I hope 2017 is off to a great start for all of you. We are starting the term with an exciting workshop called Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism, on January 18-20, with partners from academia, government, the private sector and NGOs. The CIDP has also received funding for two additional research workshops, which will be held in the Spring, to examine two very important topics: 1) the professional transition of veterans; and 2) Canada’s new deterrence role. I look forward to seeing many of you in attendance, as many of these events will also be featured as part of the Policy@150 initiative, which “is intended to contribute to new national conversations on emerging policy challenges affecting Canada’s future”. Accordingly, we are launching the CIDP’s five-year Strategic Plan this year, which will showcase our new research priorities:

- Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy (Research Lead: Dr. Kim Nossal);
- Regional Security Policy (Research Lead: Dr. Jane Boulden);
- Culture and the Human Dimension of War and Military Operations (Research Lead: Dr. Allan English);
- Radicalization and Extremism (Research Lead: Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick O’Halloran).

As you can see, 2017 will be a busy year and I am very proud of what’s ahead, especially our annual Kingston Conference in International Security with the theme of Developing the Super Soldier: Enhancing Military Performance (12-14 June, 2017). Save the date!

Sincerely,

Stéfanie von Hlatky
Director, Centre for International and Defence Policy

Recent Publications


The Kingston International Lecture

This year’s Kingston International Lecture will feature the CBC’s Murray Brewster who will be discussing his unique perspective on the way in which information has been used to shape both domestic and international politics. Join us on Thursday, March 9th in Robert Sutherland Hall’s room 202, starting at 7pm for what will surely be an engaging and thought-provoking talk.

The Kingston International Lecture series is presented in partnership with the Centre for Security, Armed Forces, and Society at RMCC.
IDP Speakers Series Winter Schedule:

8 Feb: H. Christian Breede
“Building the Keepers of Peace: Special Forces and UN Peace Operations”

28 Feb: Adam Chapnick
“Harper Era in Canadian Foreign Policy”

10 Mar: Sherry Aitken
“Refugee Policy in Crisis: Fortress Europe on the World Stage”

14 Mar: Aisha Ahmad
“Jihad and Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power”

21 Mar: Sven Biscop
“European Strategy: Any Trump Cards Left?”

4 Apr: Kim R. Nossal
“How to Fix Defence Procurement in Canada”

Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism Workshop
18-20 January 2017, Delta Kingston Waterfront Hotel

Gender Dimension of Veteran Training Workshop
21 April 2017, Robert Sutherland Hall, Queen’s University

Between Deterrence and Assurance Workshop
11-12 May 2017, Fort Frontenac, Kingston

KCIS 2017
Developing the Super Soldier
12-14 June 2017, Residence Inn by Marriott Kingston

Spotlight

Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick J. O’Halloran
2016-2018 Canadian Army Visiting Defence Fellow

Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick O’Halloran enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1981 as a Piper in the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa then transferred in 1983 to the Regular Force whereby he attended Royal Roads Military College in Victoria and Royal Military College in Kingston. Upon graduation and completion of training he was posted to the 12e Régiment Blindé du Canada, an armour regiment in Valcartier, Quebec. During his over 33 years of service he has served in a variety of regimental, staff and academic positions in Valcartier, Gagetown, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Ottawa, Kingston and Lisbon, Portugal.

His current research focuses on human intervention, ethno-nationalism and post-conflict state-building and terrorist financing.

New CIDP Commentary

The CIDP is pleased to announce a new occasional commentary series that we are calling the Contact Report. In keeping with the concept of this military term, these reports will offer timely, concise commentary by our diverse group of fellows on current events as they are unfolding. Stay tuned for a formal call for submissions, but we are hoping to see our fellows offer up pieces (no more than 500 words) as part of this new series.