



Centre for International and Defence Policy

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

Allan English. "Corruption in the Canadian military? Destroying trust in the chain of command". *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*. Volume 23, 1; 2017.

Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé, and Stéfanie von Hlatky. *Standing on Guard for Peace: Canada's Future Role in UN Operations*. CIDP Policy Brief, Special Issue, February 2017.

Stéfanie von Hlatky and Nora Ibrahim. *Violent Extremism in Canada and Abroad*. CIDP Special Policy Report, March 2017.



Event Spotlight



KCIS2017 will examine how best to advance soldier performance to maintain a competitive advantage. Achieving sustainable outcomes in operations relies on sound military strategy and weapons, but also on individual service members performing effectively across multidimensional roles. However, this must be balanced with moral considerations and the military's stated commitment to reflecting society's values and norms. Register at www.queensu.ca/kcis.



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Calendar of Events

IDP Speakers Series Spring Schedule:

23 May: Brigadier-General Greg Smith

“Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Iraq 2017 – Observations on Contemporary Operations”

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.

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Spotlight

Brigadier-General

Greg Smith

Canadian Army

Visiting Defence Fellow 2017

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.

BGen Smith has been on operational deployment in Croatia and Afghanistan, and in 2016 he served in Iraq as Chief of Staff of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

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 CIDP 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.

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