Director’s Note

Dear colleagues,

The arrival of Spring typically signals the beginning of new research projects! This year, many of our fellows saw their research efforts rewarded with grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. I certainly look forward to showcasing these exciting projects in upcoming newsletters, Policy Briefs, and as part of our Contact Report series.

This year, we closed our International and Defence Policy Series with a visit from Major-General Dennis Thompson, who talked about his experience in the Sinai Peninsula as part of the Multinational Force and Observers (co-hosted with the School of Policy Studies). In addition, we also arranged and ran a professional development session focused on media training, led by Chris Armes from the Queen’s communications team. I would like to hear more of your ideas on potential training and skill building sessions that we could host off-cycle, as the feedback was extremely positive.

Finally, the months of May and June feature several additional events, such as our deterrence workshop (May 11-12), a talk by Brigadier-General Greg Smith (May 23) and our annual Kingston Conference on International Security, this year entitled Developing the Super Soldier: Enhancing Military Performance (12-14 June, 2017). Please inquire about our special KCIS rates for fellows!

Finally, a big thank you to our exceptional 2016-17 interns Dantae Gagnier and Haley Miller. Please join me in welcoming Jonathan Salna for the summer!

Sincerely,

Stéfanie von Hlatky
Director, Centre for International and Defence Policy

Recent Publications


IDP Speakers Series Spring Schedule:

23 May: Brigadier-General Greg Smith

Workshops and Conferences

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

Gender Awareness in the Security and Defense Field
27 April 2017, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego

Between Deterrence and Assurance Workshop
11-12 May 2017, University Club, Queen’s University

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

The Gender Dimension of Veteran Re-Integration

On April 21, 2017, the Centre for International and Defence Policy, in partnership with the Department of National Defence’s Defence Engagement Program, the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, and Canada Company, held a workshop to bridge the gap between stakeholders assisting transitioning CAF personnel to civilian life. The workshop panels considered contemporary challenges for transitioning women, as well as the best practices of existing programmes in other states that begin to address some of the aspects of transition unique to women veterans. The workshop also organized a pilot mentorship program, which matched women veterans with those who are in the process of transitioning.

Brigadier-General Greg Smith was born in Oshawa, Ontario and graduated from the Collège militaire royal de St-Jean (CMR) in 1993. He has served in each of the battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment (The RCR). He was Commanding Officer of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment, Commandant of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, and Director of the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps.

His next posting in June 2017 will take him to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium as the Canadian National Military Representative.

Community Outreach

In April, the CIPD received a Fulbright Community Leadership grant to sponsor their inaugural “Beyond Model UN” lecture at Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute. Professors Stéfanie von Hlatky and Kim Nossal addressed over 120 high school students participating in a Model UN conference about their interest in international affairs, and offered perspectives on UN resolution 1325 and the role of Trump in the UN.

“I really enjoyed Model UN - it was definitely an unforgettable experience. It was so amazing to see so many students so aware of all of the issues going on in the world, as well as how well they were able to represent their countries' beliefs and views. I will definitely attend again!”

Lily Liu - Grade 10.

The CIDP hopes to continue this event and other similar community outreach initiatives to empower and inspire budding international affairs experts.