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**JANUARY 22 2021**

# PROGRAM

**8h45** Opening remarks - **Dr. Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé** - Associate Professor, Bishop's University & Researcher leader of NSA Axis 2

**Canada and Peacekeeping in Africa :  
Engaging with the UN or building the capacity of regional  
and sub-regional organizations?**

**9h00** Panel chaired by: **Dr. Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé**

**M. Mahamat Saleh Annadif** - Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Mali and Head of the MINUSMA

**Dr. Bruno Charbonneau** - Associate Professor, Royal Military College Saint-Jean

**Dr. Wane EL-Ghassim** - J.B. and Maurice C Shapiro Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

**Dr. Lise Howard** - Full professor, Georgetown University

10h30

**BREAK**

**Canada and Peacekeeping in Europe :  
Alliance considerations**

**11h00**

Panel chaired by: **Dr. Stéfanie von Hlatky** - Associate professor, Queen's university and co-director of the NSA

**Ambassador Kerry Buck** - Former Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to NATO

**Major-General Denis Thompson** - Retired Major-General, Canadian Armed Forces

12h30

**BREAK**

**Student conference**

**Canada and Peacekeeping in Africa**

**13h30**

Panel chaired by:

**M. Dirk Druet** - Affiliate researcher, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, McGill University

**Dr. Marie-Joëlle Zahar** - Full professor, Université de Montréal

**Marie-Anne Fournier** - Royal Military College of Canada. *"La présence du Canada au Mali durant l'opération PRÉSENCE"*

**Steve Lavoie** - Master of Arts, Université de Sherbrooke, School of Applied Politics. *"Le retour du Canada? Le déploiement de militaires au sein des opérations de paix."*

**Brice Armel Simeu** - Doctoral student, Political Science. *"Le Canada et l'approche pangouvernementale du maintien de la paix dans les États fragiles: le cas de l'intervention au Mali"*

15h00

**BREAK**

**Canada and Peacekeeping**

**15h30**

Panel chaired by:

**Dr. Laurence Deschamps-Laporte** - Visiting professor, Université de Montréal

**Dr. Justin Massie** - Full professor, UQAM, and co-director of the NSA

**Candice Bernard** - Master 1 Geostrategy, Defence and International Security, Institut d'études politiques d'Aix-en-Provence. *"Le Canada dans le maintien de la paix: Quel rôle pour la francophonie?"*

**Sylvain Medessoukou** - Université Laval. *The dog that stops barking: is there any hope for saving canadian peacekeeping reputation in UN missions?*

**17h00**

Closing remarks

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# BIOGRAPHIES



**Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé** is Associate Professor at Bishop's University and Non-Resident Fellow at the International Peace Institute, New York. She is the Deputy Director of the Réseau de recherche sur les opérations de paix, and the 2018–2019 Canada Fulbright Research Chair for Peace and War Studies. She is an associate faculty member of the Montreal Center for International Studies (CERIUM). Her research focuses on peace operations and security issues related to intra-state wars. She is co-hosting with Thomas Juneau the podcast "Conseils de sécurité" a co-production of the CDSN-RCDS and RAS-NSA.

## Canada and Peacekeeping in Africa : Engaging with the UN or building the capacity of regional and sub-regional organizations?



**Mahamat Saleh Annadif** is the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Mali and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). Prior to his current position, he served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad from 1997 to 2003, Chief of Staff to the President from 2004 to 2006 and Secretary-General to the Presidency from 2010 to 2012. He also served as Permanent Representative of the African Union Commission to the European Union from 2006 to 2010. In the course of his career, he took part in several peace processes in Africa, including in Niger, the Central African Republic and Sudan. From 2012 to 2014, he was the African Union Special Representative and Head of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).



**Bruno Charbonneau** (PhD Queen's University) is Associate Professor of International Studies, and Director of the Centre for Security and Crisis Governance (CRITIC) at the Royal Military College Saint-Jean. He is also founder and Director of the Centre FrancoPaix in Conflict Resolution and Peace Missions of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Since 2015, he has been an editorial board member of the academic journal International Peacekeeping. His work examines the power politics of and interactions between international interventions and armed conflicts. His research has been funded by, among others, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, and Global Affairs Canada.



**El-Ghassim Wane** is J.B. and Maurice C Shapiro Professor of International Relations at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. From October 2017 to April 2019, he served as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission. From January 2016 to September 2017, he served as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. Prior to that, he served as Director of the Peace and Security Department of the AU Commission in Addis Ababa from 2009 to 2015. He held a number of other positions within the Organization of African Unity (OAU)/AU between 1994 and 2009, including Head of the Conflict Management Division, as well as AU Spokesperson on Peace and Security Issues.



**Lise Morjé Howard** is a Full Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, and President of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS). Dr. Howard's research and teaching interests span the fields of international relations, comparative politics, and conflict resolution. Her work focuses on civil wars, peacekeeping, U.S. foreign policy, and area studies of sub-Saharan Africa, the Balkans, and the Middle East. She is the founding director of the Master of Arts Program in Conflict Resolution at Georgetown University and has served as a Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace. She is the recipient of the 2010 Book Award from the Academic Council on the UN System, as well as the 2021 Book Award from the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association.

## Canada and Peacekeeping in Europe : Alliance considerations

**Amb. Kerry Buck** is Assistant Secretary, Economic Sector at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS). Ms. Buck (BA Hons, Political Science, University of Western Ontario; Common Law and Civil Law, LLB, BCL, McGill University) joined Canada's then Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1991. She most recently served as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council (NATO). From 2011 to 2015 she served as Political Director and Assistant Deputy Minister for International Security and Political Affairs. Prior to that, she held Assistant Deputy Minister portfolios for Africa and for Latin America and the Caribbean, and was the head of the Afghanistan Task Force. She has also served in a number of other senior positions at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, including Director General for the Middle East and Maghreb, Afghanistan, Public Diplomacy and Federal-Provincial Affairs, and Director for Human Rights. She was also posted to the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Outside of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, Ms. Buck served in the Privy Council Office as Director of Operations for Machinery of Government Secretariat, as Director of Policy and International Programs at the Canadian Human Rights Commission, with the International Development Research Centre and the Constitutional Law Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General of Ontario. Ms. Buck speaks English and French. She is married to Michael Pearson and has a son and three step-daughters.



**Stéphanie von Hlatky** is an Associate Professor of political studies at Queen's University, Director of the Queen's Centre for International and Defence Policy (CIDP) and co-director of the Network for Strategic Analysis. She is also the new Canada Research Chair in Gender, Security and the Armed Forces. She was the Executive Director for the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies. She 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.





**Maj-Gen. Denis Thompson** (Retired) served 39 years in the Canadian Army as an Infantry Officer. He deployed on multiple operations commanding at the platoon, company, battalion, brigade, national, and multinational level in Canada and abroad in Cyprus, Germany, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Egypt including command of NATO's Task Force Kandahar (2008/09), Canada's Special Operations Forces (2011-2014) and the Multinational Force & Observers in the Sinai (2014-2017).



## Canada and Peacekeeping in Africa



**Dirk Druet** is a researcher, policy adviser and strategist with over a decade of experience in the international peace and security pillar of the United Nations. He is an affiliate researcher with McGill University's Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, where he leads a research initiative on intelligence, surveillance and multilateral cooperation. He advises a number of research and policy institutions and is currently a member of an independent team undertaking a strategic review of political settlements and civilian protection in United Nations peacekeeping operations mandated by the Secretary-General in December 2019. In previous capacities, Dirk was a member of the Policy Planning Unit of the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs in New York, where he advised on conflict prevention, political strategy and conflict analysis. He has served with UN field operations in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan and Rwanda.



**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. 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 non-resident Senior Fellow with the International Peace Institute (New York) and a member of the Folke Bernadotte Academy's research working groups (Sweden), Professor Zahar has held a number of visiting appointments. She was a research fellow at Stanford's Center for International Security and cooperation and a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies (University of Toronto). Her research has been funded, among others by the Carnegie Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the United States Institute for Peace.

## Canada and Peacekeeping

**Laurence Deschamps-Laporte** is a visiting Professor in the Department of Political Science at the Université de Montréal and a visiting researcher at the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (Cérium). Until recently, Laurence Deschamps-Laporte was Chief of Staff to Minister François-Philippe Champagne and has advised three Canadian Foreign Affairs Ministers. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and a Morehead-Cain Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests include Islamist movements in the Arab-Muslim world, feminism in international relations, and Canadian foreign policy. She is currently finalizing her manuscript entitled "Prayer and Power: Laurence was also a consultant with McKinsey & Company where she conducted public policy mandates in the areas of education, health, and access to housing in several African and Middle Eastern countries.



**Justin Massie** is Full Professor of political science at the Université du Québec à Montréal and Co-Director of the Network for Strategic Analysis. 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 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 Francosphère : 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) and America's Allies and the Decline of U.S. Hegemony (Routledge, 2019).

