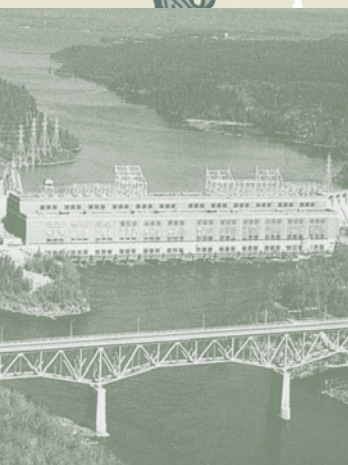


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Jeudi le 6 avril 2006 à 12h,
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Une conférence de **David Massell**,
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Quebec Hydro Before Hydro-Québec:

the Saguenay Concessions, 1890s-1940s

Three enormous storage reservoirs control the flow of the Saguenay River for power production and industrial manufacture: lacs St-Jean (1920s), Manouan and Passe Dangereuse (1940s). How did these reservoirs come to be?

Dr. Massell's talk explores the process by which the Government of Quebec conceded rights to private, American interests to physically reshape the Saguenay basin for large-scale industrial use, decisions which held

profound consequences for local agriculture, regional industry, and the boreal environment.

Considered together, the Saguenay concessions offer a vivid look into the nature of hydro management and regulation in the decades leading to the formation of Hydro-Quebec in 1944. The subject also speaks to the northward creep of the industrial/hydro frontier, and to Canadian-American economic relations.

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