



THE 26TH ANNUAL
GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE
MAY 9–10 2024 | KPMG OFFICE, OTTAWA

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 | Hannah 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 | Royal Military College | 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.



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

Moderator | Chloe Dizon | MA Candidate in International Affairs (Security and Defence Policy) | Carleton University (NPSIA)

Panelist | Lt(N) Emily Canning | Military Career Counsellor, Canadian Forces Recruit Group | Canadian Armed Forces

Panelist | Leah Carson | Partner, Infrastructure and Sustainability | KPMG

Panelist | Dr. Yuri Cormier | Executive Director | CDA Institute

11:45 | Open Q&A

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. Yuri Cormier, Executive Director, CDA & CDA Institute

14:20 | END OF CONFERENCE



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