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Since its foundation in 2007, the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) has informed and stimulated debate about contemporary global issues and Canada’s role in world affairs. Committed to excellence in research, CIPS has two focus areas — international security and global governance. Drawing together professors and graduate students in five research networks, we also collaborate with researchers around the world. Located in Ottawa, at Canada’s preeminent bilingual university, CIPS is a dynamic meeting place for scholars, policy makers and international activists and a vibrant hub for the exchange of new, challenging and innovative ideas about global politics. Every year, CIPS organizes a range of workshops, conferences and invited speakers’ series, most of which are open to the public. CIPS’ highly successful Blog, written only by subject-matter experts, is recognized as one of the top foreign policy blogs in Canada and the world. CIPS is jointly funded by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation at the University of Ottawa.
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Finally, in 2022 we returned to campus and in-person meetings and events. By coincidence, our first in-person gathering was the Graduate Student Conference, which was also our very last event prior to the COVID pandemic. After almost two years of zoom meetings, the sheer joy of being together again, of discussing, listening, and learning was palpable. It has not diminished. But we have not forgotten our online friends in faraway places, and continue to offer many events in hybrid format or as video recordings.

During 2022, which marked our 15th anniversary, we hosted 38 events attended by over 2600 people, in-person and online. The early part of the year was dominated by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. I was particularly touched by our conversation with Ukraine’s former ambassador to Canada. We marked Black History Month with a fascinating talk by Howard French, author of Born in Blackness. All told, we welcomed scholars from over a dozen countries, including Australia, Côte d’Ivoire, France, Haiti, Scotland, Wales, and the US.

CIPS research activities continue to flourish. We held an international workshop on the African Union’s 20th anniversary, and a forthcoming Special Issue of Global Studies Quarterly will explore the AU and Pan-Africanism’s role in global politics. The Global Right project met for an intensive writing workshop; stay tuned for the forthcoming book! We received two MINDS grants from the Department of National Defence: one investigating AUKUS and the other the humanitarian-peace-development nexus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We also released a much-discussed report on the future of the Canadian foreign service.

The CIPS Blog continues to thrive, sparking debate about key issues in international politics and Canada’s place in the world. Our most talked about and read blogs are those that deal directly with Canadian issues, but we also strive to cover topics that are often overlooked and to offer a different, expert perspective on current affairs.

This is my last Year in Review-letter. After six years as Director, I will be stepping down in June 2023. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with so many smart, talented people. My sincere thanks to everyone who has helped make the past years such a success – our research networks, the University of Ottawa, and our many partners and collaborators. Thanks also to our audiences – in Ottawa, Canada, and beyond. Please continue to come back! I look forward to joining you in the audience.

Director
Rita Abrahamsen
On November 16th, we had the pleasure of hosting a panel featuring five current women ambassadors to Canada.

- Her Excellency Reem Alkhaled, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait
- Her Excellency Souriya Otmani, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco
- Her Excellency Ines Coppoolse, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Her Excellency Anizan Siti Hajjar Adnin, High Commissioner of Malaysia
- Her Excellency Romy Vasquez Morales, Ambassador of Panama

The panel focused on personal experiences of women heads of diplomatic missions, discussed the challenges women face in diplomacy, the future of women in diplomacy, and concluded with a question-and-answer session. Students were keen to explore how to succeed as a woman in diplomacy.
Changing Orders: Shaping the Future and Securing Rights in a World in Transformation

This project is jointly led by CIPS, the Institute for Science, Society and Policy (ISSP), the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC), and The Refugee Hub. The project is funded by the Alex Trebek Forum for Dialogue: “Smart Changes for a Better World” Public Policy Research Agenda.

Changing Orders seeks to reveal the fundamental dynamics underlying today’s governance and human rights challenges – at the national and global levels – and to generate new and innovative ideas and policy responses to them. Take a look at the publications related to this project.

Global Right

The rise of radical conservative political movements is one of the most striking developments in global politics. Yet despite their potentially far-reaching implications for global order, their international agenda remains under-examined. Global Right (GR) is a comprehensive research project to address the radical Right’s vision and approach to the international order and foreign policy. This project is funded by the Social Science Research Council (SSHRC). Read more about the Global Right research project.

Research Networks

Many of CIPS’ research activities are organized by five disciplinary and thematic research networks, drawing together professors and graduate students from across the University of Ottawa. These include:

- The Asian Studies Network
- The Fragile States Research Network
- The International Political Economy Network
- The International Theory Network
- The Security Studies Network

Ongoing Projects Funded by CIPS

- AUKUS Among Democracies: One Year Later
- Making Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy Effective
- Cultural Geopolitics: Global Politics and the Challenges of the Radical Right
- The Meaning of a State in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Societies: Towards a Bottom-up Analysis
CIPS Policy Report: Competitive Expertise and Future Diplomacy: Subject-Matter Specialization in Generalist Foreign Ministries

Written by CIPS Research Associate Ulric Shannon, this report examines the future of the Canadian foreign service. It concludes that to remain competitive, Canada must strengthen expertise among its diplomatic corps.

Read the full Policy Report, the blog, and listen to the podcast.

The AU at 20: Challenges and Opportunities

2022 marked the 20th anniversary of the African Union. Has the AU lived up to its promise? And how can the organization navigate the challenges and opportunities of the next 20 years? A workshop and roundtable was organized to discuss these questions. This was part of the "Changing Orders" project, and funded by a SSHRC grant.

Up next: A special issue of Global Studies Quarterly & a panel at the International Studies Association 2023

Global Right

The book "Globalizing the Right" is forthcoming in 2023, and will be discussed at a roundtable at the International Studies Association in 2023. Members of the Global Right project also presented their research at the APSA conference, and commented on the Trucker Convoy in the Globe & Mail.

DND Minds Grants

Srdjan Vucetic: AUKUS One Year Later
- A security pact between Australia, the UK and the US was announced Sept. 15th, 2021. This project aimed to take stock of the agreement on its first anniversary.
- As part of the project, the research team organized a hybrid workshop on October 3rd and a Special Issue is in preparation.

Marie-Eve Desrosiers & Haley J. Swedlund: Capacity-Building Across the Humanitarian-Peace-Development Nexus in the DRC: Lessons for Canada and Beyond
- This project focuses on the implementation of the Humanitarian-Peace-Development Nexus or Triple-Nexus in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
Volume 13 of Potentia features the following articles and book review:

- Serval et Barkhane : des interventions aux multiples conséquences
- REDD+ But Not Ready
- Redefining Violence against Women and Framing Issues
- An Insecure North?
- The Normative Evolution of Gender-Based Crimes Against Humanity
- L’autodétermination : de la difficile naissance à l’impossible application du droit par les Nations Unies ?
- Problems with Nature-Based Solutions
- Batman Saves the Congo: How Celebrities Disrupt the Politics of Development

The keynote address was given by Patricia Fuller, GSPIA Senior Fellow and Canada’s former climate change ambassador. Her keynote was titled "Climate Change and Global Conflict: Considerations for Canada".
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**AUKUS Among Democracies: One Year Later**

A full day hybrid workshop was held on October 3rd, 2022 as part of a project examining the AUKUS security pact, one year after it was announced. The event was organized by Alexandra Gheciu and Srdjan Vucetic and featured 12 presentations, broken up into a morning and an afternoon session. This project is funded by a MINDS grant.

**Nuclear Threats and Canada’s Disarmament Diplomacy**

Paul Meyer, former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award from Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, gave a lecture on November 28th, 2022. His full remarks were published as a CIPS Policy Brief, and were also accompanied by a blog.

**Quest for Economic Security: Japan, Canada, and the Indo-Pacific**

This event, held on June 15th, 2022, featured a presentation by Mr. Yasuhiko Ota, editorial writer and columnist for Nikkei, on high-tech industries and economic security in Japan, Canada, and across the Indo-Pacific. Remarks were given by YAMANOUCHI Kanji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Canada. N. Lynn McDonald, Patrick Leblond and Scott Simon also participated in the discussion.

**A Conversation with Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction: Current Situation and the Best Practices for Protecting Future Assistance to Afghanistan**

On April 7th, 2022, we were joined by US Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, John Sopko, who gave a keynote address. He was joined by discussant Daryl Copeland, former Diplomat and Professor.
January 26th, 2022

Prior to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, we welcomed Oxana Shevel and Dominique Arel to discuss the current crisis, assess the likelihood of war, the prospects of a negotiated solution, and the implications for Ukraine, NATO and global security. The event was chaired by Jean-François Ratelle.

March 4th, 2022

After Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, CIPS and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies held a special panel on the war. The event featured François Audet, Anna Colin Lebedev, Thane Gustafson, Anastasia Riabchuk and Guillaume Sauvé. It was moderated by Dominique Arel.

March 9th, 2022

CIPS and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies had the pleasure of hosting a special event with the Honourable Andriy Shevchenko, Former Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada and currently in the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Kyiv. The event was moderated by Dominique Arel & Rita Abrahamsen.

March 10th, 2022

CIPS and the International Political Economy Network held an event to discuss the sanctions placed on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine. The event featured panelists from around the world, with a wide variety of views. It was moderated by Ryan M. Katz-Rosene.
SOCIAL MEDIA

All time:

- CIPS Website
  221k views

- @uOttawaCIPS
  6.1k followers

- @CIPSuOttawa
  845.5k views
  8.22k subscribers

In 2022:

- 194.9k views
- 64k profile visits
- 145 new followers
- 135.3k views
- 156% increase
- 1.5k subscribers

Top video released in 2022

Russia vs Ukraine and NATO: Assessing the Ukraine Crisis
Presented by CIPS

Oxana Shevel and Dominique Arel
Chaired by: Jean-François Raleffe

January 26, 2022

New Channel: LinkedIn

Search: Centre for International Policy Studies
2022 Best Blog Award winner!

The Politics of Travel Bans
By Rita Abrahamsen

Our panel of three judges - Madelaine Drohan, Junie Saint-Fleur and David Hornsby - narrowed the list down to the top 5 blogs, which were then voted on by the public.

The CIPS Blog is written only by subject-matter experts, focusing on a wide variety of issues ranging from Canadian foreign policy, climate change and security to economic challenges, democracy and development.

Highlights:

42 blogs by 37 different authors

Most read blogs published in 2022:
1) The Senate Brings Hope for GAC Reform by Daniel Livermore
2) The Future of the Canadian Foreign Service by Ulric Shannon

Most frequently written about topic in 2022: Ukraine (6)

- NATO vs. Putin: the Lessons of the Ukraine Crisis
- Vladimir Putin: Saviour of NATO
- Putin is Waging War on Eastern Ukraine
- Africa, Ukraine, and the New Geopolitics
- Coopération arctique post-Ukraine: suspension ou rupture?
- Still United in Support of Ukraine?
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