



**THE 26TH ANNUAL**

**GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE**

**MAY 9–10 2024 | KPMG OFFICE, OTTAWA**

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**13:00 | DOORS OPEN**

**DAY 1 | MAY 9**

**13:15 | WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS**

**13:30 | SESSION 1: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

**13:30 | Emanuel Lukawiecki | University of Ottawa | Defending Tomorrow: A Blueprint for AI Integration in the Canadian Armed Forces**

**13:45 | Andreas Foerster | Royal Military College | Space Deterrence: A New Theory of War and Peace for the Information Age**

**14:00 | Nahla Ikhlef | University of Ottawa | The Influence of Stakeholders on Public Policy in Canada**

**14:15 | Hanna Bacon | Balsillie School of International Affairs | Canada at the Forefront: Tackling Women, Peace, and Cybersecurity**

**14:30 | William Richardson | Carleton University | AUKUS, Advanced Technology and Canada**

**14:45 | Open Q&A**

**15:00 | HEALTH BREAK**

**15:30 | SESSION 2: CULTURE, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION**

**15:30 | Kusum Bhatta | McMaster University | Fostering Military Inclusivity: A Cultural Approach**

**15:45 | Jordan Barrett-Choy | University of Ottawa | On Guard for Thee: Addressing Canada's Military Recruitment Crisis**

**16:00 | Chloe Dizon | Carleton University | #MeToo, Misconduct, and the Military: Identifying Sexual Violence as an Insider Threat – A Case Study on the Canadian Armed Forces**

**16:15 | Cindy Cruz | Queen's University | Reframing the Canadian Armed Forces' Identity: Addressing Challenges and Shaping the Future**

**16:30 | Jamie Lorentz | Queen's University | A Representation Crisis: Women's Recruitment and Retainment in the Canadian Armed Forces**

**16:45 | Open Q&A**

**17:00 | JUDGES' DELIBERATION / HEALTH BREAK**

**17:30–18:30 | RECEPTION**

**Hors d'oeuvres and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Please bring your identification.**



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**09:00 | DOORS OPEN**

**DAY 2 | MAY 10**

**09:15 | SESSION 3: CANADA–CHINA RELATIONS**

**09:15 | Katherine Todd | University of Toronto | Sino-Canadian Relations and the Polar Silk Road: Canada Needs to Understand China’s Ambitions in the Arctic to Defend Their Own**

**09:30 | SiLang Huang | University of Toronto | Surveillance and Repression Beyond Border: China’s Tactics Against Diaspora Activism and Implications for Canada-China Relations and National Security**

**09:45 | Olivia Howells | Queen’s University | The Rise of China: Implications for Canadian Arctic Sovereignty**

**10:00 | Rohina Kabir | University of Toronto | Bridging the Gap: Strategies to Elevate Canadian Presence in Central Asia for National Security Resilience**

**10:15 | Open Q&A**

**10:30 | HEALTH BREAK**

**10:45 | WORKING LUNCH**

**Professional development opportunities for graduate students. Presenters to be announced.**

**12:15 | SESSION 4: CANADA IN THE WORLD**

**12:15 | Nicolas-Francois Perron | Université du Québec à Montréal | Strategic Procurement: Charting Canada's Defense Policy Amidst US-China Power Shift**

**12:30 | Mihai Giboi | Queen’s University | Revisiting Russian Hypersonic Threats to North America**

**12:45 | Libbey Dresser and Rebecca Lloyd | Balsillie School of International Affairs | Forging Frontlines: Navigating Military-Humanitarian Coordination in Climate Emergency Response**

**13:00 | Kendall L. Caperchione | Brock University | International to Personal Defence: An Analysis of the Canadian Defence Policy and its Failure to Meet NATO’s Commitments**

**13:15 | Open Q&A**

**13:30 | JUDGES’ DELIBERATION / HEALTH BREAK**

**14:00 | AWARD CEREMONY & CLOSING REMARKS**

**Dr. Youri Cormier, Executive Director, CDA & CDA Institute**

**14:20 | END OF CONFERENCE**



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