

Shoulder to Shoulder: Forging a New Canada-UK Relationship

Goodenough College, London, UK, November 29-30, 2018

The order established following the Second World War is being tested by current geo-political events. The role of NATO is in question. Two massive economic blocs, NAFTA and the EU are under real and critical threat.

In these anxious times of shifting alliances and weakening ties, it is tough for countries to find reliable friends.

That is not the case with Canada and the UK. Canada and the UK share long and profound cultural, military, legal, political and regulatory histories. Is now the time to call on those ties? Are there opportunities to build a stronger relationship around free trade, bilateral security agreements, and financial market integration?

The School of Public Policy, in partnership with the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary, Canada, invites you attend a conference that will explore these options and flesh out practical policy routes to strengthening the Canada-UK relationship. Co-hosted with the support of Goodenough College and the British Consulate-General in Calgary, the event will feature expert panels, and encourage focused, frank and real-world debate on what is possible, and how.

This year, for our inaugural event, we will address three themes central to the current climate:

The Future of Trade and Investment

Canada and the UK are already significant trading partners, but what is the future of our bilateral relationship in these uncertain times? At the same time, both countries recognize the need to look beyond traditional partners for new economic opportunities. Brexit and American unpredictability combined with developing countries' huge economic potential are driving our countries to look outward.

The Future of Financial Markets

Brexit, as well as risks to NAFTA, mean a discussion between Canada and the UK about the possibility of greater integration of the Canada-UK financial markets is urgent.

The Future of Security Cooperation

Canada and the UK maintain strong ties in the realm of security. However, current events and changes in the nature of global threats necessitate an update to Canada-UK collaboration in this area. This session will explore policy options in response to cyber and hybrid security threats and shifting NATO commitments.

There are two intended outcomes of this event: Firstly, a summary report will outline key messages and provide prescriptive policy solutions for advancing Canada-UK cooperation. This document will inform ongoing and future policy discussions with policymakers and leaders. Secondly, the event will set the stage for future policy collaboration by establishing new connections between the research and practitioners in each country.

Day 1 Full Day Symposium at Goodenough College Large Common Room (Thursday, November 29)

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (CAN) Dr. PG Forest, The School of Public Policy• (UK) Dr. Alan McCormack, Dean, Goodenough College
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Session 1: The Future of Trade and Investment <p>Canada and the UK are already significant trading partners, but what is the future of our bilateral relationship in these uncertain times? At the same time, both countries recognize the need to look beyond traditional partners for new economic opportunities. Brexit and American unpredictability combined with developing countries' huge economic potential are driving our countries to look outward.</p> Stage setter presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (UK) Mr. Andrew Percy, Member of Parliament, Trade envoy responsible for Canada• (UK) Mr. Matthew Moth, Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Discussion on the Future of Canada-UK Trade and Investment <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (CAN) Dr. Eugene Beaulieu, The School of Public Policy <p>Discussion leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (UK) Dr. Kamala Dawar, University of Sussex• (UK) Dr. Swati Dhingra, London School of Economics
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Networking lunch (Churchill Room)
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Janice Charette, Canadian High Commissioner to the UK
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Session 2: The Future of Financial Markets <p>Brexit, as well as risks to NAFTA, mean a discussion between Canada and the UK about comprehensive reforms to integrate Canada-UK financial markets are not just mutually beneficial – they are urgent.</p> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bryce Tingle, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary <p>Discussion leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (UK) Mr. Charles Bond, Gowling WLG• (CAN) Mrs. Pamela Hughes, Blakes• (UK) Mr. Jim Moran, Financial Conduct Authority• (CAN) Mr. Graham Dallas, TSX

Day 2 Half-day symposium at Goodenough College Large Common Room (Nov. 30)

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Networking breakfast
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Session 3: The Future of Security Cooperation Canada and the UK maintain strong ties in the realm of security. However, current events and changes in the nature of global threats necessitate an update to Canada-UK collaboration in this area. This session will explore policy options in response to cyber and hybrid security threats and shifting NATO commitments. Stage setter presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (CAN) Gen. Thomas Lawson, Former Chief of Defence Staff
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Discussion on the Future of Security Cooperation Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (CAN) Dr. Ian Holloway (University of Calgary) Discussion leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (CAN) L. Gen. D. Michael Day, MAG Aerospace• (CAN) Dr. Elinor Sloan, Carleton University• (UK) Dr. Ruth Deyermond, Kings College London
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Summary Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (UK) Mrs. Caroline Saunders, UK Consul-General in Calgary