Director’s Note

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Dear CIDP colleagues,

It is a great honour to serve as Acting Director of the Centre for International and Defence Policy. I welcome the opportunity to support the CIDP’s vital role as a hub of policy-relevant scholarly work on national, regional, and international security via the activities of its fellows, visiting speakers, academic workshops, and public forums. To that end, I have co-organized two CIDP-sponsored scholarly workshops. In mid-January 2016, some 40 scholars participated in our workshop on pedagogy and International Relations. We expect similar numbers for the upcoming SSHRC workshop on Canada’s role in Africa’s natural resource sectors in May 2016. Notably, at least one other scholarly workshop is in the planning stages (for May 2016), and the Human Performance Enhancement Workshop (co-hosted with CIMVHR) will take place from June 8-9, 2016, and the annual Kingston Conference on International Security (KCIS) is set for June 13-15, 2016. In closing, I am also pleased to have this opportunity to work closely with members of the CIDP community over the coming months.

Sincerely,

J. Andrew Grant, PhD
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS


SPOTLIGHT

Chris Kilford, Fellow

Academic adviser, Canadian Forces College and independent researcher

Research focus: Historical and contemporary Turkish domestic and foreign policy

“My interest in Turkey stems from my PhD studies at Queen’s where I spent a considerable amount of time examining civil-military relations in the developing world, including Turkey. Later, I served as Canada’s Defence Attache to Turkey from 2011-2014. Turkey is still a developing country, which is easy to forget in the hubbub of Istanbul, the high-end shopping malls in Ankara or while relaxing on a beach in Izmir. The past few years have been particularly challenging with growing domestic and regional concerns. At the moment, my focus has been on the future of Canadian-Turkish relations, and I will be back in Turkey to continue my research in May 2016.”
IR Pedagogy Conference

Given the changing nature of International Relations (IR) in particular and higher education in general, participants of the 15 January 2016 workshop confronted contemporary challenges by discussing innovations, experiences, and research into pedagogy. The IR workshop was an interactive event (see photo), and expert presenters and moderators (from across Canada and South Africa) reflected upon their teaching and research experiences in order to assess evidence-based practices as well as offer strategies in teaching and pedagogy that aim to enhance student learning (for details see www.queensu.ca/cidp/events/conferences-and-workshops).

Gender-Awareness Applications for the NATO Community

Dr. Stéfanie von Hlatky and the CIDP are embarking on an exciting new project funded by the NATO Science for Peace and Security programme. The project will focus on designing online tailor-made gender-awareness applications for the NATO community, in collaboration with partners from UC Irvine, the University of San Diego and the Australian Defence Force.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sheila Skelton Menzies Lecture. Countering the Terrorist Threat to Canada, with guest speaker Senator Daniel Lang, Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence. 23 March 2016.


Executive Course on Border Integrity. 6-8 June 2016.


For a complete list of speakers and events, visit us at www.queensu.ca/cidp