

REDEFINING CENTRAL ASIA CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 2009	
5:00 PM	<p>REGISTRATION OPENS FLAVELLE HOUSE ENTRANCE <i>Registration will take place at the Faculty of Law. Please arrive early to ensure you are registered before the beginning of the first event. Registration closes at 7:00pm for the day.</i></p>
7:00 PM	<p>OPENING KEYNOTE PANEL: AFGHANISTAN, NATO AND REGIONAL SECURITY <i>The opening keynote address will consist of a panel address followed by discussion. It will use Afghanistan as the lens to understanding conflict in the wider region and provide a theoretical and practical background for the conference centred on the challenges faced in Afghanistan and the wider region.</i></p> <p>Chair: Brian Stewart <i>Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, Former Senior Foreign Correspondent for CBC News</i></p> <p>Jean-Yves Haine – EU/NATO Perspectives on Afghanistan <i>Senior Research Fellow at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), European Security Research Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)</i></p> <p>Robert F. Baumann – American Perspectives on Afghanistan <i>Director of Graduate Degree Programs and Professor of Russian and Eurasian Military History, Command General Staff College (CGSC)</i></p> <p>Thomas W. Simons Jr. – Redefining Central Asia: A Caveat <i>Visiting Scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, Former Senior Member of the Foreign Service including US Ambassador to Pakistan (1996-1998)</i></p>
9:30 PM	<p>SPEAKER WELCOME RECEPTION <i>A private reception for speakers, sponsors, conference organizers and International Symposium presenters.</i></p>

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009	
9:00 AM	<p>COFFEE AND MORNING REFRESHMENTS ROWELL ROOM <i>Join us for coffee and light refreshment and have a chance to mingle with your fellow delegates. Delegates who were unable to register on Friday will have the opportunity to register in the morning, prior to the first Saturday keynote address. Please arrive early to ensure you are able to register before the keynote begins.</i></p> <p>REGISTRATION CONT' - FLAVELLE HOUSE ENTRANCE</p>
10:00 AM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND FUTURE ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN <i>This first Saturday keynote address will explore the nature of Canada's role in Afghanistan, focusing specifically on Canadian Foreign Policy and the direction the keynote speaker feels we should take in the future.</i></p> <p>Hon. Bob Rae, PC, OC, OOnt, QC, MP <i>MP for Toronto Centre, Foreign Affairs Critic for the Official Opposition of Canada, Former Premier of Ontario</i></p> <p>Chair: Bill Graham, PC, QC <i>Chancellor of Trinity College, Chair of the Atlantic Council of Canada, Co-vice Chair of the Canadian International Council</i></p>

11:00 AM	INTERMISSION
11:10 AM	<p>INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM: PART I</p> <p><i>The International Student Symposium features the work of student researchers (PhD, Professional degree students, Masters and Undergraduates) from around the world. Their research touches on some of the most pressing issues facing the region related to the themes of this year's conference. In order to facilitate lively discussion and to maximize feedback that students can incorporate into their papers for eventual publication, each presentation will be followed by a discussion with a respondent, as well as an opportunity for question and answer with the audience.</i></p> <p>AFGHANISTAN</p> <p>Chair: Jean-Yves Haines <i>Senior Research Fellow at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), European Security Research Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)</i></p> <p>Ben McVicker <i>University of Toronto, Canada</i> <i>Revisiting a Forgotten Interregnum: the Western Dialogue with the Taliban, 1996-2001</i></p> <p>David E. Merrell <i>University of Washington, School of Law, USA</i> <i>Promoting Cooperation Between Afghanistan and its Northern Neighbors: What Afghanistan Can Learn from State Incorporation of Community-Based Dispute Resolution in Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Mark Silinsky <i>Tulane University, USA</i> <i>US Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan: More Building and Less Killing</i></p>
12:50 PM	INTERMISSION – BREAK FOR LUNCH –
1:40 PM	<p>PLENARY ADDRESS: REEXAMINING THE CONCEPT OF CENTRAL ASIA</p> <p><i>This panel presentation will lay the historical context for the conference, outlining the importance of reexamining and “Redefining” Central Asia. It will include a visual presentation and set the stage for examining challenges to peace in the region and act as a foundation to understanding the transnational nature of the threats to human, regional and international security that we will address.</i></p> <p>Robert M. Cutler – Historical and Cultural Geography of Central Asia <i>Senior Fellow at Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University</i></p> <p>Amanda Goodman – Interconnectedness of Religion in Central Asia <i>Associate Professor of Religion, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Ikboljon Qoraboyev – Central Asia: Pathways to Regional Order <i>University of Montpellier 1, France/ UNU-CRIS, Belgium</i></p>
2:40 PM	INTERMISSION
2:50 PM	<p>INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM: PART II</p> <p>EXTERNAL ACTORS, POLITICAL ACTORS, AND THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE REGION</p> <p>Chair: Mischa Kaplan <i>Visiting Doctoral Fellow at the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Carter Page <i>School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK</i> <i>Redefining the Balance Between Capitalist and Socialist Traditions in Central Asia</i></p> <p>Magnus C. M. Brod <i>Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany</i> <i>The Silk Road Personnel: Traders in Xinjiang between China and the Central Asian States</i></p>

	<p>Kelsey Scribner <i>University of Notre Dame, USA</i> <i>China's Future of Leadership: Demystifying Xi Jinping</i></p>
4:30 PM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ON THE GROUND IN AFGHANISTAN: A CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE</p> <p>Christopher Alexander <i>Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan (2003-2005), UN Deputy Special Representative to the Secretary General for Political Affairs in Afghanistan (2005-2009)</i></p> <p>Chair: Brian Stewart <i>Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, Former Senior Foreign Correspondent for CBC News</i></p>
5:30 PM	<p>INTERMISSION – BREAK FOR DINNER –</p>
6:40 PM	<p>KEYNOTE PANEL: CHALLENGES TO PEACEBUILDING AND NATIONBUILDING</p> <p>Chair: Taylor Owen <i>Trudeau Scholar at the University of Oxford, Canada Action Scholar</i></p> <p>Discussant: Colonel Daniel Burghart <i>Professor of National Security and Eurasia Studies at the National Defense Intelligence College, Former U.S Defense and Army Attaché to Kazakhstan and Mission Commander at the On Site Inspection Agency for the Former Soviet Union</i></p> <p>Sylvia Babus <i>Director of Regional Security Studies Program and Faculty Lead, Central Asia Regional Security Study, Industrial College of the Armed Forces</i></p> <p>Jason E. Strakes <i>Research Associate, Illicit Arms Transfer Database Project, Division of Political Science, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University</i></p> <p>Noah Tucker <i>Researcher, US Central Command HTAT Afghanistan and Pakistan Intelligence Centre of Excellence</i></p>
9:00 PM	<p>CONFERENCE PUB NIGHT</p> <p><i>The annual pub night continues to be one of the favourite “added highlights” of our conference weekends. Come out to talk with and really get to know your fellow delegates, symposium presenters and several of the speakers.</i></p>

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2009	
8:00 AM	<p>COFFEE AND MORNING REFRESHMENTS</p> <p><i>Join us for coffee and light refreshments and have a chance to mingle with your fellow delegates.</i></p> <p>ROWELL ROOM</p>
9:00 AM	<p>PLENARY ADDRESS: TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES</p> <p><i>This plenary session will address the cross-border and transnational issues of human trafficking, the narcotics trade and migration.</i></p> <p>Chair: Ron Levi <i>Director of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Professor of Criminology, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Louise I. Shelley – Human Trafficking <i>Director of Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Centre (TraCCC), Public Policy School, George Mason University</i></p> <p>Matthew Light – Soviet Migration Policies <i>Professor of Criminology, University of Toronto</i></p>

	<p>Joshua Faust – Narcotics Trade in Afghanistan <i>Defence and Intelligence Analyst, Afghanistan Country Editor at Global Voices Online</i></p>
11:00 AM	INTERMISSION
11:20 AM	<p>ROUNDTABLE: ENERGY AND POLITICS IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS <i>This plenary session will address energy security and politics in Central Asia and the Caucasus and the role of foreign policy actors.</i></p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Lucan Way <i>Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>ROBERT S. MILLER <i>Former Middle East Director of Operations for U.S. Air Force, Former Middle East Analyst at National Defense Intelligence Agency (1990-4)</i></p> <p>Robert M. Cutler <i>Senior Fellow at Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University</i></p> <p>Deniz Tura <i>Independent scholar and practitioner in the Eurasian energy field</i></p>
1:20 PM	INTERMISSION – BREAK FOR LUNCH –
2:20 PM	<p>INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM: PART III</p> <p>CENTRAL ASIA: RELIGION, AND IDENTITY POLITICS</p> <p>Chair: Ron Levi <i>Director of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Professor of Criminology, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Sherzod Muminov <i>University of Tsukuba, Japan</i> <i>'Central Asia': The Evolution of the Concept and its Role in the Discourse of Regional Integration</i></p> <p>Hélène Thibault <i>Université de Montréal, Canada</i> <i>Tajikistan: A Secular State</i></p> <p>Rebekah Tromble <i>Indiana University, USA</i> <i>"Bad" Islam: The Myth of Uzbek Radicalism in Kyrgyzstan and Its Consequences for Regional Security</i></p> <p>Laila Kadiwal <i>University of Oxford, UK</i> <i>Belonging to the Nation: A Perspective from the Pamir, Tajikistan</i></p>
4:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS