

2020 Group of 78 Policy Forum

The Future of Peacekeeping in the Transition to a More Peaceful World: *Why UN peace operations are critical and need to be expanded*

There will be a **Keynote speaker**, and **five panels** featuring, altogether, eleven speakers and five moderators. Following the Keynote Address, during the period ending Thursday 7 October, there will be four interlinked panels with the speakers and topics set out below. There will then be a one- week pause to consider and reflect, followed by a fifth panel on **Conclusions and Recommendations**. Webinar series co-chair Peggy Mason will act as moderator.

Ticket options

Zoom links are distributed upon registration, and one day, as well as one hour, before the start time.

- 1) Full Conference Pass – suggested \$30.00 (available by clicking on Select A Date, and then on any Event date). Participants signing up for the full series will be invited to a sixth session to discuss conclusions and recommendations that will form the basis of policy actions following the webinar series.
- 2) Individual Panel – suggested \$10.00 (please review the full program below)
- 3) Free - please register individually for each panel; there is no free Full Conference Pass option.

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PROGRAMME

Thurs. Sept. 24, 2020, 7pm - 8pm EST

Keynote Address:

This will be a broad overview of the political and conflict environment in which UN Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO) play an important role. The value-added of UN peacekeeping with the peace process as the “centre of gravity” of the overall mission will be highlighted.

Welcome: Group of 78 Chair Roy Culpeper

Moderator: RI President Peggy Mason

Jean-Marie Guehenno, former USG for DPKO, former head of International Crisis Group (**Speaking from New York City**)

Saturday Sept. 26, 2020 11am - 12pm EST (5 - 6pm CEST)

PANEL 1: Successes and Failures and Lessons Learned

The overall theme is the evolution of UN Peacekeeping and how that informs our approach to current challenges.

Moderator: Peggy Mason

Speakers:

Lise Morjé Howard, Prof of Government at Georgetown University, author of *Power in Peacekeeping* and *UN Peacekeeping in Civil wars* (**Speaking from Paris, France**) (**confirmed**)

Richard Gowan, UN Director, International Crisis Group, broad expertise and hands-on experience with UN. (**Speaking from New York City.**) (**confirmed**)

Monday Sept. 28, 2020, 7 – 8pm EST

Panel 2: CONTROVERSIES: Impartiality, Consent, Use of Force

What UNPKOs cannot or should not do in the military dimension especially in relation to the use of force. UN Peacekeeping partnerships in Africa.

Moderator: Peggy Mason

Speakers:

Jane Boulden, Canada Research Chair in International Relations, at the Royal Military College of Canada, with a particular focus on UN efforts to manage conflict (**Speaking from Kingston, Ontario**) (**confirmed**)

Paul Williams, Professor and Assoc Director of the Security Policy Studies program in the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University. Co-editor of Oxford Handbook on UN Peacekeeping. (**Speaking from Washington, D.C.**) (**confirmed**)

Saturday Oct.3rd 2020, 4 - 5pm EST

Panel 3: FUTURE Options for UN Peace Operations

Revisiting UN Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS), primacy of peace process, operationalizing prevention of conflict.

Moderator: Peggy Mason, President of the Rideau Institute (**confirmed**)

Speakers:

Victoria K. Holt, Vice President of the Stimson Centre, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Security (U.S. Dept of State) (**speaking from Washington**)

Peter Langille, Author and lead expert on UN Emergency Peace Service and “sustainable common security”. (**Speaking from Ottawa**) (**confirmed**)

Monday Oct.5th 2020, 7-8pm EST

Panel 4: Contributions by CANADA to UN Peace Operations

What might Canada do in terms of advocacy, funding, institution building, training, technology, to strengthen UN peace operations and contribute to a global shift toward sustainable peace and common security?

Moderator: tbc

Speakers:

Peggy Mason, President of Rideau Institute, former Amb for Disarmament to the UN, former peacekeeping trainer (1995-2014), (**Speaking from Ottawa**) (**confirmed**)

Stephen Baranyi, Univ of Ottawa Assoc Prof in International Development and Global Studies, researching peacebuilding in fragile and conflict-affected states (Speaking from Ottawa) (**confirmed**)

Walter Dorn, RMC and Canadian Forces College professor, author, and a leading Canadian expert on UN peacekeeping including new technologies (**Speaking from Toronto**) (**confirmed**)

Panel 5: Conclusions and Recommendations Following the Thanksgiving long weekend (10-12 October 2020), there will be a one-week pause to consider and reflect, followed by a fifth panel on overall conclusions and policy recommendations. (This session is only available to Full Conference Pass holders.)