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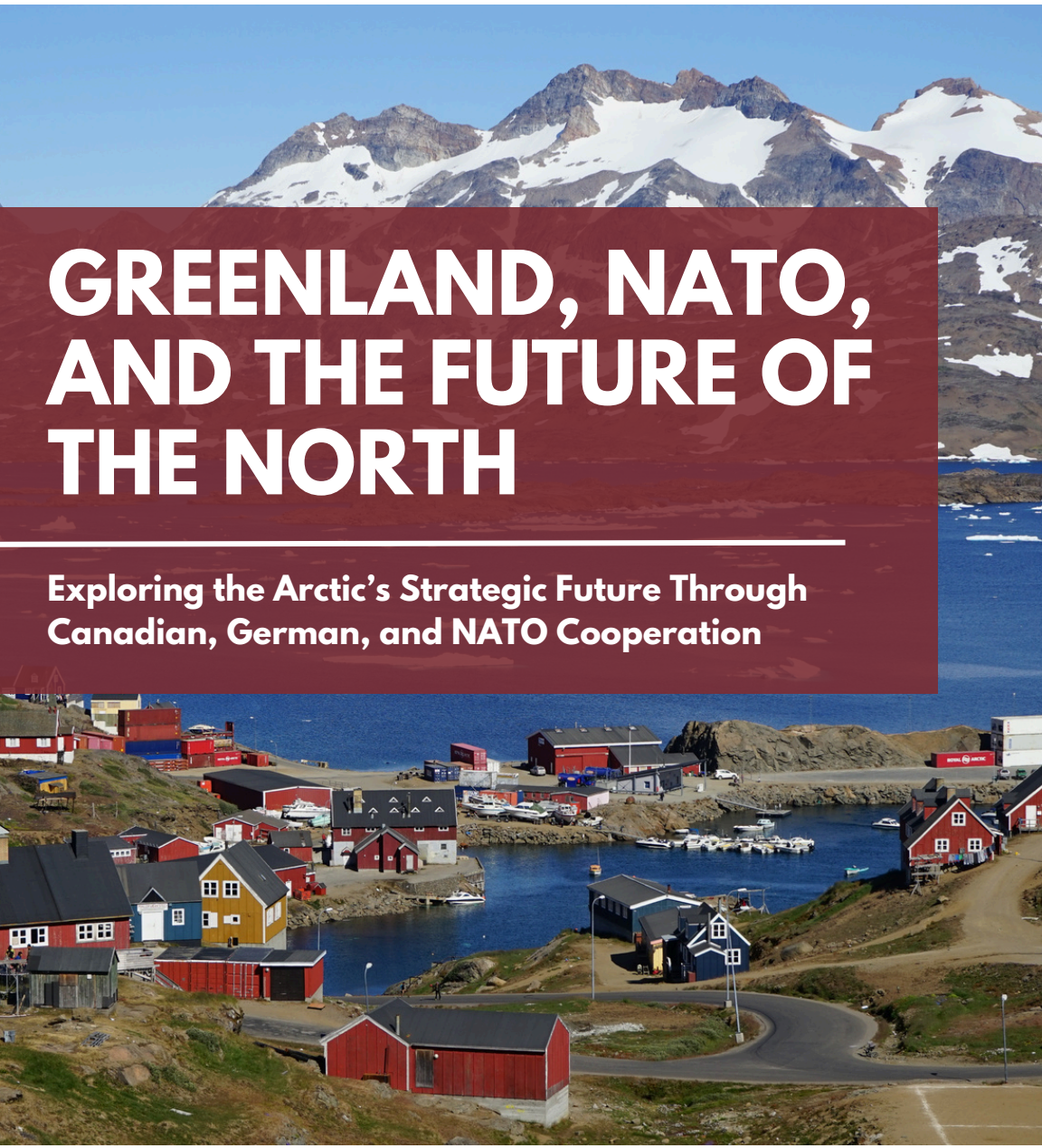

GREENLAND, NATO, AND THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH

Exploring the Arctic's Strategic Future Through Canadian, German, and NATO Cooperation

Campbell Conference Facility
Munk School of Global Affairs
University of Toronto

29 April 2025
Conference 8:30am - 4pm
Reception 4-6PM

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

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AGENDA

8:30AM — **Registration & Cofee**

9:30AM — **Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Bernd Althusman
Director of Canadian Office
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

9:45AM — **First Panel**

Chaired by
Elizabeth Riddell-Dixon
Scholar, author and Arctic governance expert

Michael Byers
Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law

Ernie Regehr
Co-founder of Project Ploughshares and leading Canadian expert on disarmament and peace-building

11:00AM — **Keynote**

Introduction by
Franklyn Griffiths

Peter Boehm
Canadian Senator and former G7/G8 Sherpa

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12:00PM

Lunch

1:00PM

Second Panel

Chaired by
John English
Canadian historian, author, and former Member of Parliament

Christian Keldsen
CEO at Greenland´s largest NGO, the Greenland Business Association

Madeleine Redfern
Former Mayor of Iqaluit and a prominent advocate for Indigenous rights, Arctic innovation, and northern policy development.

Jessica Shadian
Founder and CEO of Arctic360

Abbie Tingstad
visiting professor of Arctic research at the Center for Arctic Study and Policy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

2:30PM

Third Panel

Chaired by
David Zimmer
Former Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation in Ontario

Heather Nicol
Professor at Trent University, specializing in Arctic geopolitics

David Newland
Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and cultural storyteller

Nicolas Glesby
Network Administrator of the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network and Ph.D. Student in Canadian Studies at Trent University.

Lynda Brown
Royal Canadian Geographic Fellow and with twenty-five years of experience performing and presenting on Inuit culture

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3:45PM

Closing Remarks

John English & Nicolas Rouleau
Co-Chairs, Canadian Intenrational Council

4:00PM

Reception

Featuring a performance by
Lynda Brown and Keely Nicholson

To read the bios of our speakers, please visit our website at

https://thecic.org/greenland-nato-and-the-future-of-the-north/

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ABOUT KAS

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is a political foundation funded by the German Parliament active throughout Germany and abroad. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, named after the first chancellor of Germany after the second world war, is committed to peace, freedom and justice, nationally and internationally through political information and giving important issues a platform to discuss. Our headquarters are in Berlin and our Canada office is established in Ottawa in 2019. We promote and preserve liberal democracy, freedom, peace and security, the international rules-based order, the social market economy and the development and consolidation of the consensus of our common values we share in Canada as well as in Germany. That is our mission in 110 offices around the world.

Germany and Canada share the same values and interests at an international level in the areas of human rights, democracy, the rule of law, conflict resolution, global security, the environment and climate change. Germany and Canada are strongly committed to maintaining and developing a rules-based international system. Both countries are members of the G7, the G20 and NATO, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA). In addition, the EU and Germany (as

permanent observers) also cooperate with Canada within the framework of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Arctic Council. In 2017, the EU and Canada concluded a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). In 2025, one of our thematic priorities will be KAS#4security.

The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Canada believes strongly in the power of dialogue and exchange. We understand that effective cooperation is not simply a matter of technical interoperability; it requires a deep understanding of each other's perspectives, doctrines, and strategic cultures.

Our foundation aims to achieve, among other things:

- addressing Canadian, German and EU decision-makers in the context of KAS measures in selected thematic fields of action to address challenges of a geopolitical nature;
- building trust and credibility on both sides, on the basis of which common values can then be built;
- preparing responses to challenges in key policy areas, using multilateral instruments.

On a regular basis, our foundation writes policy advice, country reports, organize events in a transparent platform throughout Canada. Check our website https://www.kas.de/en/web/canada for more news.

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The organization was origianally named the Canadian Institute for International Affairs (CIIA), and was founded as a non-partisan, non-denominational public forum by Sir Robert Borden, Canada's wartime prime minister, and Sir Arthur Currie, Canada's greatest general in 1928.

The CIIA, now the CIC, is the oldest and largest member-based international affairs organization in Canada with 18 branches from Halifax to Victoria. It has played a central role in debate and informed discussion of Canada's role in the world in times of war and peace.

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