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Keynote Speaker:

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LETTER FROM THE WAC EXECUTIVE

Delegates,

Welcome to the 33rd annual World Affairs Conference at Upper Canada College! Over the course of the day, we aim to expose you to new perspectives on issues of global importance. We encourage you to pose questions, engage with your fellow delegates, and maintain an open mind.

This year's conference theme, Fixing the 21st Century, will generate engaging and critical discourse concerning the many possible solutions to some of the world's most controversial issues. We are pleased to welcome many influential speakers this year for six exciting plenary sessions: China and the Economy; Drones: Weapons of War; Environment Responsibility; Gender Income Disparities; Refugee Response and Responsibility in Crisis; and the Future of Nuclear Proliferation. Speakers have come from across the country, and even across the continent, to share their knowledge and expertise.

We hope you enjoy WAC 2016 and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Kind Regards,

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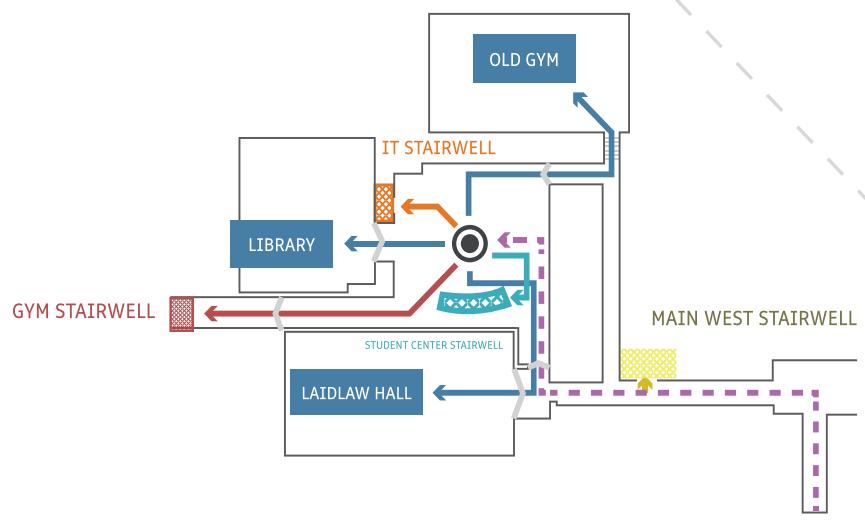
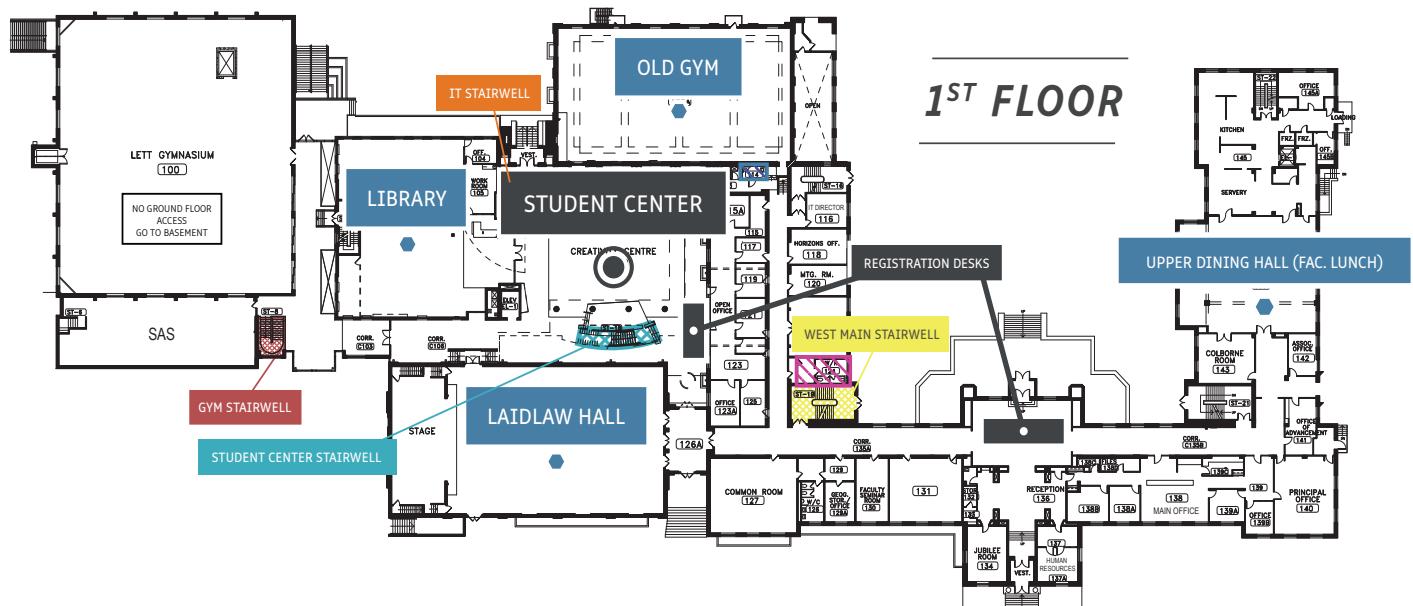
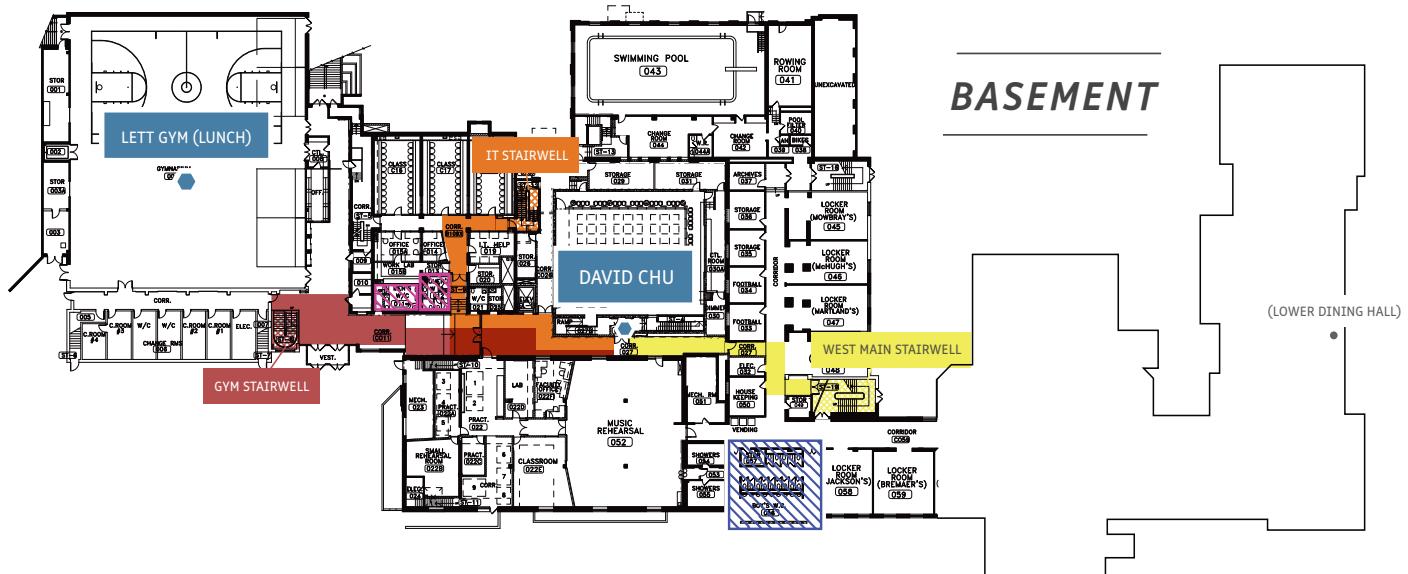


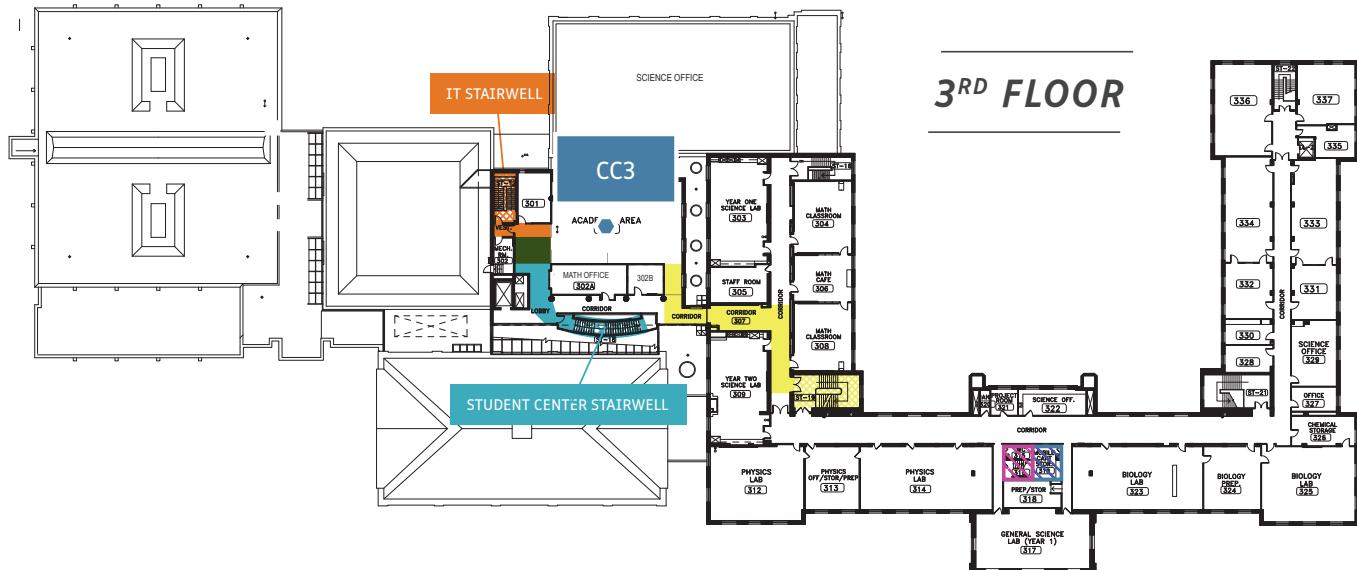
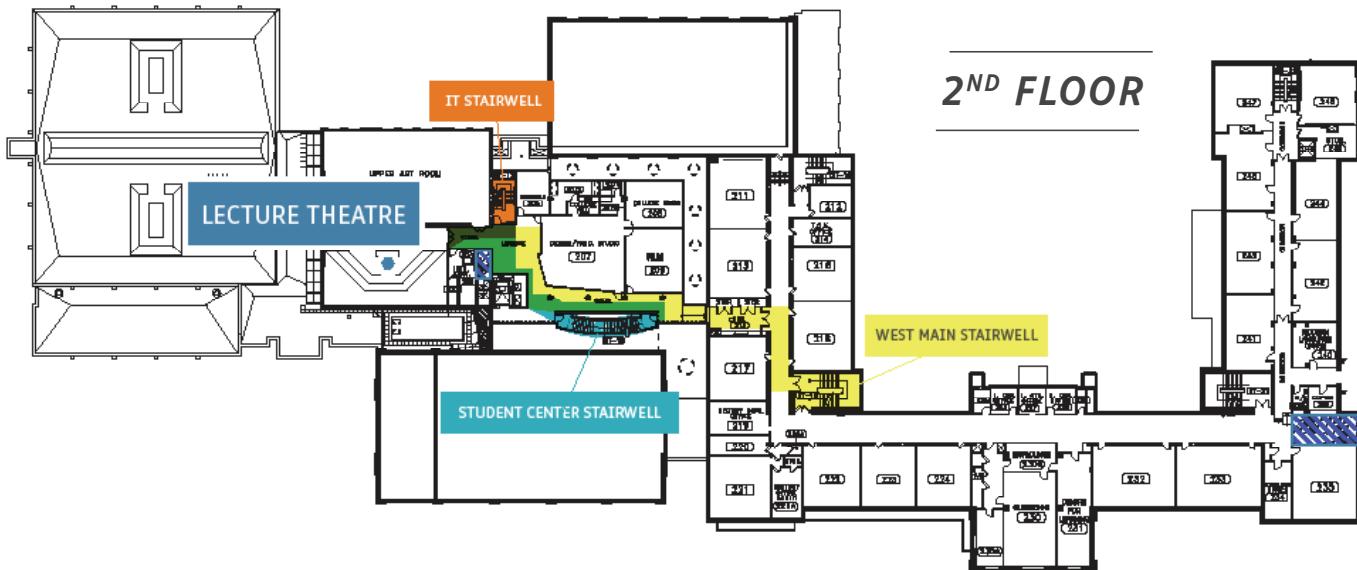


OUR HISTORY

Since 1984, the World Affairs Conference (or WAC as it is affectionately known) has grown into the largest student-run current affairs conference in North America. The conference is a forum for students to nurture their global mindsets and hear opinions of leaders in the world community. WAC has welcomed delegates from North America, Australia, Russia, Europe, the West Indies and Africa.







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WAC owes its existence to dozens of committed volunteer students and faculty working tirelessly to perfect every last detail and ensure the conference runs smoothly. Creating a conference of such scale and complexity is an accomplishment in itself. Listed below are the dozens of students who have made this year's World Affairs Conference so great!

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The Future of the Internet

OPENING PANEL:

The Internet has radically revolutionized the entire world. Everything from how we shop to how we vote has been affected by the Internet. As a result, the Internet continues to proliferate in every facet. This exponential growth will have huge ramifications on both governments and individuals. Governments have both had an increased security due to the

internet, with an increasingly pervasive method of gathering information on one's citizens, increasing security. Oppressive regimes have abused the internet in order to exert control, while advocates for terrorism have begun utilizing the internet as a powerful tool to propagate their cause. However, citizens have used the Internet as a tool to unite and learn. The Arab Spring saw a wave of protests and revolution based off of Internet usage, specifically social media. Meanwhile citizens in democracies have discovered their right to privacy has been stripped, as their governments use their tools for finding terrorists against their own citizens.

As the Internet affects many different aspects of everyday life, each panelist will have a specific viewpoint and frame of reference on the Internet, and will help outline the benefits of, and issues with, the Internet's proliferation. Moreover, they will explain and debate their solutions to those problems.



Ron Deibert, (OOnt, PhD, University of British Columbia) is Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Citizen Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. The Citizen Lab is an interdisciplinary research and development laboratory working at the intersection of the digital technologies, global security, and human rights. He was a cofounder and a principal investigator of the OpenNet Initiative (2003-2014) and Information Warfare Monitor (2003-2012) projects. Deibert was one of the founders and (former) VP of global policy and outreach for Psiphon, one of the world's leading digital censorship circumvention services.

Ron Deibert



Graeme Bunton has been an Information Specialist at Tucows since February 2011, where he works in business intelligence, analytics, and reporting. He is also a Senior Web Presence Consultant at nModel Solutions Inc in Toronto. Bunton was an original member of Citizen Lab, a Toronto-based digital rights think tank. Although Corporations usually take a passive stance on political issues, Tucows has come out against mass-surveillance and in favor of Net Neutrality, with Bunton spearheading the cause, writing essays and op-eds against things like Bill C-51, while working with other Canadian businesses to discuss substantive changes to C-51 that could be beneficial.

Graeme Bunton



Ariel Katz is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, where he holds the Innovation Chair in Electronic Commerce. Professor Katz received his LL.B. and LL.M from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his SJD from the University of Toronto. His general area of research includes intellectual property law, with allied interests in electronic commerce, pharmaceutical regulation, the regulation of international trade, and particularly the intersection of these fields. He has previously served as the Director of the Centre for Innovation Law and Policy. Professor Katz currently teaches courses on intellectual property, cyberlaw, and the intersection of competition law and intellectual property, and shares some of his current thoughts on these issues on his blog.

Ariel Katz

Closing Speaker



Growing up on the outdoor hockey rinks in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sami Jo Small's triumphant sports career is marked with determination, dedication, and courage. Her passion for hockey was honed in the boys' minor hockey system. As the only girl, Sami worked hard to prove that she belonged on the team. She attended Stanford University on a Track and Field Scholarship and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. Sami was an invaluable member of Stanford Men's Hockey team for five years.

CLOSING SPEAKER:

She dreamt of one day stepping onto the podium at the Olympic Winter Games, and that dream became a reality in 1998 when she was named to Canada's Olympic hockey team. Sami is a three time Olympian and has been a member of two Olympic Gold Medal winning teams. In addition, she has won five World Championships and was twice named the Championship's Most Valuable Player.

Whether she is in the dressing room, speaking as a sports ambassador, or coaching students at the hockey school she runs in four provinces, Small shares an inspiring message of gratitude, perseverance, and finding success in reaching one's personal goals.

Sami Jo Small





China and the Economy

PLENARY SYNOPSIS:

The main focus of this year's economics plenary is China. This plenary digs deep into the core of China's economy; specifically, how it can act as a possible policy role model for other countries, what its future entails; and lastly, how China's rise contributes to overall geopolitical and economic changes caring Canada. Our plenary will inform you on this complex issue and also outline why you, being a Canadian citizen should care.



Most recently Margaret Cornish served on the International Affairs Council of Advisors established to advise Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. Margaret began her career in the Canadian Foreign Service. Her postings included Beijing, the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations in New York, and the Canadian delegation to the European Community in Brussels. She subsequently joined the Bank of Nova Scotia where she worked on sovereign debt restructuring. She then joined Scotia Capital Markets where she provided award-winning research coverage on a wide range of Canadian industrial companies. From 2003-2008 Margaret served as Executive Director of the Canada China Business Council, the leading Canadian bilateral business organization dealing with China. Margaret has served as a member of the Economic Council of Canada and has been an adjunct professor in the business schools of Queen's University and Wilfred Laurier University. She was an Associate Fellow of the Canadian International Council. From 2010 to 2015 she was Senior Advisor and Beijing Chief Representative of Bennett Jones Commercial Consulting Inc.

Margaret Cornish



Loren Brandt

Loren Brandt is an esteemed Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto since 1987, specializing in the Chinese economy. Meanwhile, he has also earned fellowship at renowned institutes such as Oxford China Growth Center, Institute for Labor Studies (IZA) in Bonn, Germany, and Hoover Institute in Stanford University. In 2012, he was invited to the editorial board of China Quarterly. Professor Brandt has also contributed his insight to leading economic publications, including Oxford University Press's five volume Encyclopedia of Economic History (2003) and Cambridge University Press's study on China's Great Economic Transformation (2008). Currently, Professor Brandt continues to conduct extensive household and enterprise survey work in China. He also focuses his research on industrial innovation, inequality dynamics, long-term economic growth, and structural change in China.

Drones: Weapons of War



Missile strikes launched from drones, also known as unmanned air vehicles (UAV), have become the center of much controversy over the past few years. Pakistan alone has faced 4,000 casualties and roughly 1,500 injuries at the hand of American drone strikes. This plenary will feature two speakers discussing the ethical dilemmas surrounding the use of armed drones and how drones should be used in the future.

Steven P. Lee

Steven P. Lee is a professor of philosophy at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York where he teaches courses on Morality and War, Social Justice, Morality and Self interest, Plato's Republic, Global Justice, Philosophy of Law, Liberty and Community, and Critical Thinking. He is interested in the ways in which social and technological changes require alterations in our moral understanding of areas of human activity such as warfare, environmental stewardship, and medicine. He has written a large body of books and articles on social, moral, and political philosophy, especially pieces on war and ethics. He is the author of *Morality, Prudence, and Nuclear Weapons* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993, 1996), the editor of *Intervention, Terrorism, and Torture: Contemporary Challenges to Just War Theory* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2007), the author of *What Is the Argument?: Critical Thinking in the Real World* (New York: McGrawHill Higher Education, 2001), the co editor of *Ethics and Weapons of Mass Destruction* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), and the author of *Ethics and War* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2012). He is affiliated with the American Philosophical Association, the Creighton Club of the New York State Philosophical Association, and the American Association of University Professors. He was the former president of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace and the Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.

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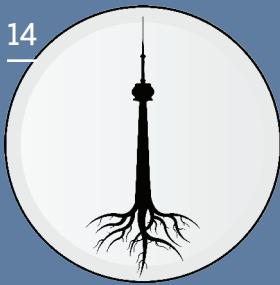


Luke Gregory

Lucan (Luke) Gregory's work straddles legal, political, and ethical issues in the practice of law and academia. His day-job is working as a lawyer for the Federal Department of Justice (Canada), in which his practice includes national security related litigation. Luke completed an LLB/BCL at McGill University, where his studies included the Law of War, and he was awarded the Fern Gertrude Kennedy Prize in Jurisprudence. He also taught a course, "Law and the Courts in Europe," through McGill's Department of Political Science. Luke's periodic night-job is being a philosophy professor. He is presently teaching the "Philosophy of Law" at Ryerson University. Other courses have included the "Philosophy of Punishment," "Issues of Life and Death," "Plato and the Roots of Western Civilization," and "Existentialism".

Prior to attending law school, Luke completed a PhD in legal and political philosophy at the University of Virginia, an MA in Philosophy at York University, and a BAHon in English/Philosophy at Queen's University.





Environmental Responsibility

PLENARY SYNOPSIS:

This year's plenary on the environment is entitled Environmental Corporate Responsibility. The plenary will explore the ways that companies can remain profitable while mitigating their effects on the environment and benefiting the lives of people that they interact with. Corporate responsibility regarding the environment may have positive outcomes for both the company and the world as a whole. The invited speakers for this year's conference in the environment plenary are Bill Shireman and John Coyne. Both speakers have extensive experience in corporate environmental responsibility, each directing large companies and organizations to improve environmental sustainability from within to benefit themselves, the people they interact with, and the environment.

John Coyne



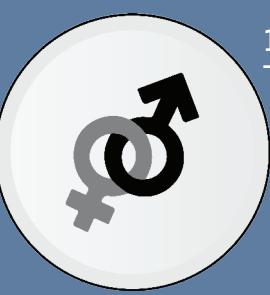
John Coyne is currently the Vice President, Legal & External Affairs and General Counsel at Unilever Canada. Through his involvement and leadership in Unilever Canada, John Coyne is a leader in Canada in promoting sustainable and responsible corporate practices. Mr Coyne is also a leader of the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan, designed to help Unilever grow its business while reducing its impact on the environment and helping make the world a better place. Mr Coyne works closely with other organizations, including being the Chair of the Board of Advertising Standards Canada, Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, and Stewardship Ontario. His participation and action in sustainability has had him recognised by Clean 50 as one of Canada's top sustainability leaders.

Bill Shireman



As president and CEO of Future 500, Bill Shireman influences some of the world's largest companies such as CocaCola, General Motors, Nike and more, to promote environmental sustainability while increasing prosperity at the same time. Called a "master of environmental entrepreneurship," Shireman unites companies to save the environment and promote freedom around the world.

Gender Income Disparity

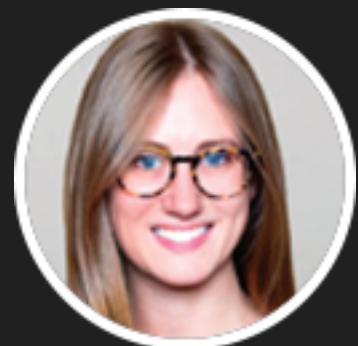


The vision of this plenary is to identify the current causes and circumstances of gender income disparities and how to eliminate them. This solution based plenary will first outline the problem, and then a solution will be proposed by the speakers. After the speakers are done, there will be an opportunity to ask questions to the speakers. Time permitting, the plenary will break into discussion groups and discuss the problem at hand and if they agree or disagree with the speakers.

PLENARY SYNOPSIS:

Susannah Gouinlock

Susannah Gouinlock works at Catalyst Canada in many different facets of work. Ms. Gouinlock also manages the relationships with numerous Catalyst member companies, she is the main contact for research for companies supporting their diversity. Ms. Gouinlock is integral to growing Catalyst's impact through social media and has spoken at the high school she graduated from, BSS. Her work aims to spread Catalyst's core values, 'Connect, Engage, Inspire, Impact.' Before working at Catalyst, she received her BA(H) in Political Studies from Queen's University, and has worked as Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier in the Ontario Government.



Emanuela Heyninck

Emanuela Heyninck is currently serving her third term as head of the Pay Equity Commission for Ontario, an independent agency of the Ministry of Labour. The Commission enforces the Ontario Pay Equity Act, which aims to redress systemic gender compensation issues. In addition to its enforcement and education mandate, the Commission has the authority to research and make recommendations to the Minister of Labour on issues related to pay equity, gender wage gaps and women and work.





Nuclear Proliferation

PLENARY SYNOPSIS:

The nuclear proliferation plenary will focus on solutions to achieve wholesale international participation in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The plenary will discuss the barriers to international cooperation and the steps already taken by individual governments to promote unanimous participation.

Paul Meyer



Paul Meyer is an Adjunct Professor of International Studies and a Centre for Dialogue Fellow in International Security at Simon Fraser University. He is a Senior Fellow at The Simons Foundation. A former career diplomat in Canada's Foreign Service (1975-2010) Paul served abroad in six diplomatic postings, including as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and Conference on Disarmament in Geneva (2003-2007) and in a variety of HQ assignments with a focus on international security policy. Since assuming his current positions in 2011, Paul has taught courses on multilateral diplomacy and pursued research interests relating to arms control and disarmament, outer space security and international cyber security. He has written extensively on these subjects for professional publications and media commentary.

James M Acton

James M. Acton is a British scientist with a PhD in theoretical physics from Cambridge University. He is a physicist by training and is an expert in nuclear arms. He currently works as the codirector of the Nuclear Policy

Program at the Carnegie Endowment for National Peace, a policy thinktank for foreign affairs. His ongoing research focuses on the nuclear fuel cycle in Japan. Acton's publications span the field of nuclear policy. He is the author of two books, *Deterrence During Disarmament: Deep Nuclear Reductions and International Security* and *Abolishing Nuclear Weapons*. His analysis on proliferation threats, including Iran and North Korea, has been widely disseminated by major journals, newspapers, and websites.

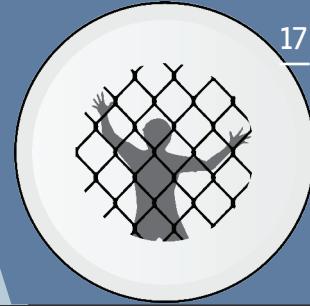
Among other impressive credentials, James Acton is a member of the Commission on Challenges to Deep Cuts which works to implement solutions around existing political constraints with the aim of reducing the spread of nuclear weapons. Acton is also part of the Nuclear Security Working Group which works to promote consensus on nuclear issues and make informed decisions on nuclear cooperation. He has also provided guidance to the UN on Disarmament Matters.

Acton has published in several newspapers including the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Survival, and the Washington Quarterly. He has also appeared on CNN's State of the Union, NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, and PBS News Hour/

With this wealth of experience, James Acton makes for an excellent speaker for the nuclear proliferation plenary.



Refugee Responsibility



Refugee Response and Responsibility in Crisis will deal with the core issues concerning the Syrian refugee crisis. The plenary session will ignite a discussion about the balance between domestic interests and refugee responsibility. In particular, the speakers will speak about possible government and community policies that would maintain and balance both national security and humanitarian values during this crisis. We have an obligation to other humans suffering, but we also have an obligation to our own citizens. How do we balance these competing interests? Or are they mutually exclusive at all?

Ratna Omidvar

Ratna Omidvar is the founding Executive Director of the Global Diversity Exchange (GDX) at the Ted Rogers School of

Management, Ryerson University. GDX is a think and do tank on diversity, migration and inclusion that connects local experience and ideas with global networks. It is dedicated to building a community of international leaders who see prosperity in migration. Under her leadership the GDX is developing a program of academic and applied research, and identifying evidence-based leading practices and taking them to scale.

Ratna is Chair Emerita of the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council, Chair of Lifeline Syria, Co-Chair of DiverseCity: the Greater Toronto Leadership Project, and a Director of the Canadian Club of Toronto, The Environics Institute, and Samara. She is coeditor of *Five Good Ideas: Practical Strategies for Nonprofit Success* (2011) and coauthor of *Flight and Freedom: Stories of Escape to Canada* (forthcoming). She is a faculty member and advisor of the Metropolis Professional Development program at Carleton University. She received an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, York University in 2012.

PLENARY SYNOPSIS:



Chris Alexander



Chris Alexander was born and grew up in Toronto before graduating from McGill and Oxford. He served for eighteen years in Canada's foreign service, including as Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy in Moscow and Canada's first resident Ambassador in Kabul, Afghanistan. From 2011 to 2015 he was Member of Parliament for Ajax-Pickering, Parliamentary Secretary for National Defence, and Canada's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

POLICIES

We ask for your cooperation in maintaining order, both in and out of sessions, so that we may provide a professional, safe and educational conference. Please feel free to approach any member of the WAC executive Committee to discuss any questions or concerns. Throughout the conference, please be aware of the following:

1

Delegates are expected to be respectful of others. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. In order to maintain an open forum for discussion, discrimination due to race, religion, sex, age, disability, socio-economic status or sexual orientation will result in immediate removal from the conference.

2

Delegates found in violation of the Criminal Code will be immediately required to leave the conference and may face criminal charges.

3

The use or possession of illicit drugs will result in removal from the conference and relevant authorities will be notified.

4

There is no smoking on the UCC campus.

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The legal age to purchase and consume alcohol in Ontario is 19. Delegates must comply.

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Individuals will be liable for vandalism or damage to UCC property.

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The WAC Executive reserves the right to expel delegates from the conference for inappropriate behaviour including, but not limited to, the use of foul language and/or obscenity.

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If delegates must leave prior to the conference closing, they are requested to time their departure at the beginning or end of a session.



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