Director’s Note

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Dear CIDP community,

I am pleased to announce the launch of our quarterly newsletter. The CIDP newsletter will be distributed to our members and posted on our website. The goal is to outline our Centre’s activities, as well as our fellows’ accomplishments. I hope that you will help us in keeping the CIDP network vibrant by sharing news about our research projects, publications and media appearances.

It has been a busy year to date. We have launched many new initiatives, including an internship program in partnership with the Queen’s International Affairs Association or QIAA. Therefore, my first Director’s note will be dedicated to the QIAA President, Nirali Patel, as well as to the three interns that have worked at the CIDP during this academic year: Claire Gummo, Sam Kary and Chris Cowan. It has been fantastic to have them as part of our team and I think everyone has noticed our increased visibility on social media platforms and the more diverse crowd at our International and Defence Policy Speaker Series. Thank you from all of us at the CIDP!

Sincerely,

Stéfanie von Hlatky
Director
Centre for International and Defence Policy

New Releases


Visiting Defence Fellow Spotlight

Colonel Thomas A Crowson
Secretary of the General Staff for US Army, Europe
On being a VDF: “I would definitely recommend it to others. It has been great working with students, getting to know Canadian military culture and civilian culture, and getting the opportunity to outreach with the university has been incredible.”

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Price
Utah National Guard Construction and Facility Manager
On being a VDF: “Canada and Queen’s University have an international perspective. I think in the future I will be much more supportive of trying to understand Canada’s policies and their challenges.”
Looking Ahead

Kingston Conference on International Security 2015:
Robotics and Military Operations

KCIS 2015, the tenth annual conference in this series, will take place 11 - 13 May 2015. The conference will bring together academics and practitioners from the military, industry, non-governmental organizations and international institutions to discuss the challenges posed by robotics in military operations. Participants will discuss the drivers influencing strategic choices associated with these technologies, and partake in the formulation of preliminary policy recommendations to advance a comprehensive technology investment strategy. Registered guests can look forward to a Research and Industry Exhibit where some of top names in private defence showcase their technologies. Confirmed speakers include Peter W. Singer, Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, and Professor Douglas Lovelace. Register and find the latest updates on the conference at http://www.queensu.ca/kcis/index.html.

The CIDP is pleased to announce a new executive-level certificate program featuring novel analytical tools to confront modern security challenges. During this five-day course, May 11 - 15, participants will engage with top Canadian and international experts to study topics such as crisis management in various regional contexts, innovations in military technology, strategic communication, as well as targeted sessions for professionals working in crisis zones. Offered in partnership with the Kingston Conference on International Security, participants will learn new analytical and practical skills, participate in simulated crisis situations, and enhance their regional expertise. Professionals in government, the media, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations will benefit from learning and working in an active learning environment. For more information and to register, go to http://www.queensu.ca/cidp/events/ecis.html

8th Annual Women in International Security Canada Workshop

Women in International Security (WIIS)-Canada and the CIDP are pleased to support the 8th annual WIIS-Canada workshop, “Rethinking Foreign and Defence Policy in Canada:A decade after the International Policy statement”. The workshop will take place May 27-29 2015. The workshop brings together students, scholars, and professionals in the field of international affairs and security with the goal of advancing the position of women in the field. All are welcome to attend. For more information visit http://www.queensu.ca/cidp/events/conferencearchive/wiis/2015.html