Criminology,  
Kwantlen Polytechnic University (See reverse for details)**

*Doors will open at 7:00 pm for registration and membership renewal.  
Speaker begins approximately at 8:30*

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