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NATO ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



2019

The NATO Association of Canada educates Canadians about the value of security and NATO's importance. 2019 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Alliance. To mark the occasion we hosted exciting events across Canada to ensure Canadians could engage with key figures in Canada's NATO relationship, including Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

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During our AGM in November,
We welcomed four new Directors to our Board:



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IN MEMORIAM

This year the NATO Association lost two important members of our community:



MGen (Ret'd) Reginald W. Lewis, CM, CMM, CStJ, CD
1930 - February 24th, 2019 (Long-serving Director)



Col. (Ret'd) Brian Scott MacDonald, CD
1939 – November 19, 2019 (Past President)

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ATA Atlantic Treaty Association
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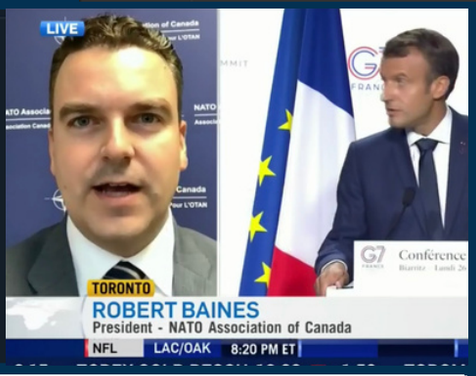
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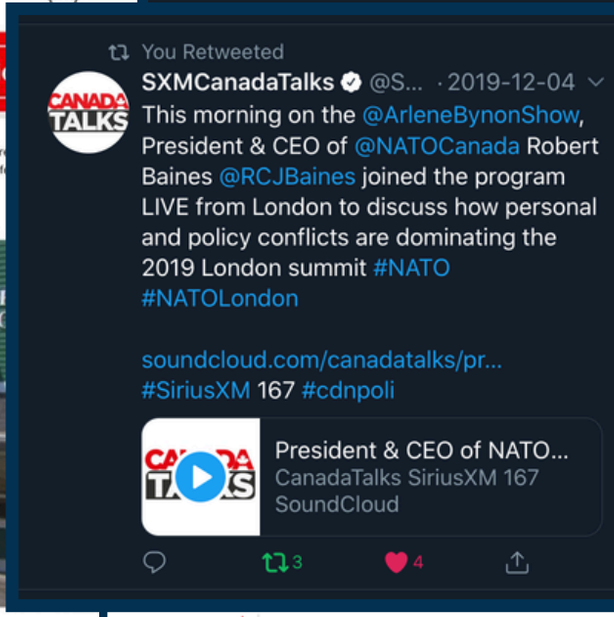


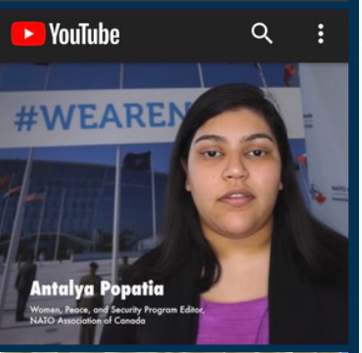












Justin Fong of the Quidi Vidi Brewing Company took the brewery's signature beer to Toronto to represent Canada at the first NATO Association of Canada's Beer Festival. (Mark Quinn/CBC)









Volunteer Interns - Winter/Spring 2019



Ben Patterson
Cyber & Information Warfare Program Editor



Antalya Popatia
Women in Security Program Editor



Matthew McDonald
NATO Operations Program Editor



Wafa Ghanmi
Emerging Security Program Editor



Marian Corera
Security, Trade & Economy Program Editor







February 8, 2019

The Middle East after the US Withdrawal from Syria

Panel in Toronto

Co-hosted with the RCMI and the SETA Foundation with Dr. Detta, SETA General Coordinator; Dr. Kanat, Assoc. Prof. of Penn State University; Dr. Ustun, SETA Washington D.C. Executive Director; and Dr. Yesiltas, Assoc. Prof. of Ankara University.





February 13, 2019

NATO Association Participation at the CDAI

Conference in Ottawa

President Robert Baines presented on a panel about the future of NATO with LGen. (Ret'd) Guy Thibault, former VCDS, Ambassador Anne Ovind of Norway, MGen. Andis Dilāns, Baltic Defence College Commandant, and Ambassador Kerim Uras of Turkey.





February 28, 2019

NATO at the Tactical Level

Presentation in Toronto

The NATO Association hosted Major Boisvert-Novak of the Canadian Forces College for a presentation on NATO Operations at the tactical level and his own experiences from deployments to Afghanistan and EfP Latvia.



March 8, 2019

Women in Security

Panel in Toronto

With Spaces Works, the NATO Association hosted Major Lockhart and MWO Stawarz of the Toronto Scottish Regiment with Ontario Police Chief Superintendent Decock and Toronto Police Chief Superintendent Pauline Gray to discuss women in security.



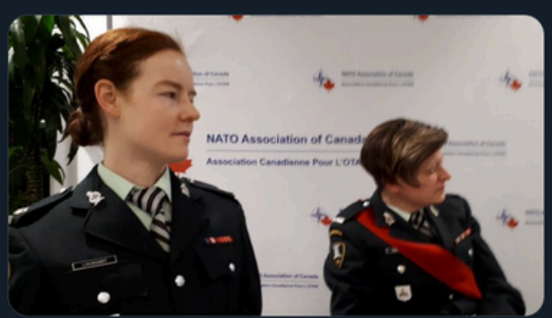






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#MyCAF Maj Ann Lockhart and MWO Maggie Stawarz @TorSCOTTISHREG address @NATOCANADA Women in Defence and Security Panel discussion showcasing women in leadership #CAF



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Fantastic panel discussion hosted by @NATOCanada on "Peace Goes Beyond Gender". We're proud of our Canadian women representing their country in @NATO and other military forces. #WomensDay #IWD2019



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March 14, 2019

Global Affairs Canada Latvia Discussion

Ottawa Panel

NATO Association President Robert Baines, YATA Canada's Jayson Derow and Program Direcxtor Claire Wahlen participated in a panel alongside Ambassador to Latvia HE Kevin Rex, Colonel Major of the Latvia EfP and Steve Saideman of Carleton Univesrsity.







March 15, 2019

Montreal Branch Discussions

Montreal Meetings

President Robert Baines and Program Director Claire Wahlen met with Vice President Garrick Ngai, Director Tomasz Pogorzelski, Senior Fellow Dr Robert Cutler, Research Analyst Alexis Amini and local members to discuss future Quebec activities.





March 27, 2019

The Alliance's Efforts to Advance WPS

Toronto Conference

In collaboration with Women In International Security and the RCMI, the conference explored NATO's commitment to gender equality including opening remarks by Vice-Chair Kathryn Langley Hope and a panel featuring past president Julie Lindhout, .











NATO's 70th Anniversary

Ottawa Reception

April 4, 2019

The NATO Association & the NATO Parliamentary Assembly were proud to host Minister Harjit Sajjan, MP Borys Wyrzesnewskj, Senator Joseph Day, and NATO member diplomatic representatives to celebrate the 70th anniversary of NATO!

















Thanks to sponsors General Dynamics Land Systems
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NATO's 70th Anniversary

Toronto Reception

We cohosted a Toronto reception at the Canadian Forces College with Commandant BGen McPherson, US Consul General Greg Stanford & past Chair Hon. Bill Graham for NATO Consuls General & Association Directors.







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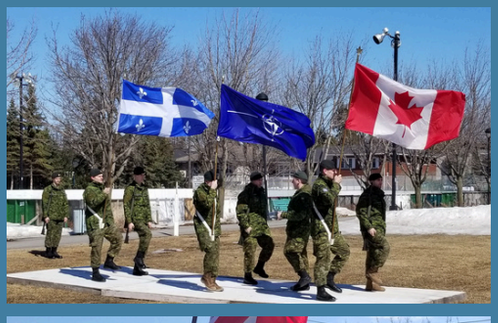








Celebrating 70 in Montreal - Flag Raising Ceremony




NATO Association @NATOCanada · Mar 29, 2019

The Town of Hampstead, together with the Royal Montreal Regiment & Royal Canadian Legion Branch 14, will celebrate the NATO 70th anniversary with a flag-raising ceremony Thursday, April 4, at 11:30 am, at the Irving L. Adessky Community Centre. #Montreal #WeAreNATO



Thank you to our new hosts: Sutter Hill Real Estate Group!

In April we moved offices from 60 Harbour St to 48 Yonge St. Toronto





... and our protesters moved with us!



April visit to the NATO Defense College

President Robert Baines and Vice Presidents Tina Park and Karim Kanji joined Deputy Secretary General Gottemoeller and LGen Whitecross for a conference at the NDC on NATO's 70th Anniversary





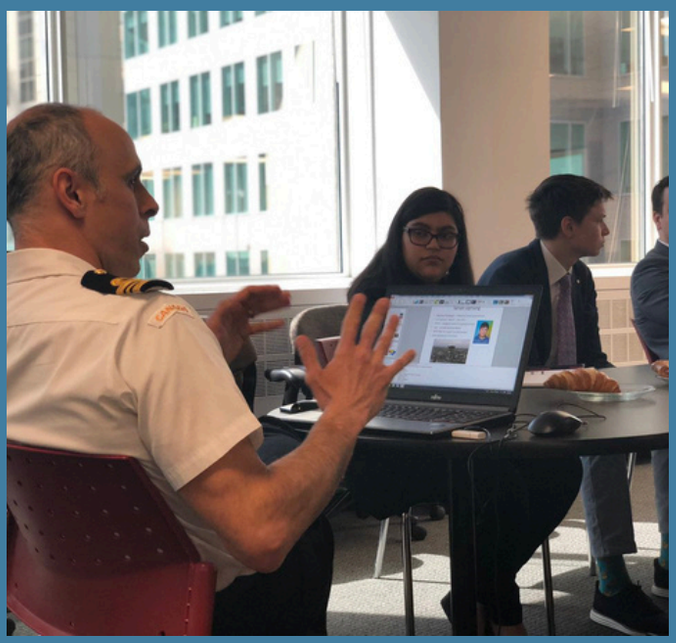


April 17, 2019

Life at Supreme Headquarters

Toronto Roundtable

The NATO Association hosted Lieutenant Commander Jason Barbagallo from the Canadian Forces College for a roundtable about life as a Canadian officer appointed to NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE).





April 24, 2019

Georgia's Celebration of NATO

Ottawa Discussion

The NATO Association co-hosted the Embassy of Georgia's celebration of NATO's 70th anniversary in Ottawa. Our Program Director, Claire Wahlen, moderated a discussion with the Georgian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Vakhtang Makharobishvili.







Volunteer Interns - Summer 2019



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May 15, 2019

Launch of Timothy Sayle's "Enduring Alliance"

Toronto Presentation

In collaboration with the Bill Graham Centre, the NATO Association had the pleasure of co-hosting a book launch for Timothy Sayle's new book "Enduring Alliance: A History of NATO and the Post-War Global Order."







May 17, 2019

Global Disinformation with Jānis Sārts

Toronto Discussion

The Association hosted a discussion between our Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Joseph McQuade, and Jānis Sārts, Director of the NATO Centre of Excellence for Strategic Communication, on global disinformation and its relevance to the Canadian election.







May 24, 2019

NATO Airborne Early Warning Control System

Toronto Presentation

The NATO Association co-hosted a presentation at the Canadian Forces College by Major Jonathan Gilbert on NATO Air Defence and the Airborne Early Warning Control System and Canada's history of participation.







June 3, 2019

Canada and NATO in Iraq

Toronto Roundtable

Interns and directors of the NATO Association had the honour of meeting BGen. Colin Keiver, who had just returned from rotation as Commander of Joint Task Force Iraq. The wide-ranging discussion took place at the Denison Armoury in Toronto.







July 13, 2019

Protect the Children: Child Soldiers

Panel in Toronto

The NATO Association hosted a panel on the subject of child soldiers at the 519 featuring former child soldier and motivational speaker Michel Chikwanine as well as Jessica Dee, co-authors of the graphic novel "Child Soldier."











July 15 2019

Humanitarian Crises & Instability in the Middle East

Toronto Panel

Co-Hosted with the RCMI and the SETA Foundation, panelists included Prof. Emine Nur Günay, member of Turkish Parliament; Prof. Talha Köse, Chair of International Relations at Ibn Haldun University, and Dr. Kadir Ustun, Executive Director of SETA.





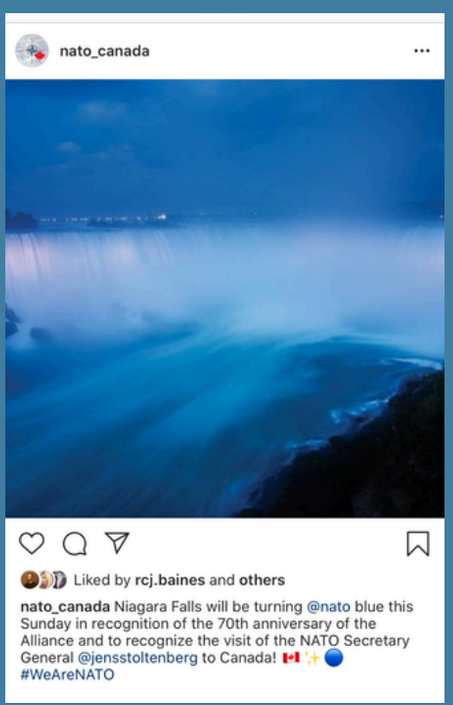
July 15, 2019

Visit of the Secretary General

Toronto Speech

The NATO Association had the immense pleasure of hosting NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the George Ignatieff Theatre. Moderated by LGen Chris Whitecross, the event saw the Secretary General give an address on the continuing value of NATO, followed by a 40 minute Q&A session with our distinguished members, directors, and partners.













July 15, 2019

Visit of the Secretary General

The event could not have happened without the strong support of Massey College, the NATO Defense College and the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. Particular thanks to Principal Nathalie Des Rosiers of Massey College, Dr. Tina Park and Vice Chair Kathryn Langley Hope, who presented a certificate of honourary membership in the NATO Association to the Secretary General.











High School Model NATO Simulation

Toronto Event

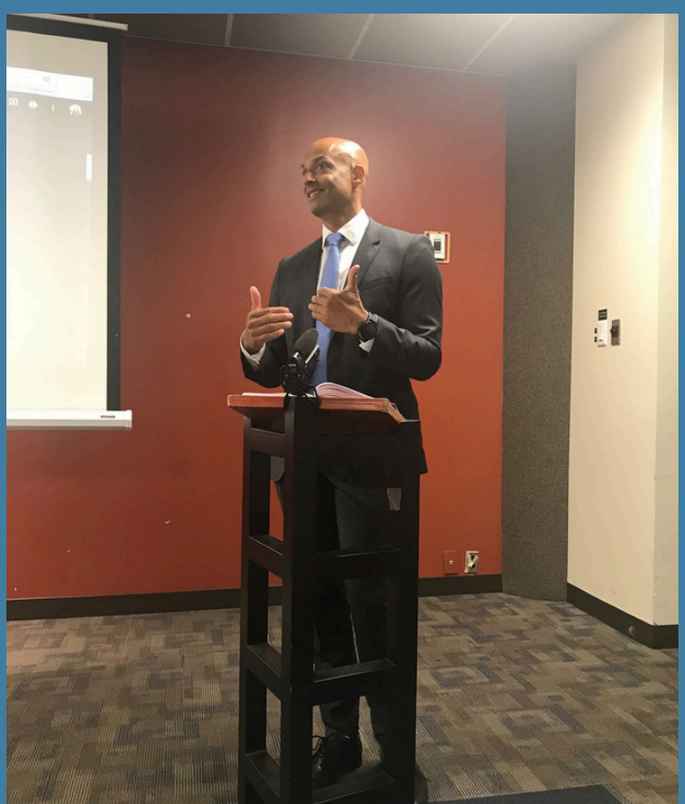
August 10, 2019

The Association hosted a model NATO simulation for 30 students who also got to hear from speakers representing the Canadian Armed Forces and a keynote from James Appathurai, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs.



















Volunteer Interns - Fall 2019



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Canada's NATO Program Editor



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September 15, 2019

Georgian Festival for NATO's 70th Anniversary

Toronto Open Air Festival

The Association joined the Georgian Embassy and Georgian Woman's Action Group to celebrate NATO and Georgia's culture in Canada. The event in Mel Lastman Square showcased Georgian food, music and dance and included a NATO birthday cake!.











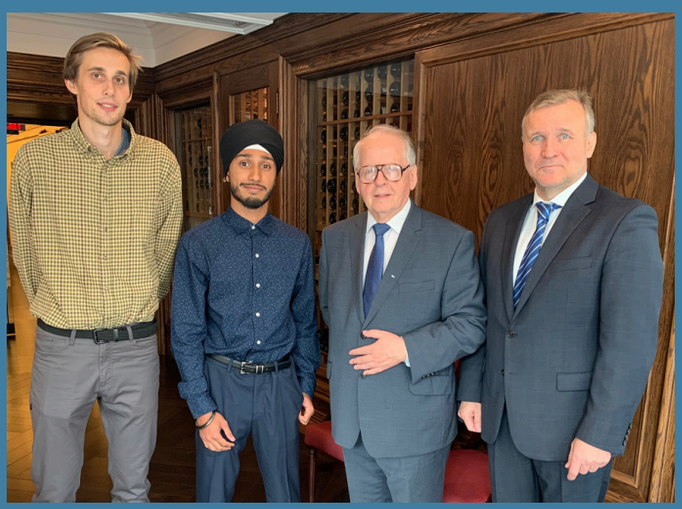


September 23, 2019

Executive Working Lunch with Estonian Delegation

Toronto Discussion

Members of the Association Executive (Kathryn Langley Hope, HCol Patrick Curtis and Karim Kanji) met with the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Estonia, Mr Enn Eesmaa, MP, the Estonian Ambassador, H.E. Toomas Lukk, Hon Peter Van Loan, Nichole Anderson of Business and the Arts, Gillian Hewitt Smith and Jennie Green of the Toronto Arts Foundation. Robert Zeidler convened the meeting to discuss the power of Canada's arts and cultural communities to communicate the value of security.





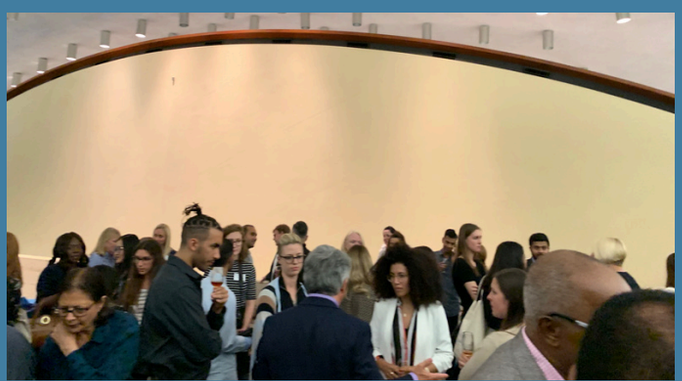
September 25, 2019

Climate Security

Toronto Panel

The NATO Association partnered with the UN Association of Canada (Toronto Branch) to host an event at Toronto City Hall celebrating the UN International Day of Peace and highlighting the importance of climate security. The NATO Association's Ed and Jocelyn Badovinac sponsored facsimiles of the Atlantic Charter to be given out to the speakers.







October 24, 2019

Brexit: Why? & What's Next

Toronto Fireside Chat

The NATO Association partnered with the Mosaic Institute for a fascinating evening with former Canadian High Commissioner to the UK Mel Cappe in conversation with Akaash Maharaj. Brexit still remains to be solved!





October 25, 2019

Disinformation Publication Launch

Forwarded by NATO Association Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Joseph McQuade, and with contributions from authors Janis Sarts, Sebastian Bay, Guna Šnore, Jazlyn Melnychuk of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, Dr. Regina Rin, Dr. Heidi Tworek, Elisha Corbett, Abigail Curlew, Dr. Jeffrey Monaghan, Victoria Heath, Christian Picard, Ryan Atkinson, Ian Litschko and Josh Campbell, this scholarly publication features original work by leading experts studying information and democracy. This marks our first collaborative publication with our new Centre for Disinformation Studies.







October 27, 2019

HMCS St. John

Toronto Reception

The NATO Association was pleased to host sponsors and directors on board HMCS St. John's to celebrate Canada's contributions to NATO. Director Ed Badovinac and his wife Jocelyn presented Cdr Sproule and RAdm Cassivi with a plaque honouring HMCS St. John's participation in many NATO operations.















October 29, 2019

Montreal Viewing of NATO Innovation Challenge

Montreal Viewing Party

The NATO Association organized a live viewing of the NATO Innovation Challenge being held in Hungary. The viewing was at McGill University with members of the AI and CAF Public Affairs Communities. Alexis Amini, Co-Director of the Trans-Atlantic Innovation Centre, hosted the event.



October 30, 2019

Hon. Andrew Leslie on Canada/US Relations

Toronto Discussion

The NATO Association partnered with the Canadian Forces College Foundation for a discussion on Canada's relationship with the United States led by LGen (Ret'd) Hon. Andrew Leslie.





November 1, 2019

Reception of Honour for the Rt. Hon Paul Martin

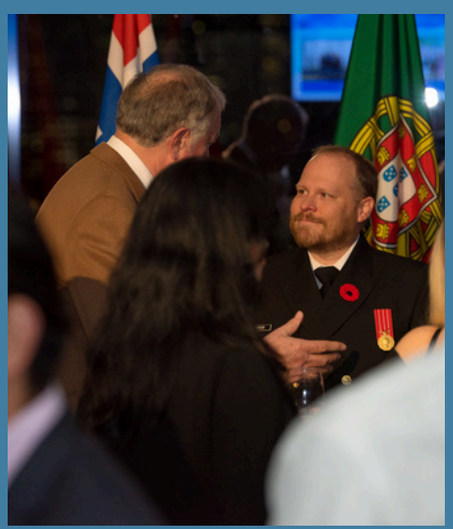
On November 1st, the NATO Association was proud to be able to honour the Right Honourable Paul Martin as a champion of the Rules Based International Order and to be joined in this effort by our sponsors, The Trisha A. Langley Estate, CN Rail, The Bitove Foundation, The Kearns Foundation, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, the Latvian Ministry of Defence, Sutter Hill Real Estate and the Globe and Mail.



November 1, 2019

A Community to Honour

A great community showed up to honour the 21st Prime Minister of Canada for his dedication to supporting and improving the rules-based international order. 250 Canadians from all walks of life joined us for this memorable occasion.













We were joined by Hon. Peter MacKay, Interim Chair Kathryn Langley Hope and Past Chair Hon Hugh Segal to help honour Mr. Martin.



















After Mr Martin received the NATO Association's St. Laurent Award, Ms. Natasha Hassan of the Globe and Mail explored issues of past and present international affairs with the former Prime Minister.



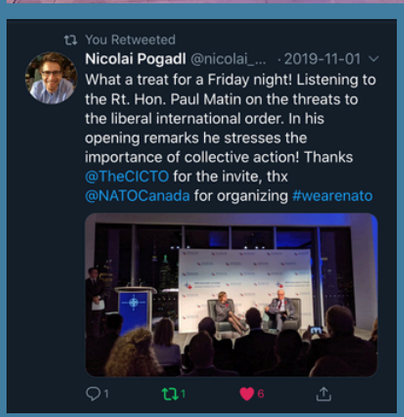
















November 6, 2019

Director Discussions with our NATO Ambassador

Toronto Discussion

Directors of the NATO Association joined Canada's Permanent Representative to NATO, David Angell, for informal drinks at the Royal Canadian Military Institute. Director Ed Badovinac and his wife Jocelyn presented Mr Angell with a plaque in honour of NATO's 70th anniversary.







November 9, 2019

Atlantic Treaty Association General Assembly

NATO HQ, Brussels

The NATO Association was represented at the Atlantic Treaty Association over two days of intensive Council meetings and a General Assembly at NATO Headquarters. Guidelines for an ATA Strategic Review were under discussion.The meetings were facilitated by Assistant Secretary General Ambassador Tacan Ildem and the NATO Association was represented by our Research Analyst Brett Carson.



November 7, 2019

NATO Beer Festival

Toronto Festival

NATO Association directors and members were joined by NATO member Consuls General and Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament for our NATO Beer Festival. Ivan Pocuch, Consul General of the Czech Republic, and Gertrude Kearns, Canadian War Artist spoke about the value of security in maintaining our cultural flourishing.



















November 8, 2019

NORAD in Today's Evolving Security Environment

Toronto Presentation

The NATO Association and the Royal Canadian Military Institute hosted LGen Chris Coates, Deputy Commander of NORAD, for a presentation over coffee. Discussions included Dr Strangelove, Terminator scenarios with Skynet and security awareness.







November 12, 2019

Exploring NATO Through Dance

Toronto Proformance

The NATO Association was proud to support Battery Dance and Canada's National Ballet School in creating a program for students to learn about NATO the through dance and creative expression. Thanks to New Pedagogies for Deep Learning who hosted Artistic Director, Jonathan Hollander, and the student dancers to perform!







November 18, 2019

Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order

Toronto Conference

The NATO Association and the Defence and Security Foresight Group co-hosted the Halifax International Security Forum Peace with Women Fellows for a great event with a keynote speech from Her Honour Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell.













November 18, 2019

Social media engagement from our network at the conference with DFS Group and the Halifax Forum









November 2019

Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival

Vancouver Festival

For another year, the NATO Association had a video featured as a preview before the films at the VISAFF. Research Analyst Antalya Popatia joined founder Mannu Sandhu at the Premier in Vancouver.







November 25, 2019

Meeting with Latvian Minister of Defence

Toronto Meeting

NATO Association directors and stakeholders met with Hon Artis Pabriks, Latvia's Minister of Defence, to discuss the challenge of engaging Canadians about NATO missions.







Rising Challenges for NATO

Now, more than ever, there is a greater need for the NATO Association's work to engage and educate Canadians about the value of security and the importance of NATO.

A4 nationalpost.com CANADA NATIONAL POST, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

DEFENCE

DOUBTS OVER NATO'S VIABILITY COULD PUT CANADA IN BIND

A brewing battle over the future of NATO could have major implications for Canada, which for decades has relied on the military alliance as a cornerstone of its security, protection and influence in the world. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to travel to London next month where recent comments by French President Emmanuel Macron questioning the viability of the alliance threaten to overshadow a celebration of NATO's 70th birthday. Robert Baines, president of the NATO Association of Canada, credited the alliance with having maintained decades of relative peace and security in North America and Europe. Canada has hundreds of Forces' members deployed on NATO operations in Iraq, Latvia, Romania, and the Mediterranean. Together, NATO's 29 members spend more than $1 trillion on defence each year. Canada has been criticized for being among those allies not spending enough on defence, which has been a bone of contention for U.S. President Donald Trump. The federal Liberals planned to only spend 1.4 per cent of GDP by 2024-25. *The Canadian Press*

December 3-4, 2019

NATO Engages - London NATO Leaders' Meeting

On the sidelines of the NATO Leaders' Meeting in London, NATO's official outreach event titled 'NATO Engages: Innovating the Alliance' took place. The NATO Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other leaders spoke. President Robert Baines, and Interim-Chair, Kathryn Langley Hope were in attendance. Canada was also represented by Professor Stefanie Von Hlatky, David Perry, Dr. Alexander Moens, Zach Paikin and two members of our Canadian Youth Atlantic Treaty Association, Benjamin Patterson and Antalya Popatia.











December 2019

Landmark Donation to Ensure a Strong NATO Association of Canada!

In December of 2019, the Trisha A Langley Estate made a landmark Donation of $100,000 in two donations of $50,000 to empower our organization. The vision of an organization to better engage the Canadian public with NATO is made possible by the gift. The announcement was made by trustee Kathryn E Langley Hope, Interim Chair of the NATO Association of Canada and continual supporter of our mandate.

Thank you Kathryn!



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