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Top Right: Pierre Fournier speaks to invited guests at the Calgary Golf and Country Club on November 29, 2010

Lower Left: Margaret Cornish and CDFAI Board Chair, Robert Gibson at Speaker Series dinner on March 9, 2011

Lower Right: Students at the 2010 English Military Journalism Course

CDFAI is an independent research institute dedicated to being a catalyst for innovative Canadian global engagement.

The Institute has a vision of Canada as a respected, influential voice in the international arena based on a comprehensive foreign policy that expresses our national interests, political and social values, military capabilities, economic strength and willingness to be engaged in action that is timely and credible.



David Bercuson, Director of Programs, speaks to Colin Robertson, CDFAI's Ottawa Representative at the 2009 Annual Ottawa Conference

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Through a combination of programs CDFAI educates Canadians across the country.

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Dr. Frank Harvey, Research Professor of International Relations at Dalhousie University.

LGen (Ret'd) Mike Jeffery, former Army Commander who now runs his own consulting firm, focusing on defence & security.

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Mr. Colin Robertson, former diplomat and current Senior Strategic Advisor for McKenna, Long and Aldridge.

Sen Hugh Segal, Senator for Kingston-Frontenac-Leeds.

Dr. Elinor Sloan, Professor of International Relations at Carleton University.

Dr. Gordon Smith, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Director of the Centre of Global Studies and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Victoria.

Dr. Denis Stairs, Professor Emeritus in Political Science at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University.

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Robert Gibson and David Wright at Speaker Series Dinner, Canada & the World: China on February 9, 2011

Testimonials

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Derek Burney, former Canadian Ambassador to Washington and Senior Strategic Advisory to Ogilvy Renault LLP

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Hugh Segal, Senator for Kingston-Frontenac-Leeds.

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