

The  
Strategic  
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of the American  
**PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION**

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## The Strategic Implications of *the American* **Presidential Election**

With the upcoming U.S. elections and the possible implications of a change in leadership, a reflection on Canada's strategic stakes is in order. The colloquium seeks to analyze the strategic implications of the upcoming U.S. presidential elections on the landscape of international relations, with a focus on Canada's position and strategies. At a time of significant political change in the U.S., we will explore how the election results could reshape global alliances, foreign policies, and international security frameworks by exploring different possible scenarios.

Panels will address the challenges of institutional distrust, the rise of misinformation and the repercussions of a potential American withdrawal from international structures, with the aim of analyzing the consequences for the international community and the role of countries like Canada in this new paradigm. Finally, in a context where the evolution of U.S. policy could lead to a significant shift in global leadership, the last panel will explore the actions to be considered to counter the absence of the U.S., highlighting the need for international cooperation and diplomacy to ensure global stability and security.

**May 30, 2024**

Camille Villeneuve - DMS 4101

**9:00**

9:15

### Opening Remarks

Stéphanie von Hlatky, *Associate Dean for Research and Full Professor, Queen's University*

**9:15**

10:15

### Keynote Speaker

Larisa Galadza, *Former Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine*

#### *Moderator*

Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé, *Co-Director and Full Professor, Bishop's University*

**10:15**

10:30

### Health Break

**10:30**

12:00

#### **Round Table**

### The Changing Political and Strategic Environment

As the next U.S. election approaches, this round table brings together the directors of various Canadian research networks to engage in an in-depth reflection on the strategic issues that Canada must prepare for. In this context, it is crucial that Canada anticipates these changes to preserve its interests and principles.

#### *Moderator*

Daniel Jean, *Member of the Strategic Council*

#### *Speakers*

- Marie-Joëlle Zahar, *Director of the Peace Operations Research Network and Full Professor, Université de Montréal*
- Stephen M. Saideman, *Director of the Canadian Defence and Security Network and Full Professor, Carleton University*
- Charlotte Duval-Lantoine, *Chief Operating Officer Canadian Global Affairs Institute*
- Guy Thibault, *Chairman of the Board, Conference of Defence Associations Institute*

**12:00**

13:00

### Lunch

13:00

14:30

**Panel 1**

**Towards Democratic Resilience: The Post-Truth Era**

The contemporary political landscape is marked by growing public distrust in the legitimacy of knowledge and public institutions, shaped by hybrid media, disinformation and contestation. In this context, the panel aims to highlight the challenges faced by countries like Canada, and to engage in a reflection in the search for innovative solutions to address these challenges and build resilience in the face of these political and social dynamics.

*Moderator*

Artur Wilczynski, *Member of the Strategic Council*

*Speakers*

- Alexandre Sirois, *Journalist, La Presse*
- Jean-Christophe Boucher, *Associate Professor, University of Calgary*
- David Morin, *Professor, Université de Sherbrooke*
- Michelle Tessier, *Former Deputy Director of Operations, Canadian Security Intelligence Service*
- Marc Doucet, *Professor, St. Mary's University*

14:30

14:45

**Health Break**

14:45

16:15

**Panel 2**

**The Weakening of International Institutions**

With the upcoming US presidential elections, we can anticipate a potential shift in the international order, more specifically in relation to the United States' disengagement from international institutions. This panel aims to explore the implications of this paradigm shift for the international community as a whole, as well as how Canada can contribute.

*Moderator*

Alexander Lanoszka, *Associate Professor, University of Waterloo*

*Speakers*

- Arthur Boutellis, *Professor, Columbia University*
- Heidi Hardt, *Associate Professor, University of California, Irvine*
- Natascha Hryckow, *Former Coordinator of the UN Group of Experts on Somalia*

16:15

16:30

**Closing Remarks & Thanks**

Justin Massie, *Co-Director and Full Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal*

17:00

18:30

**Networking cocktail at the Novotel Hotel**

# biographies



## Jean-Christophe Boucher

Associate Professor, University of Calgary

Jean-Christophe Boucher is an Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy and the Department of Political Science at the University of Calgary. His current work focuses on applied machine learning to understand how the digital world shapes society. He is a Fulbright Scholar and is currently responsible for projects funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to understand civil-military relations in Canada; Heritage Canada to study Chinese information manipulation. He holds a BA in History from the University of Ottawa, an MA in Philosophy from the Université de Montréal and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Université Laval. He specializes in international relations, emphasizing foreign policy, international security, and data analytics.



## Arthur Boutellis

Professor, Columbia University

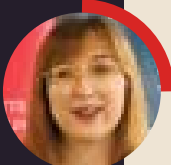
Arthur Boutellis is a Non-resident Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute, where he was Director of the Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations, and teaches a graduate-level seminar at Columbia University. Arthur has worked with the UN missions in Burundi (BINUB), Chad and the Central African Republic (MINURCAT), Haiti (MINUSTAH), and Mali (MINUSMA) where he supported the 2014-15 Mali peace negotiations as part of the UN Mediation Team. He holds a master's degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and is a graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques. He is auditeur of the 72nd national "Defence Policy" session of the Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale (IHEDN).



## Marc Doucet

Professor, St. Mary's University

Marc Doucet is Chair of Political Science and Professor in the Political Science Department at Saint Mary's University. His areas of research have included international relations theory, radical democracy, and the alter-globalization movement. His current research draws from recent literature on biopower and sovereign power in order to examine contemporary forms of international intervention. He is the author of *Reforming 21st Century Peacekeeping Operations: Governmentalities of Security, Protection, and Police* (London: Routledge, 2018) and the co-editor with Miguel de Larrinaga of *Security and Global Governmentality: Globalization, Governance and the State* (London: Routledge, 2010). He has published articles in *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*; *Security Dialogue*; *Theory & Event: Contemporary Political Theory*; *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, and *Global Society: Journal of Interdisciplinary International Relations*.



## Charlotte Duval-Lantoine

Chief Operating Officer Canadian Global Affairs Institute (CGAI)

Charlotte Duval-Lantoine is Chief Operating Officer of Ottawa and Research Associate at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, as well as Executive Director and Gender Advisor for Triple Helix. She is the author of *The Ones We Let Down: Toxic Leadership Culture and Gender Integration in the Canadian Forces, 1989-1999* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2022), a book that examines gender integration and toxic leadership in the Canadian armed forces during the 1990s. The book was named one of the 100 best books of 2022 by The Hill Times. Her research interests include military leadership, cultural change and the politics of military personnel management, topics on which she comments in the media. For her work, Charlotte has been recognized as one of the Emerging Leaders of 2022 by Women in Defence and Security (WiDS). Charlotte regularly participates in consultations organized by the Department of National Defence, and has given presentations to cadet officers at RMC and West Point, and to students in the National Security Program at the Canadian Forces College and the Australian War College. She is currently working on civil-military relations, the Somalia affair and organizational change in the Canadian Armed Forces.





## Larisa Galadza

Former Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine

Larisa Galadza is a senior executive at Global Affairs Canada where she is currently heading the newly created Canada-United States Engagement Taskforce. She has nearly three decades of experience in the defence and security domain, most recently as Canada's Ambassador to Ukraine. From November 2019 to August 2023, she played a key role in determining the shape of Canada's assistance to Ukraine both before and after Russia's full-scale invasion. Previous to that, Larisa was the Director General of the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program where she designed and implemented key pillars of the Government's feminist foreign policy. Earlier in her career, she worked on complex national security and immigration policy questions and developed expertise in decision making and decision support.



## Heidi Hardt

Associate Professor, University of California, Irvine

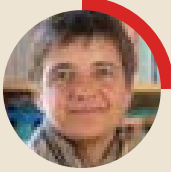
Heidi Hardt is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine. Her research focuses on effectiveness, change and knowledge in international organizations, with an emphasis on conflict management. Her fields of expertise include NATO, international cooperation, the European Union, the United Nations, military operations and gender studies. She is the author of *NATO's Lessons in Crisis: Institutional Memory in International Organization* (Oxford University Press, 2018) and *Time to React: The Efficiency of International Organizations in Crisis Response* (Oxford University Press, 2014). Her research has appeared in *Journal of Politics*, *Global Governance*, *Review of International Organizations*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *the Journal of Global Security Studies*, *European Security* and *African Security*. She has received grants from the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, the American Political Science Association and NATO Science for Peace and Security.



## Stéfanie von Hlatky

Associate Dean for Research and Full Professor, Queen's University

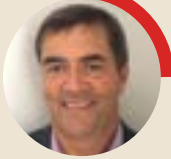
Stéfanie von Hlatky is the Canada Research Chair in Gender, Security, and the Armed Forces, Full Professor of Political Studies at Queen's University, and Associate Dean (research) in the Faculty of Arts and Science. She's held positions at Georgetown University, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Dartmouth College, ETH Zurich and was a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Southern California's Centre for Public Diplomacy. She has published in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *the Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *the Journal of Strategic Studies*, *International Politics*, *the Journal of Global Security Studies*, *International Journal*, *European Security*, *Asian Security*, as well as the *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* and has two books with Oxford University Press: *American Allies in Times of War: The Great Asymmetry* (2013) and *Deploying Feminism: The Role of Gender in NATO Military Operations* (2022). She has also published four edited volumes, including *The Future of US Extended Deterrence* (co-edited with Andreas Wenger) with Georgetown University Press (2015) and *Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism: Assessing Domestic and International Strategies* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2020).



## Natascha Hryckow

Former Coordinator of the UN Group of Experts on Somalia

Ms. Hryckow is an experienced leader of multilateral work with a particular interest in conflict and post conflict environments. Senior roles include Special Advisor to the Chairman Lomé Peace and Security Forum, Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on Somalia, Regional Conflict Advisor for the World Health Organisation with a particular focus on Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, Political Director and Head of country for Somalia and Kenya for the European Maritime Capacity Building mission EUCAP Nestor (2012/13), and Political Director and Deputy for the Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (2010/11). Her board experience includes serving as the Inaugural Chair of the Conflict Analysis Network (CAN), as the treasurer for the International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) and serving as a non-executive director with RedR Australia. Ms. Hryckow is a Geneva Centre for Security Policy Global Fellow and was awarded a Rotary Peace-Building Fellowship to attend Chulalongkorn University (Thailand).



## Daniel Jean

Member of the Strategic Council

Daniel Jean was Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada on Intelligence and National Security (2016-2018). Previously, he served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013-2016) and Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage (2010-2013). He received a Public Service Award of Excellence and a Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers Award for his efforts following the coup d'état that deposed Haiti's first democratically elected government in 1991. He is a professional in residence at the University of Ottawa's School of Public and International Affairs, an emeritus member of the Canada School of Public Service, an associate member of the *Observatoire des conflits multidimensionnels* of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair at UQAM, and a member of the RAS/NSA Strategic Council.



## Alexander Lanoszka

Associate Professor, University of Waterloo

Alexander Lanoszka is an associate professor of International Relations at the University of Waterloo. His research focuses on military alliances and European security. He has published articles in *International Security*, *International Affairs*, *Security Studies* and the *Journal of Strategic Studies*. He is also the author of *Atomic Assurance: The Alliance Politics of Nuclear Proliferation* (Cornell, 2018) and *Military Alliances in the Twenty-first Century* (Polity, 2022). He received his PhD from Princeton University and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Dartmouth College. Prior to joining the Department of Political Science at Waterloo, he was at City, University of London. He has served as a consultant for Global Affairs Canada, the U.S. Department of Defense, and other organizations involved in defence policies.



## Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brulé

Co-Director and Full Professor, Bishop's University

Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brulé is a full professor at Bishop's University and a non-resident Fellow at the International Peace Institute, New York. She is Deputy Director of the Centre FrancoPaix. In 2018-2019, she held the Canada Fulbright Research Chair for Peace and War Studies. In 2021, she received the 3M National Award for Teaching Excellence. She is an associate member of the Centre d'études pour la paix et la sécurité internationale and of the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal (CERIUM). Her research interests include intelligence in peace operations, peace operations and intra-state conflicts. Her most recent publications include "Competing for Trust: Challenges in UN Peacekeeping-Intelligence". Author of the first UN guidelines on gender and intelligence in peacekeeping, she is also co-author of the first UN manual for Joint Mission Analysis Centres (United Nations, 2018). She has recently conducted research fields at MINUSCA (Central African Republic), MINUSMA (Mali), MONUSCO (Democratic Republic of Congo), and UNMISS (South Sudan). She is co-host of the podcast "Conseils de sécurité", a CDSN-RCDS and RAS-NSA co-production.

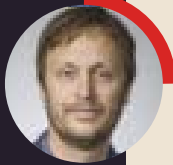


## Justin Massie

Co-Director and Full Professor, UQAM

Justin Massie is Full Professor of political science at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Co-director of the Network for Strategic Analysis, and Co-director of Le Rubicon. He was the 2019 Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Canada-U.S. Relations at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. His research focuses on the global power transition, multinational military coalitions, and Canadian foreign and defence policy. His work has been published in several journals, including *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Comparative Strategy*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *International Journal* (winner of the best article published in 2017), *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (winner of the best article published in 2008) and *Études internationales* (winner of the best article published in 2011). He is the author of *Franco-sphère : l'importance de la France dans la culture stratégique du Canada* (PUQ, 2013), and co-editor of *Paradiplomatie identitaire : Nations minoritaires et politique extérieure* (PUQ, 2019), *America's Allies and the Decline of U.S. Hegemony* (Routledge, 2019), and *Intelligence Cooperation in a Multipolar World: Non-American Perspectives* (UTP, 2024).

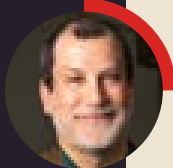




## David Morin

*Professor, Université de Sherbrooke*

David Morin is a full professor in the School of Applied Politics at the Université de Sherbrooke. His areas of expertise and professional experience focus on national and international security issues, particularly violent extremism and radicalization. He is co-appointed to the UNESCO Chair in the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Extremism (UNESCO-PREV Chair). He was a member of the Expert Advisory Panel on Online Safety, tasked with advising the Government of Canada on a legislative and regulatory framework to best combat harmful content online. In addition to his numerous scientific and practice-related activities, Professor Morin is an active contributor to public and media debate on these issues.



## Stephen M. Saideman

*Director of the Canadian Defence and Security Network (CDSN) and Full Professor, Carleton University*

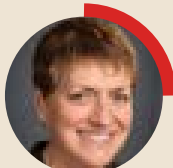
Stephen Saideman holds the Paterson Chair in International Affairs at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. He is also the Director of the Canadian Defence and Security Network, which has led to his co-hosting Battle Rhythm, the CDSN's podcast. His main area of research is International Security, defined broadly. For much of his career, he focused on the international relations of intervention: why do groups and countries get involved in conflicts elsewhere in the world, how do they engage in such efforts, and to what effect. Recently, he has spent most of his time comparing the civil-military relations of democracies and he has also worked on the domestic politics of ethnic conflict, and Canadian defence and foreign policy issues. He is the author of *Adapting in the Dust* (University of Toronto Press, 2016) and co-author of *NATO in Afghanistan. Fighting Together, Fighting Alone* (Princeton University Press, 2014). He has published in academic journals such as *International Organization*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *European Journal of International Security*.



## Alexandre Sirois

*Journalist, La Presse*

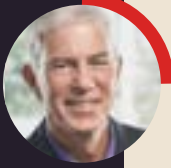
After obtaining a bachelor's degree in communications (UQAM) and post-graduate studies in international journalism (Université Laval and École supérieure de journalisme de Lille, in France), Alexandre Sirois worked as a parliamentary columnist in Ottawa for The Canadian Press before joining the editorial staff of La Presse in 2000. After covering health and politics, he became Washington correspondent (2003-2006). He was then responsible for the World section (2008-2015) before joining the editorial team. He has published five essays, the most recent of which are *Le délire de l'empire américain*, written with Alexandre Couture Gagnon, and *80, 90, 100 à l'heure*, written with Judith Lachapelle.



## Michelle Tessier

*Former Deputy Director of Operations, Canadian Security Intelligence Service*

Michelle Tessier was Deputy Director of Operations at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service from December 2018 to March 2023. She joined the Service in 1988. She moved to the executive level in 2002, rising through the ranks to become Director General in 2009. She has worked as an executive at the Service's head office and in its regional offices, as Director General of several central branches, and as Director General of the Quebec regional office. In April 2014, Ms. Tessier was appointed to the Service's Executive Committee as Assistant Director of Collection, the Assistant Deputy Minister position responsible for intelligence gathering activities. In February 2018, she earned the position of Deputy Director of Operations, responsible for Head Office's operational branches. She held this position until her appointment as Deputy Director of Operations, a senior position reporting directly to the Director of Service (Deputy Minister). As Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, she was responsible for the overall management of operations, intelligence, security screening and governance. Ms. Tessier is the first woman in the Service to have held all three Assistant Deputy Minister positions. Ms. Tessier holds a Bachelor of Journalism (magna cum laude) from Carleton University in Ottawa. Prior to joining the Service, Ms. Tessier worked as a journalist for several media outlets.



## **Guy Thibault**

*Chairman of the Board, Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) Institute*

Lieutenant-General Guy R. Thibault retired from the Canadian Forces (CF) in August 2016 after 38 years of service. As a General Officer, he served as Commander Land Force Central Area; Deputy Commander Canadian Army; as well as the Defence Deputy CIO/CF J6 and Communications and Electronics Branch Leader. From 2011-2013 he served in as the first Canadian Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board an entity of the Organization of American States. He concluded his military service as the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff serving three years as the second in command of the CF and was responsible and accountable to the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Deputy Minister to coordinate and direct strategic programs to ensure defence policy and strategic objectives were achieved.



## **Artur Wilczynski**

*Member of the Strategic Council*

Artur Wilczynski is Professional in Residence at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and Senior Strategic Advisor at Samuel Associates. Artur worked at the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) from 2018 to 2022, including as Associate Deputy Chief of SIGINT - signals intelligence - from 2020 to 2022. Artur has worked in strategic policy since 1997, when he became Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women. In 1999, he joined Heritage Canada, then in 2006, Public Safety Canada, where he held various executive positions, including Director General, International Affairs and Border Policy. In 2010, Artur joined the Department of Foreign Affairs as Director General, Security and Intelligence. Then, from 2014 to 2018, Artur served as Canada's Ambassador to Norway. At the same time, he made diversity and inclusion one of Canada's priorities, promoting gender equality, LGBTQ2 rights, the rights of refugees and migrants, and religious freedom. From 2016 to 2018, Artur was head of Canada's delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Association and the Canadian delegate when the association adopted its definition of anti-Semitism.



## **Marie-Joëlle Zahar**

*Director of the Peace Operations Research Network (POR) and Full Professor, Université de Montréal*

Marie-Joëlle Zahar is Professor of Political Science, Director of the Research Network on Peace Operations and Fellow at the Centre for International Research and Studies at the Université de Montréal. A non-resident Senior Fellow with the International Peace Institute (New York), she is also a 2023-2026 Pierre-Elliott Trudeau Foundation Fellow. From March 2013 until August 2015, she served as Senior Expert on Power Sharing on the Standby Team of Mediation Experts at the UN Department of Political Affairs where she remains on the UN mediation roster. In 2017, she was a senior expert in the Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations for Syria. A graduate of McGill University, her research interests span the politics of conflict-resolution and peacebuilding. Professor Zahar's work has appeared in *International Negotiations*, *Global Governance*, the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, *Critique internationale*, and *International Peacekeeping* as well as in multiple edited volumes on conflict resolution and peace implementation. Her research has been funded by the Carnegie Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the United States Institute for Peace, the International Development Research Centre, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture.