

# **CANADIAN PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (CPRA - ACRP)**

**2025 Hybrid Association Conference and  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Under the auspices of the  
Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences  
George Brown College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

**June 4- 6, 2025**



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## **2025 THEMATIC APPROACHES**

### **Congress Theme:**

Congress proposes to open a hybrid (in-person and virtual) space for dialogue. We are hoping to embrace their theme in the CPRA - ACRP's programming, collaborate with other associations, and make many of our sessions open to all Congress participants and to the public.

Let's work together to make the CPRA - ACRP Conference at the 2025 Congress our best yet! Our goal is to deliver a positive hybrid experience for our association's members and attendees. The Federation team and the CPRA - ACRP team are here to support you. We look forward to providing you with all you need to make Congress 2025 a memorable experience for all involved.

### **Themes: This year's CPRA Sessions focus on 12 recurrent Themes in PEACE RESEARCH:**

#### **Theme 1: Nuclear Disarmament, Modernization & Deterrence**

*Look for these titles if you are interested:*

- Empowering Nuclear Disarmament on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings
- Opening of Special Exhibit on the on "80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings
- Commemorating the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings and a call for nuclear disarmament; Hiroshima and Nagasaki 1945 and Tactical Nuke Use
- Analyzing Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament: Insights on Global Security During the Ukraine Conflict
- Assessing the dangers and risks of nuclear deterrence compared to nuclear disarmament through the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis

#### **Theme 2: Examples of Reframing Togetherness**

*Expect more titles forthcoming in May and June:*

- Bob Ogle's Consistent Pro-Life Peace Ethics as an Example of Reframing Togetherness

#### **Theme 3: How do International Treaties Work?**

*If you are interested in any aspect of international law, we are sponsoring some related panels:*

- Emerging Opportunities in Climate Cooperation: Finding Hope in Global Action
- Mobilizing Canada to Fight its Climate Crisis

#### **Theme 4: Postmodernism in Digital Age: Children's Education and Vulnerabilities**

*This year the CPRA is sponsoring many panels related to the Digital Age and Re-education, look for these titles in particular:*

- Digital Guardianship: The Holistic Digital Child

- Missing Discourse on Big Tech's Growing Influence in Society

### **Theme 6: Mental Health, Suicide and Unsafe Digital Spaces**

*Learning how to become a peace researcher is a lifelong challenge. Experienced peace researchers can help you forge a career in mental health and the protection of women in digital space*

- Title by Katerina Standish (TBC)

### **Theme 7: Peace: Lessons for Ukraine and Russia**

*How can we learn about peace negotiations for Ukraine and Russia? Experienced peace researchers can help you understand the situation and propose solutions*

- Analyzing Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament: Insights on Global Security During the Ukraine Conflict

### **Theme 8: Navigating Tensions and the Role of Middle Powers in Leading Global Conflict Resolution**

*Learning more about how democratic challenges in middle power countries can help navigate tensions and prevent democratic erosion.*

- Forging Global Peace: Canada and South Korea's Global Leadership and Middle Power Momentum

### **Theme 9: On The Road to Freedom: Economics and the Good Society**

*The philosophies of eminent thinkers on peace and the scale of globalization around the world deserves further thought and discussion.*

- On The Road to Freedom: Economics and the Good Society by Joseph Stiglitz

### **Theme 10: Decision-making in Crisis**

*The leadership circles in North America can make hasty and pressure-filled decisions. Let's try to understand decision-making during international crises and how to improve outcomes.*

- Assessing the dangers and risks of nuclear deterrence compared to nuclear disarmament through the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis
- AI for World Peace

### **Theme 11: Peacekeeping: Education & Training**

*Experienced peacekeepers and peace researchers can help you forge a career in education and training toward peace whether in service of Global Governance, the UN or Canada's national police forces.*

- Peacekeeping Simulations and Games: Demo and the Latest Developments
- Path into Policing and Peacekeeping

## **Theme 12: Warfare in the Future and the Past**

*The tools of warfare are changing to embrace cyberwarfare and move away from conventional war – or are they? What are the lessons of Ethiopia and peace signs and symbols in the peace movement?*

- From War to War: The Never-ending Ethiopian predicament, 1974-2024
- When V is not for Peace: How Signs and Symbols ‘Perform’ in the Peace Movement
- Empowering Nuclear Disarmament on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings

**New! CPRA became a member of the Federation in 2021! This year, the Federation is co-sponsoring the exhibit and lectures highlighting the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings with a substantive grant of \$2,500!**

**The CPRA has been involved in Congress since 1966.**

**This year’s Graduate Student Merit Award worth \$500 was awarded to Yerin Chung, a member of our board of directors and a graduate student in the PhD program at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.**

**Please see the important announcement from the Federation President cancelling in-person Congress in 2026. Go to pp. 53-54 for more information as of May 8, 2025 and the [Federation page](#).**

***New!*** Please note that all Sessions and the CPRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in [classrooms rented with deluxe Zoom capacities](#) with paid assistance from Congress’s technicians.

**We will use Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

To quickly figure out your time, go to this calculator:

[Time Zone Converter – Time Difference Calculator.](#)

## A Cordial Invitation from the Program Committee:

We are pleased to invite you to the 2025 Annual Conference, The CPRA – ACRP Conference is part of the [Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#), which promotes research, and teaching for “the advancement of an inclusive, democratic, and progressive society.” With a membership now comprising over 160 universities, colleges, and scholarly associations, the Federation and Congress 2025 represents a diverse community of 91,000 researchers and graduate students across Canada.

The Federation organizes Canada’s largest academic gathering, the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, bringing together each year more than 7,000 participants. Representing a rich spectrum of disciplines in education, social sciences, social work, peace research and other academic disciplines. Congress represents a unique showcase of scholarly excellence, creativity, and leadership.

As a constituent of Congress 2025, we hope to offer a welcoming milieu for peace researchers, social scientists, teachers, as well as activists and advocates, in order to present their research as well as influence peace studies.

## CPRA Website and Contacts

### Congress Contacts

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For all inquiries relating to Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, please [contact the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) where a member of their team will be able to assist you. Please note that during peak periods, it may take a little longer for us to respond.

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## **Sponsor, Exhibit and Advertise at Congress**

As some of the most avid consumers of information, academics buy goods and services all year round. By advertising at Congress 2025, you can build interest in your products or services, drive traffic directly to your website, build relationships with a community of opinion leaders, and benefit from the following visibility and promotion:

- 6,000+ attendees
- 166,000+ visits to Congress website
- 40,000+ YouTube views
- 6,450+ Twitter followers
- 219,128 impressions of 148 tweets by the Federation
- 3,050+ Facebook fans

### **Advertising opportunities include:**

- Website advertising - new opportunities available!
- Platform advertising - new opportunities available including a Hybrid publications table and our Hybrid event bag!

For more information, download the [Advertise & exhibit at Congress 2025 brochure](#).

## **Congress Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (AC-EDID)**

On April 8, 2025, following six months of consultations, research and a comprehensive review of literature and resources, the independent [Congress Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization \(AC-EDID\)](#) released their [final report](#) and recommendations available here: <https://congress2025.ca/congress-advisory-committee-edid>

Here is the Federation's [Code of Conduct](#), available <https://congress2025.ca/register/congress-code-conduct>. Here is information on the [EDID Initiatives Fund](#): <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/programs-policy/funding-awards/edid-initiatives-fund>

## **Work and Volunteer at Congress**

Call for volunteers! Congress 2025 volunteers play an essential role in Canada's largest interdisciplinary conference, which will bring approximately thousands of attendees together in person and virtually. As a volunteer, you will gain valuable leadership skills by supporting the operations of Canada's largest gathering of scholars, and contribute to delivering a memorable conference experience for attendees.

## **Disciplines and Professions that conduct Peace Research:**

The CPRA seeks to bring together academics, researchers, educators, and peace advocates from Canada and abroad to examine and discuss current and emerging issues and challenges in the field of Peace Research. Individual papers and panels in Peace Research, especially those that have international significance are invited from **all disciplines and professions** including:

Anthropology	Peace and Conflict Studies
Communications and Journalism	Philosophy
Economics	Political Science
Education	Psychology
Environment and Society	Science for Peace
Ethics and Law	Science, Technology and Global Peace
Indigenous Studies	Social Justice
Global Studies	Social Work
History	Sociology
Human Rights	Theatre and Film, and
International Relations	Women's Studies
Law/International Law	Or related Interdisciplinary Studies

## **Journals Related to Peace Research**

The CPRA publicizes information about journals that publish peace research. A comprehensive list of [journals related to peace and conflict](https://cpra-acrp.com/journals-related-to-peace) is available on the CPRA website here: <https://cpra-acrp.com/journals-related-to-peace>. Dr. Katerina Standish was the Chief Editor and Erika Simpson was an Associate Editor and Co-editor of *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice* (Taylor & Francis) available here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=aimsScope&journalCode=cper20>

## **DAY ONE - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION**

**Wednesday June 4, 2025**

Session 1	7:30 am – 8:00 am
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**7:30-8:00 AM EST** Our room will be staffed by a Congress-appointed staff person.

Congress volunteers will help you plan your schedule and send you to the Congress's Speaker Service Centre.

**7:30-8:00 AM** EST Networking Lounge Breakout Rooms

*If you an experienced presenter* - but you would like to practice your presentation or consult with others – volunteers can invite you into a Zoom break-out room with [Volunteers at Congress](#). In the break-out rooms, you can work with other volunteers and attendees, and consult about strategies.

## **DAY ONE CPRA Social Mixer Location TBC**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:00 – 8:00 PM (EST)**

Session 7	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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**6:00-8:00 PM** EST Social Mixer and Meet and Greet Event at TBC (or you can attend by Zoom. A link will be provided to CPRA members)

This is a good time to 'meet and greet' either in person and by Zoom (6:00 PM in Toronto = 3:00 PM PCT in Vancouver = 7:00 PM in Halifax). **Please note the Congress is holding the President's Reception this year on Thursday, June 5 so this is our Hybrid Social Mixer and Meet & Greet Time.**

Only registered Congress attendees who registered as CPRA members in 2025 will be permitted to enter any Zoom waiting rooms (including the Networking Lounge). However, if you have *not* registered as a CPRA member (2025) –or you neglected to pay your Congress fees - then you will be allowed into our 'live' and 'in-person' Social Mixer and Meet and Greet Session. Remember to pay your fees on time by the Early Bird deadline!



## DAY ONE

**DAY ONE WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025**

*Room location* Opening – Remarks & Instructions.

Session 1	7:30 am – 8:00 am
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**7:30-8:00 AM** EST *and by Zoom* with greeting from **Colton Stevenson**

**8:00- 9:00 AM** EST *George Brown SJA 227A* Erika Simpson, “Welcome, Opening Remarks”



Dr. Simpson is the President of the CPRA and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

This session will be pre-recorded. If you would like to learn more about how to join the CPRA and how to ask questions in person and/or by Zoom, please attend this pre-recorded ‘live’ (hybrid) session.

## DAY ONE

**DAY ONE, JUNE 4, 2025**

Session 2, *George Brown Room SJA 227A* Wednesday June 4, 2025, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Session 2	9:00 am – 10:30 am
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### **Reframing Togetherness: Commemorating the Global Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament**

**Chair/Moderator:** Erika Simpson

Dr. Simpson is the President of the CPRA and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

**9:00-12:00 PM** Reframing Togetherness: Commemorating the Global Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament | Repenser l'unité : Commémorer la lutte mondiale pour le désarmement nucléaires

**An Open Event and Special Exhibit at Congress 2025 co-sponsored by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences!**

Welcome to "Reframing Togetherness: Commemorating the Global Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament," a special exhibit at Congress 2025. This exhibit explores the intersection of nuclear disarmament, equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID) through books, posters, films, and personal testimonies. We highlight the contributions of Erika Simpson, a scholar and advocate for disarmament; Setsuko Thurlow, a Hiroshima survivor and Order of Canada recipient; Dr. Sylvie Lemieux, a retired Canadian Forces officer; and Anton Wagner, a Toronto filmmaker. Their work offers diverse perspectives on the ethical, humanitarian, and strategic challenges of nuclear weapons. Thurlow's testimony as a hibakusha underscores the human cost of nuclear war, Lemieux examines ethical dilemmas in defence policy, and Wagner's films showcase media's role in shaping public discourse. As nuclear tensions rise and arms control falters, this exhibit emphasizes the urgency of disarmament and amplifies marginalized voices, particularly Indigenous communities affected by nuclear policies. By engaging perspectives from political science, history, military analysis, and media studies, the exhibit advances scholarly understanding while fostering public dialogue. We invite you to reflect on the ethical and strategic dimensions of disarmament and join us in envisioning a nuclear-free future.

Description (FRENCH) Bienvenue à « Reframing Togetherness : Commémorer la lutte mondiale pour le désarmement nucléaire », une exposition spéciale présentée lors du Congrès 2025. Cette exposition explore l'intersection entre le désarmement nucléaire, l'équité, la diversité, l'inclusion et la décolonisation (ÉDID) à travers des livres, des affiches, des films et des témoignages personnels. Nous mettons en lumière les contributions d'Erika Simpson, universitaire et défenseure du désarmement ; Setsuko Thurlow, survivante d'Hiroshima et récipiendaire de l'Ordre du Canada ; Dr Sylvie Lemieux, ancienne officière des Forces armées canadiennes ; et Anton Wagner, cinéaste torontois. Leurs travaux offrent des perspectives variées sur les défis éthiques, humanitaires et stratégiques liés aux armes nucléaires. Le témoignage de Thurlow en tant que hibakusha souligne le coût humain de la guerre nucléaire, Lemieux examine les dilemmes éthiques des politiques de défense, et les films de Wagner illustrent le rôle des médias dans le débat public. Alors que les tensions nucléaires s'intensifient et que le contrôle des armements s'affaiblit, cette exposition met en avant l'urgence du désarmement et donne une voix aux communautés marginalisées, en particulier aux peuples autochtones touchés par les politiques nucléaires. En croisant les perspectives des sciences politiques, de l'histoire, de l'analyse militaire et des études médiatiques, l'exposition enrichit la compréhension académique et encourage le dialogue public. Nous vous invitons à réfléchir aux dimensions éthiques et stratégiques du désarmement et à imaginer ensemble un avenir sans armes nucléaires.

*Abstract:*

Our Congress 2025 session, "Reframing Togetherness," fosters an inclusive dialogue on nuclear disarmament, equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID). Featuring **Erika Simpson**, a scholar and advocate for disarmament; **Setsuko Thurlow**, a Hiroshima survivor and Order of Canada recipient; **Dr. Sylvie Lemieux**, a retired Canadian Forces officer; and **Anton Wagner**, a renowned Toronto filmmaker, this interdisciplinary panel highlights diverse perspectives on global security. While President Trump recently stated, "Tremendous money is spent on nuclear weapons, and their destructive power is unspeakable. We want to see if we can denuclearize—I think it's very possible," his stance remains contradictory. He praises Russian President Vladimir Putin as "very smart" and "cunning," while undermining Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, accusing him of propaganda instead of supporting Ukraine's fight for survival. Such inconsistent narratives raise critical questions about the sincerity of nuclear disarmament efforts.

Our session counters these narratives by advocating for concrete steps toward disarmament through international cooperation and historical accountability. Thurlow's testimony as a hibakusha (atomic

bomb survivor) highlights the humanitarian consequences of nuclear war. Lemieux's military background provides insights into the strategic and ethical challenges of nuclear policy. Wagner's films have explored socio-political issues, illustrating how media shapes public discourse on disarmament. Simpson's expertise in international relations integrates these perspectives, fostering a multidisciplinary analysis of nuclear threats and diplomacy.

This session is inherently interdisciplinary, uniting political science, military strategy, human rights, and media studies. It promotes cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary dialogue by incorporating historical testimony, strategic analysis, and artistic representation of nuclear issues. Partnering with academic institutions, peace organizations, and advocacy groups ensures broad audience engagement, including policymakers, scholars, students, activists, and affected communities. By amplifying marginalized voices and reframing nuclear disarmament as a shared responsibility, we advocate for global collaboration toward a more just and sustainable future.

**9:30-9:45 AM** Presidential Address: "*Commemorating the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings and a call for nuclear disarmament; Hiroshima and Nagasaki 1945 and Tactical Nuke Use*"

Presented by the President and Program Chair of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA)

*Abstract:*

This 12-minute in-person and online lecture, produced for YouTube, reflects on the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It contrasts those devastating events of 1945 with today's escalating threats posed by tactical nuclear weapons. The lecture examines current U.S., NATO, and Russian strategies that contemplate the deployment and potential use of low-yield nuclear weapons in Europe and abroad. By connecting past and present, this timely presentation serves as both an introduction to nuclear weapons and a commemoration of the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It also raises urgent questions about the renewed risks of nuclear conflict in the 21st century. As nations worldwide prepare to mark this solemn anniversary, the lecture invites viewers to reflect on the enduring humanitarian consequences of nuclear war and the critical need for global disarmament efforts.

**9:45-10:00 AM** Opening of Special Exhibit on the on "80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings"

*Abstract:*

Welcome to our special exhibit, "Reframing Togetherness: Commemorating the Global Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament." This exhibit accompanies Congress 2025 and invites visitors to reflect on the intersection of nuclear disarmament, equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID). Through books, posters, films, and personal testimonies, we commemorate the collective efforts of activists, scholars, military professionals, and survivors who have shaped the global discourse on disarmament. Our featured contributors include **Erika Simpson**, a scholar and advocate for nuclear disarmament; **Setsuko Thurlow**, a Hiroshima survivor and recipient of the Order of Canada; Dr. **Sylvie Lemieux**, a retired Canadian Forces officer; and **Anton Wagner**, a Toronto filmmaker's online exhibit. Their work provides diverse perspectives on the ethical, humanitarian, and strategic challenges posed by nuclear weapons. This exhibit responds to the contradictions in contemporary nuclear politics. Former President Donald Trump once acknowledged the unspeakable power of nuclear weapons and the need for denuclearization, yet his actions often undermined these sentiments. By contrast, this exhibit champions concrete steps toward disarmament based on historical accountability, ethical responsibility, and international cooperation.

Thurlow's testimony as a hibakusha is central to the exhibit, offering a powerful reminder of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear war. Lemieux's military insights explore the ethical dilemmas within defense policy, while Wagner's films demonstrate the power of media to influence public opinion and policy. Their collective work reframes nuclear disarmament as a shared global

responsibility. As geopolitical tensions rise and arms control discussions falter, this exhibit underscores the urgent need for renewed global attention to disarmament. We amplify marginalized voices, particularly Indigenous communities impacted by nuclear waste and weapons policies, aligning with EDID principles and challenging systemic injustices. Through interdisciplinary contributions spanning political science, history, military analysis, and media studies, the exhibit advances scholarly understanding while engaging the public. It encourages visitors to reflect on the ethical and strategic dimensions of disarmament and consider pathways toward a nuclear-free world. We invite you to explore this commemorative collection as part of Congress 2025. Together, let us honor the resilience of those affected by nuclear weapons and renew our commitment to building a safer, more just, and inclusive future.

#### **10:00 AM-10:15 AM C on “Commemorative Collection Display and Discussion”**

We invite you to explore this commemorative collection as part of Congress 2025. Together, let us honor the resilience of those affected by nuclear weapons and renew our commitment to building a safer, more just, and inclusive future.

#### **View of the Location of the Commemorative Collection Display and Discussion**



#### **10:00-10:30 AM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session 2, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)* Wednesday June 4, 2025, 10:00 am - 10:30 am.  
*The Q & A in the break-out room is not recorded.*

Session 3	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>	How do International Treaties Work?
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### **How do International Treaties on Climate Change Work?**

#### **Chair/Moderator: Yerin Chung**

Ms. Chung (MA) is a PhD candidate at Queen’s University and a recent graduate of the Political Philosophy stream at the University of Western Ontario. Her PhD in Political Theory and Peace Research focuses on contemporary political philosophy in the areas of global distributive justice, historical injustice, human rights and the ethics of climate change as it pertains to issues of intergenerational justice. She has worked as a teaching assistant at The University of Western Ontario

for various faculty members of Political Science. She holds a Master's degree and a B.A. (Hons.) degree in Political Science both from The University of Western Ontario. Yerin serves as Director of Communications and Public Relations for the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA).

**11:00-11:15 AM Colton Stevenson** on “Emerging Opportunities in Climate Cooperation: Finding Hope in Global Action”

Cole Stevenson completed his undergraduate and M.A. at the University of Western Ontario and will begin his Ph.D. at the same institution in 2025. While his Master's focused on International Relations, his current interests lie at the intersection of political science and psychology.

*Abstract:*

Cole is excited to return to the CRPA conference after attending in 2023 and is grateful for the opportunity to present this year on emerging opportunities in climate cooperation, and finding hope in global action” He plans to examine where there is room for hope and how realistic our goals are. He would like to include how hope can affect citizens, political action, etc.

**11:15-11:30 AM Anne Venton** on ““Mobilizing Canada to Fight its Climate Crisis”

Ms. Venton is the Secretary for the CPRA and the former Head of Library, Toronto District School Board and member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Toronto.

*Abstract:*

Since 1990, Canada has failed to address climate change. Consequently, its greenhouse gas emissions have increased by 21 per cent. A 2021 ground-breaking report by political economist Gordon Laxer explained how the big foreign oil Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) has lobbied former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to maintain CAPP members “business as usual model” of ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions. As a result, Canada now faces a climate crisis that, according to Green Party leader Elizabeth May, requires a 50% reduction of 2018 green house gas emissions by 2030. I will make ten proposals for the Canadian government to achieve this 2030 target--proposals based on lessons learned from Prime Minister Mackenzie King’s administration, and particularly C.D. Howe, when Canada hit way above its weight to mobilize for World War II.

**11:30-12:00 AM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session	<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	Big Thinking – 1 hour break
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Please think about attending the Big Thinking Sessions including this one on the climate crossroads:

**BIG THINKING VOIR GRAND**

**Environments of togetherness: Collaborating at the climate crossroads**

Third Congress 2025 panel announced.  
Learn more >

[Big Thinking - 1-hour Break](#)

Session 4	<b>12:30 am – 2:00 pm</b>	Intertwining Peace and Children’s Rights
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Session 4, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Wednesday June 4, 2025, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

### **Examples of Reframing Togetherness**

**Chair/Moderator:** Rose Dyson

Dr. Rose Dyson, Ed. D., is President of Canadians Concerned About Violence In Entertainment; Vice President of the World Federalists - Toronto Branch; the author of *Mind Abuse* and the recipient of the CPRA Lifetime Achievement Award.

**1:00-1:30 PM** Christopher Hrynkow on “*Bob Ogle’s Consistent Pro-Life Peace Ethics as an Example of Reframing Togetherness*”

Christopher Hrynkow is Professor in Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. There, he just finished serving two terms as Co-Director of the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice. Hrynkow teaches in the Religious Studies, Peace Studies, Catholics Studies, and Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good distinctive area programs at St. Thoms More College. He worked with a team to develop the Peace Studies certificate program at the University of Saskatchewan, the first post-secondary Peace Studies program in the province. He was also the initial instructor for both the first and second dedicated Peace Studies courses in Saskatchewan. On sabbatical for this calendar year, he is researching and writing a book, *The People’s Priest, Politician, and Peace Activist: Revisiting the Life of “Father Bob” Ogle*.

*Abstract:*

Based on archival research undertaken in Ottawa and Saskatoon and interviews conducted in Ottawa, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and Toronto as part of a larger book project, this presentation will examine how the Catholic priest, peace activist, and MP (1979-1984) Robert “Bob” Ogle (1928-1998) navigated those identities to form a rather unique example of public peace witness. Notably, Ogle was a member of a newly pro-choice NDP that allowed him to hold a consistently pro-life position from “conception to the grave”, even while he served as health critic for the party. Ogle was also a firm supporter of integral human development at home and abroad, including through his international development work in Brazil and his media endeavors including “Broadcasting for International Understanding.” Moreover, he was active in anti-nuclear activism in Saskatchewan and a vocal opponent of the US military action on Canadian soil, including the testing of cruise missiles. This presentation will name examples of, and motivations for, Ogle’s peace witness in conversation with a Catholic notion of “consistent pro-life ethics”, which helps to illustrate how the various strands of that peace witness were held together. Via that interplay, it will articulate some of the turbulences that Ogle navigated in his context(s) and career(s) to produce a meaningful, but problematic in those contexts and careers, example of the process invoked by the congress theme of “reframing togetherness”.

**1:15-1:30 PM** Reframing Togetherness Theme continues with special guests (TBC)

The Congress has offered to co-sponsor our Open Event by contributing \$2,500 to our morning Session: Reframing Togetherness: Commemorating the Global Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament | Repenser l’unité : Commémorer la lutte mondiale pour le désarmement nucléaires. Session date and time: June 4, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. We may feature a special guest (TBC) during this time slot as well.

**1:30-2:00 PM Simu-Live Q & A in *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)* and Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

**Room Size Accommodates 50 people – Please invite others from other associations to attend.**



Session 5    **2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

Postmodernism in Digital Age: Children's Education and Vulnerabilities

Session 5, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Wednesday June 4, 2025, 2025

**Postmodernism in Digital Age: Children's Education and Vulnerabilities**

**Chair/Moderator: Donia Mounsef**

**Donia Mounsef**, PhD is a Professor of Drama and Media Studies and Associate Dean [Faculty of Arts: Access, Community, Belonging] at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

**2:30-2:45 PM Charlene Doak-Gebauer** on “Digital Guardianship: The Holistic Digital Child”

**Charlene Doak-Gebauer** is the Founder and Chair of a Canadian charity, Internet Sense First | Premier Sens Internet; and the AICET Council; she is also the President, Vulnerable Innocence Inc. Dr. Doak-Gebauer is an international speaker on her theory of digital supervision for child protection, London; the 2025 recipient of the Distinguished Londoner Award; and the 2018 International Women of Excellence Award.

*Abstract:* The vulnerability of children and families on digital devices has increased rapidly over the past 25 years. It has been determined that the rise of the Internet has caused an explosion of online predation from unknowns, peers, and family members. Thorn (U.S.) has determined that these types of crimes and behaviors have increased by 15,000% in the past few years. Research has been conducted throughout Canada and internationally with resulting data. The Theory of Digital Supervision has been developed to be used by adults for child and family protection. Through oral interviews with citizens of different countries while engaged in global presentations and research, it has been determined the vulnerability of children and families on digital devices is a worldwide issue. It will be argued that knowledge contained in the three Theories - Digital Supervision, Digital Sex Trafficking, and Social Media gangs, are necessary for adults to know and apply Digital Supervision when children, youth, and family members are using digital devices. Included will be the progress of

digital predation, the impact of children viewing porn, the necessity of adult awareness of related issues, progression of in-person sex trafficking to digital sex trafficking, the progression of gang behaviors to social media, and the application of the Theory of Digital Supervision for detection of domestic radicalization. Explained further will be updates as to the progress of the Theory of Digital Supervision from the Canadian Parliamentary level through to international connections. Together, we will progress to a more protective digital environment for all children globally.

**2:45-3:00 PM Rose Dyson on “Missing Discourse on Big Tech’s Growing Influence in Society”**

Rose Dyson’s doctorate on violence in the media and cultural policy completed at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto in 1995 was followed by her book *MIND ABUSE Media Violence in An Information Age* (2000). A second edition was published in 2021. She has co-authored over a dozen additional books, given numerous papers and speeches both nationally and internationally, edited *The Learning Edge* for the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education for 17 years and served on the executive of the Canadian Peace Research Association for 10 years. She is also a member of Just Earth, the Climate Action Network, Vice President of the Toronto Branch of the World Federalist Movement, Friends of Egerton Ryerson and the Canadian Institute for Historical Education.

*Abstract:*

Before leaving the oval office, President Joe Biden cautioned Americans to be wary of the country’s rapidly emerging tech/industrial complex. Incoming President Donald Trump was preparing to enter the White House with his unelected assistant, tech billionaire, Elon Musk with indications that enormous power and influence would be ceded to him. Biden was drawing upon his predecessor, Dwight Eisenhower’s parting message to Americans to be wary of developing a military/industrial complex. For decades wide latitude has been permitted within every aspect of the proliferating communications industries as well as the burgeoning war machine. The two sectors have consistently reinforced each other. Heroic military feats have been celebrated and marketed as entertainment since film making technology was first developed. The synergy between the growing military/industrial/entertainment complex and the powerful influence of communications technology is not new. What is new is the degree to which it has overtaken both our private and public lives. Today we have artificial intelligence and first- person shooter video games involved in training the military while simultaneously marketed worldwide to the youngest and most vulnerable people on the planet as entertainment, despite evidence of harmful effects. It should also be noted that the internet was invented by the United States military. Government support for technological innovations throughout the developed world, particularly in the U.S. where most leading edge innovations begin, have repeatedly lacked policy planning and advocacy with safety and the public interest as the top priority. A re-evaluation that would require examination of industry’s structures and the justification for concentrations of economic power has frequently been attempted but with marginal results. This paper will review some of the landmark decisions, or lack thereof in recent decades that have brought us to the point where democracy, itself, is being threatened.

**2:45-3:30 PM Simu-Live Q & A in *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)* and Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session 6

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

Mental Health, Suicide and Unsafe Digital Spaces

Session 6, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Wednesday June 4, 2025



## **Mental Health, Suicide and Unsafe Digital Spaces**

**4:00-4:15 PM** Katerina Standish (TBC - online from the University of Northern British Columbia)

Katerina Standish is the vice provost of graduate and postdoctoral studies and professor of global and international studies at the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada. Dr Standish is an expert on culture, violence and conflict transformation. Dr. Standish serves as the Chair of the National Advisory Council of the CPRA.

**4:30-5:00 PM** Simu-Live Q & A in Room *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)* and Networking Lounge Break-out Room

Session 7	<b>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
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Social Mixer Timbers Lodge Social Grill
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Session 7, **Social Mixer and Meet & Greet, Timbers Lodge Social Grill, York Lanes, Toronto**  
Wednesday June 4, 2025



**Social Mixer (TBC) — Here's a wintertime photo of the Outdoor Patio directly above our classroom in Toronto, available for our use.**

**Hosts:** text or email Erika Simpson for exact location.

**6:00-6:15 PM** Introductions

**6:15-8:00 pm:** Social Mixer and Meet & Greet

## DAY TWO

Session 1	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Peace: Lessons for Ukraine and Russia
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Session 1, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

### Peace: Lessons for Ukraine and Russia

**Chair/Moderator:** Colton Stevenson

Mr. Colton Stevenson completed the Master's program in the Department of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario in 2024 and will pursue a PhD at the University of Western Ontario beginning in September 2025. Colton Stevenson assisted Dr. Simpson while she served as editor of a thematic journal for *Peace Review*. His future plans for research focus on sustainability, particularly on climate change

**8:30-9:00 AM** Erika Simpson on "[Analyzing Nuclear Deterrence and Disarmament: Insights on Global Security During the Ukraine Conflict](#)"

Dr. Simpson is the President of the CPRA and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

#### *Abstract*

We are pleased to present a thematic journal, featuring a concise collection of articles on nuclear deterrence and global security amid the Ukraine conflict. These articles examine how the conflict shapes strategic considerations worldwide. Our selection process was both challenging and rewarding, as we reviewed numerous high-quality submissions to curate diverse perspectives on current geopolitical dynamics. We encourage readers to engage with these discussions, which offer valuable insights into the complex interrelations among power, peace, and global security.

**9:00-9:30 AM** Simu-Live Q & A in *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)* and Networking Lounge Break-out Room

Session 2	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Navigating Tensions and Backsliding
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Session 2, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

### Navigating Tensions and the Role of Middle Powers in Leading Global Conflict Resolution

**Chair/Moderator:** Colton Stevenson

Mr. Colton Stevenson completed the Master's program in the Department of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario in 2024 and will pursue a PhD at the University of Western Ontario beginning in September 2025. His plans for research focus on sustainability, particularly on climate change

**9:00-9:15 AM** Juneseo Hwang on "Forging Global Peace: Canada and South Korea's Global Leadership and Middle Power Momentum"

Juneseo Hwang is a research associate at the DFG Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies, *Futures of Sustainability*, at the University of Hamburg in Germany. He is also a policy consultant specializing in peace and security issues in East Asia. His current research emphasizes fostering sustainable peace through the criminalization of ecocide, moving beyond the traditional framework of victors' justice. Dr. Hwang's notable expertise encompasses peacebuilding, environmental justice, human rights, green criminology, and disarmament. His work has already been published in the *Journal of Contemporary Asia* and *Peace Review*, with contributions forthcoming in the *Handbook of Research on Sustainability and Governance* and *May Books*. His doctoral dissertation, *The Road Not Taken: 'Triple Transformation' towards Sustainable Peace in Northern Ireland*, received the United Kingdom Political Science Association's 2022-2023 Elizabeth Wiskemann Prize for the best thesis on inequality and social justice.

**9:15-9:30 AM Erika Simpson** on "Forging Global Peace: Canada and South Korea's Global Leadership and Middle Power Momentum"

Erika Simpson, a distinguished scholar in international relations and peace research, is an Associate Professor at Western University and the President of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA). She is the author of *NATO and the Bomb*, a seminal book examining the role of nuclear weapons in international security. Her extensive contributions include articles in the *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, *International Journal*, *Peace Magazine*, *Peace Review*, *Policy Options*, and *Peace Research*. Additionally, she serves as a columnist for *The Hill Times*, Canada's leading foreign policy newspaper, and her expertise has been featured by CTV Television, CBC Radio, and the Postmedia Network. Throughout her career, Professor Simpson has held notable positions, including Vice-Chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group and reviewer for CIMVH. Her dedication to advancing peace studies has been recognized with prestigious fellowships, such as the Alton Jones, Barton, Liu Institute, and NATO Fellowships. She received the Voice of Women's Lifetime Achievement Award for Peace Writing in 2015 and co-edited a thematic issue for *Peace Review* in 2024.

*Abstract:*

This paper forthcoming in May 2025 in a pre-eminent American journal, *In Victus Pax*, offers a fresh and compelling look at how Canada and South Korea—two influential middle powers—can reshape the global approach to peace and security. It traces South Korea's robust journey from military rule to democratic resilience and its ongoing efforts to engage North Korea in peace and denuclearization talks. In parallel, Canada's experience with a nuclear-armed neighbour underscores the shared challenges both nations face. Rather than relying on outdated military alliances and Cold War mindsets, the article calls for bold new coalitions and innovative security alliances that champion diplomacy, peacebuilding, and multilateral cooperation. It argues that Canada and South Korea are uniquely positioned to lead a global shift away from militarization—toward dialogue, conflict prevention, and peace education. With the rise of emerging technologies like drones and AI-driven warfare, the need for forward-thinking diplomatic strategies is more urgent than ever. The article ends with a powerful vision: a reimagined global security order led by middle powers that dare to challenge the status quo and light the path toward a more peaceful, nuclear-free world.

**9:30-10:00 AM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session 3	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Peace and Globalization: Where do they lead?
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Session 3, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

**Our classroom is wheelchair accessible with an elevator to the 2nd floor, stairs, and accessible washrooms:**



### **On The Road to Freedom: Economics and the Good Society**

**Chair/Moderator: Rose Dyson**

Rose Dyson's doctorate on violence in the media and cultural policy completed at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto in 1995 was followed by her book *MIND ABUSE Media Violence in An Information Age* (2000). A second edition was published in 2021. She has co-authored over a dozen additional books, given numerous papers and speeches both nationally and internationally, edited *The Learning Edge* for the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education for 17 years and served on the executive of the Canadian Peace Research Association for 10 years. She is also a member of Just Earth, the Climate Action Network, Vice President of the Toronto Branch of the World Federalist Movement, Friends of Egerton Ryerson and the Canadian Institute for Historical Education.

**11:00-11:30 AM Peter Venton** on "On *The Road to Freedom: Economics and the Good Society* by Joseph Stiglitz"

Mr. Venton was the Bursar, University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, Toronto (2001-2009). He is also the former Vice President: Administration and Finance, Wilfrid Laurier University, (1979-1984). Formerly he was an economist and senior policy advisor in the Ontario Government's Ministry of Finance.

*Abstract:*

Joseph Stiglitz's *The Road to Freedom: Economics and the Good Society* (2024) delivers a powerful critique of neoliberal capitalism's corrosive impact on democracy in the United States over the past fifty years. Stiglitz argues that while neoliberalism promised freedom, it delivered prosperity only for the wealthy few, deepening inequality and diminishing freedom for the majority. In his view, we have

reached a historical moment where the failures of neoliberal capitalism are undeniable, offering a critical opportunity for change. Stiglitz proposes progressive capitalism as a path forward—a system that revives social democracy and prioritizes social justice. He structures his argument around six key themes: the concentration of power, rising inequality, the need for collective action, the influence of economic systems on individual behavior, the importance of fostering a learning society rooted in deliberative democracy, and the creation of political and economic equality through diverse, inclusive institutions. This presentation explores Stiglitz's vision and evaluates it against recent academic debates surrounding economics and the good society. Can progressive capitalism truly replace neoliberalism? What institutional changes are required to achieve a more just and democratic society? These questions frame a timely discussion on reimagining freedom, justice, and equality in the 21st century.

### 11:30-11:45 AM

#### **Presentation of 2025 Commemorative Life Service Award to Erika Simpson**

Based on the conviction that we need more good people to care for our precious planet, voices of our membership are invited to reminisce about Erika's contribution to world peace.

### 11:45-12:00 AM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room.

Session	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Big Thinking
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### *Big Thinking - 1-hour Break*

Session 5	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Decision-making in Crisis
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Session 5, *George Brown Room SJA 227A(South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

## **Decision-making in Crisis**

### **Chair/Moderator: Anne Venton**

Ms. Venton is the Secretary for the CPRA and the former Head of Library, Toronto District School Board and member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Toronto.

### **1:00-1:15 PM Guransh Brar on “Assessing the dangers and risks of nuclear deterrence compared to nuclear disarmament through the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis”**

Mr. Guransh Brar is a fifth-year undergraduate student at Western University working toward a Bachelor of Science (Biology) Hons. Actively involved in implementing change for the betterment of Brampton citizens, he is a member of the Council of Chiropractors of Ontario and plans to continue a career in healthcare.

### *Abstract:*

The Cuban Missile Crisis represents one of the closest calls in recent history with regards to the potential use of nuclear weapons in a large-scale global conflict scenario. Many lessons arose from this event from the nations and world leaders involved, to those who onlooked, uncertain of the fate of humanity. Although the Cuban Missile crisis can be looked at as a triumph for case of nuclear deterrence, it can also be seen as having revealed the profound danger surround the reliance on nuclear weapons for global security. This paper examines this latter view. This paper argues that the crisis demonstrated how nuclear deterrence creates instability as opposed to preventing conflict. This perspective is examined through assessing the prevalence of human error including the potentially detrimental miscommunications and miscalculations during the weeks of the crisis. Additionally, it addresses how



the missile crisis led to arms control agreements but was relatively unsuccessful in leading to full scale nuclear disarmament. Lastly, it looks at the flaws in deterrence theory, specifically the lack of rational decision making in high pressure situations and issues with the assumption of rational actors avoiding actions leading to destruction. This paper also explores the alternative possibilities to deterrence i.e. diplomacy and intervention of international institutions with specific examples. This paper ultimately presents the findings that the Cuban Missile Crisis served as an indicator that the potential for future global stability lies in the hands of nuclear disarmament as opposed to nuclear deterrence for the purposes of large-scale global security.

### **1:15-1:30 PM Sylvie Lemieux on “AI for World Peace”**

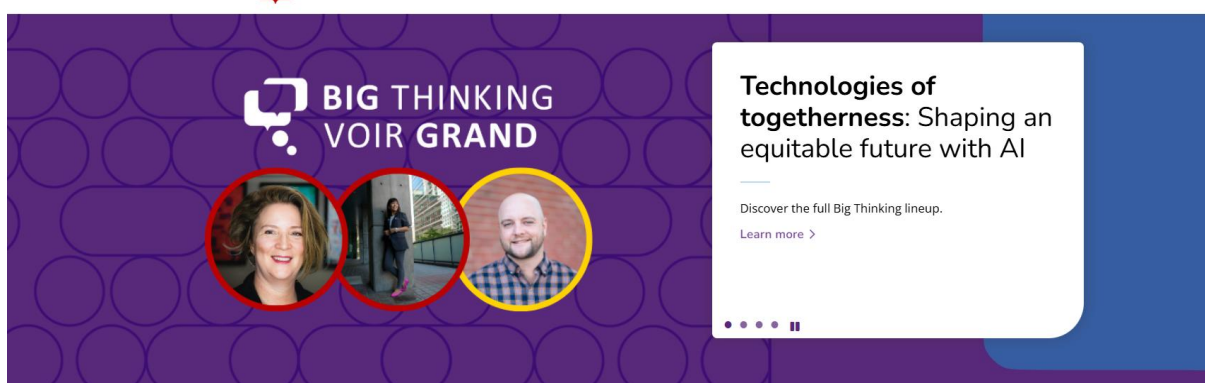
Dr. Lemieux is a retired LCol Army engineer and former Public Service executive who represented the Green Party of Canada in two federal elections. As a part-time consultant for Global Affairs Canada as well as a member of non-governmental organizations, Dr. Lemieux served as the co-chair of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. Dr. Lemieux is also active in the Group of 78 and the Canadian Pugwash Group.

#### ***Abstract:***

The 2024 Pugwash Annual Conference, titled Security Options for a Troubled World, was organized in partnership with the University of Ottawa's Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS). The event featured a panel discussion on Countering the Danger of Autonomous Weapons and Managing the AI Effect. While the presentations primarily focused on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in military operations, participants raised critical concerns regarding the ethical education of programmers. This discussion underscored a significant gap in ethical frameworks and a noticeable lack of concurrent studies on global peace. This paper explores AI's potential contributions to world peace, using ChatGPT as a widely recognized analytical platform. The methodology involves posing approximately 20 questions to ChatGPT—first as a responder and then as an evaluator of the author's responses to the same questions. The study aims to identify general trends, omissions, and insights while assessing the depth of ChatGPT's knowledge base. Although unexpected findings are not anticipated, a secondary objective of this paper is to encourage the development of a new research field dedicated to establishing a robust global AI ethical framework that prioritizes peace in world governance. Additionally, this emerging discipline could foster academic inquiry into AI's role as a positive force for global stability.

### **1:30-2:00 PM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

**Shaping an equitable future with AI is also a featured Big Thinking lineup this year!**



Session 6

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Peacekeeping: Education &amp; Training

Session 6, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

## **Peacekeeping: Education & Training**

**Chair/Moderator:** Guransh Bar

Mr. Guransh Bar is a fifth-year undergraduate student at Western University working toward a Bachelor of Science (Biology) Hons. Actively involved in implementing change for the betterment of Brampton citizens, he is a member of the Council of Chiropractors of Ontario and plans to continue a career in healthcare.

**2:00-2:30 PM** Walter Dorn on “Peacekeeping Simulations and Games: Demo and the Latest Developments”?

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### **Dedicated to a new genre of digital training and education**

In a landscape saturated with digital simulations focused on war scenarios, the realm of peacekeeping training and education remains largely uncharted. This project is pioneering the creation of advanced simulations, harnessing state-of-the-art gaming methodologies and informed by meticulous analyses of real-world peace missions. The resulting design not only serves to instruct peacekeepers but also to enlighten the broader public about the pivotal role of this vital international activity.



Walter Dorn is Professor of Defence Studies at the [Royal Military College of Canada](#) (RMC) and the [Canadian Forces College](#) (CFC). He teaches officers of rank major to brigadier-general from Canada and about 20 other countries. He specializes in arms control, international criminal law, just war theory, peace operations, treaty verification and enforcement, and the United Nations. As an "operational professor" he participates in field missions and assists international organizations. For instance, he was a UN Electoral Officer for the 1999 referendum in East Timor and a Visiting Professional with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2010. He also served as a consultant with the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including in 2014 as a member of the [Expert Panel on Technology and Innovation in UN Peacekeeping](#). He is now developing digital simulations of peace/peacekeeping operations for training and education ([www.peacekeepingsim.net](http://www.peacekeepingsim.net)). Website: <https://www.walterdorn.net>

#### *Abstract:*

Video games are pervasive among today's youth, with most playing warfighters in violent games. An alternative is presented: digital simulations and games where the avatar is a UN peacekeeper. A short demo simulation "Investigating Atrocity: UN Military Observers in Carana" will be shown on a 2D screen and with 3D virtual reality (VR) goggles. Such simulations can be used for training, especially for pre-deployment of military personnel. Also, a public-oriented game that shows the more general functions of peacekeeping will be demonstrated at the prototype stage. Edutainment has many applications for peace and the wider set of options are explored.

**2:30-3:00 PM** Ben Maure on “Path into Policing and Peacekeeping”

RCMP Inspector Benoit J.S. Maure, M. Sc., is the author of *Leading at the Edge: True Tales from Canadian Police in Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping Missions Around the World*. (Edge of Water Designs, 2020). He works in the RCMP's E Division in British Columbia and serves as the CPRA's Director of Membership. Ben Maure is pursuing a post-graduate mixed degree (Criminology, Political Science and International Studies) at a local university in Vancouver. Due to his busy schedule, we will show an online lecture that he recorded with Dr. Simpson for this session.



### **2:45-3:00 PM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session 7	<b>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	Warfare in the Future and the Past
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Session 7, *George Brown Room SJA 227A (South)*, Thursday June 5, 2025

### **Warfare in the Future and the Past**

**Chair/Moderator:** **Walter Dorn** is a Professor, Royal Military College and Canadian Forces College, Toronto.

### **4:00-4:15 PM Abbas Gamo** on “From War to War: The Never-ending Ethiopian predicament, 1974-2024”

Dr. Abbas Gnamo (BA., Addis Ababa University; M.A., D.E.A. and PhD., Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France). Dr. Gnamo has taught for different high learning institutions in Canada such as Toronto Metropolitan University and York University. He is lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. He was a recipient of a SSHRC standard research grant over three years for his project “Ethnonationalism and Identity Politics in the Horn of Africa.” He specializes in African politics and history with a focus on the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia, and Central Africa, Rwanda. He is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, and two books including *Conquest and Resistance in Ethiopia* (Boston-Leiden, Brill, 2014), a select of Review Choice for Academic Libraries.

*Abstract:*



Ethiopia is in the Horn of Africa and prone to both internal and interstate conflicts and wars despite ideological and policy shifts. Since its creation as an empire-state at the end of the 19th Century, Ethiopia has been engaged in intractable conflicts with its constituencies and, in the later period, with neighbouring states (Somalia and Eritrea). Its struggle against armed groups and Fronts fighting for autonomy, recognition, and self-determination continues unabated to this date. These conflicts have taken a new dimension after the end of the monarchy in 1974 and the three successive regimes have failed to tackle the national question. Using theoretical paradigms and case studies, this paper brings to light the historical and political causes of these ethnonational conflicts and their evolution/transformation in the context of regional and inter-ethnic relations spanning 50 years. Although Ethiopia claims to be the oldest independent nation in Africa, the imperial nature of statecraft and conflictual centre-periphery relations make it as fragile and vulnerable as most post-colonial states in Africa. The paper highlights the inability to create inclusive national identity and the legitimacy of state which continue to be challenged by the major national groups.

**4:15-4:30 PM Donia Mounsef** on “When V is not for Peace: How Signs and Symbols ‘Perform’ in the Peace Movement”

**Donia Mounsef**, PhD is a Professor of Drama and Media Studies and Associate Dean [Faculty of Arts: Access, Community, Belonging] at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

*Abstract:*

This paper looks at peace symbols and protest signs related to recent peace activism. Starting with the peace sign, the letter V, made with two fingers, I will interrogate the role signs and symbols play in peace activism and the contradictory way they are often deployed as both an expression of victory and the resistance to the discourses that justify war. After tracing a brief history of various peace symbols and signs from WWII to the Ukraine and Gaza wars, this paper will turn to the way symbols and signs have resisted the expression of the heroic, challenged group mentality, and opposed the proliferation of singular war narratives. The paper will focus on the performativity and semantic density of peace symbols such as the circle with three lines representing the flag semaphore signs (in the N and D positions referencing Nuclear Disarmament). The peace circle created in the Cold War by British artist Gerald Holtom evolved to represent many different peace activist positions: freedom, rainbow coalitions, environmental activism, hippie culture, feminist and/or queer activism, etc. Additionally, I will look at other peace symbols and their significance, such as the olive branch, the dove, the rainbow, the rose in the muzzle of a rifle, the broken rifle, the poppy, the paper crane, the *pax* cultura emblem, etc. and the way peace symbolism performs visual rhetoric that enacts the tension within the triad of signification, iconicity, and indexicality.

By tracing this cultural history, I echo Lisa Schrich’s understanding of peacebuilding as functioning in three-dimensional ways: the material or rational; the social; and the symbolic or cultural. The material dimension examines the material condition of conflict as it relates to land, resources, geopolitics. The social dimension refers to groups, communities, interactions, relations, and historical animosities. Lastly, the symbolic dimension “focuses on how people’s worldview shape how they understand and make meaning of the world, and in particular, conflict. It brings attention to the perceptual, emotional, sensual, cultural, and identity-driven aspects of conflict.” (Schrich, *Ritual and Symbol in Peacebuilding*, 2005, 32). By looking at peace symbols through “the perceptual, emotional, sensual, cultural and identity-driven lens”, I hope to widen the scope of understanding of the multi-layered history and collective and creative commitment of diverse communities invested in peacebuilding.

**4:30-5:00 PM Simu-Live Q & A in Networking Lounge Break-out Room**

Session 7	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	President's Reception, George Brown College, Toronto (in-person, not by Zoom)
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Session 7, *President's Reception, George Brown College, Toronto* Thursday June 5, 2025

**President's Reception, George Brown College, Toronto (in-person, not by Zoom)**

**Host: President of George Brown College**

**5:00-6:00 PM** Introductions and Speeches

**6:15-8:00 pm:** Social Mixer and Meet & Greet

## DAY THREE

Session 1	<b>9:00 am – 10:00 am</b>	Board Meeting by Zoom EST
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Zoom Meeting will be sent separately to Board Members for Friday June 6, 2025 9:00 EST.

### **Board Meeting: How to Meet Future Challenges**

#### **Chair/Moderator: Erika Simpson**

Dr. Simpson is the President of the CPRA and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

#### **9:00-9:15 AM Erika Simpson**, “Meeting the Challenges of Congress, EDID, and Zoom”

Dr. Simpson was elected as the Vice-President of the CPRA (2015-17, 2017-19) and continues to serve as the President and Program Chair (2019-21, 2021-23, 2023-25). She also serves on the Boards of the Canadian Pugwash Group (CPG) and the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW).

#### **9:15-9:30 AM Peter Venton** on ““The CPRA: Charitable Status and Financial Management”

Mr. Venton was the Bursar, University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto, Toronto (2001-2009) and the former Vice President: Administration and Finance, Wilfrid Laurier University, (1979-1984). Formerly he was an economist and senior policy advisor in the Ontario Government's Ministry of Finance. He serves on the Board of the CPRA as Treasurer (2015-17, 2017-2019, 2019-21, 2021-23, 2023-25) and on the Boards of the CPG and the CNANW as Treasurer (2015-present).

#### **9:30-10:30 AM**

#### **Chair/Moderator: President of CPRA**

#### **CPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Chair: Erika Simpson, Western University, London

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting (**Note: this meeting is not a General Council Meeting; it is a Board of Directors Meeting**)
3. President's Report
4. Vice President's Report (optional)
5. General Secretary's Report (optional)
6. Treasurer's Report (optional)
7. The National Advisory Council Report (optional)
8. Reports from other officers (optional)
11. Motions:
  1. That the CPRA strike a sub-committee to consider the ways and means of increasing the number of full-time and part-time members and raising more funds (Simpson, Venton);
  2. That the ‘2026 Commemorative Life Service Peace Research Award’ be awarded to Walter Dorn (Simpson, Venton).
15. Other Business
16. Adjournment

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **10:30-12:00 PM Simu-Live Board Meeting by Zoom**

We cannot tape the discussion for confidentiality reasons nor can the chair record the Simu-live discussion. The Congress's Book Expo closes early Friday and there are very associations still in attendance at York -- therefore to save money, the CPRA will move to a Zoom format and there will no in-person meeting at George Brown College. **The Chair will send the Zoom link separately to CPRA members that have paid their annual CPRA membership fees on or before June 4, 2025.**

1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 General Council Meeting
  3. Adoption of the Agenda
  4. President's Report: Dr. Erika Simpson
  5. Vice President's Report: Dr. Chris Hrynkow (optional)
  6. General Secretary's Report: Anne Venton (optional)
  7. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Peter Venton (optional)
  9. The National Advisory Council report: Chair, Dr. Katerina Standish (regrets)
  10. Reports from other officers (optional)
  11. Election of CPRA Board of Directors for two-year terms
- Note: This is the president and the vice-president's slate for election on June 6, 2025:
- President: Erika Simpson
  - Vice President: Chris Hrynkow
  - General Secretary: Anne Venton
  - Treasurer: Peter Venton
  - Chair, National Advisory Council: Katerina Standish
  - Director of Communications and Public Relations: Yerin Chung
  - Director of Membership: Colton Stevenson
  - International Representatives: Juneso Hwang, Frederic S. Pearson
  - Local Arrangements Coordinator: TBC (hired by Congress)
  - Member-at-Large: Sylvie Lemieux, Walter Dorn
12. Motions:
  13. Other Business
  14. Adjournment and Bon Voyage!

## Media

### Researchers, opt into the media outreach program

Are you a researcher presenting material at Congress that the media should know about? Be sure to opt into the [media outreach program](#) before the April 22 deadline.

[Media, become accredited](#). Accreditation provides access to all Congress Sessions and [Open Events](#). Unable to attend Congress 2025? Simply [contact the Congress media team](#) for support. They can help set up telephone and skype interviews, provide Congress researcher abstracts, and share media releases. Click here: <https://fhss.swoogo.com/23-media-outreach-relations-mediatiques>

## Career Corner: a kick-start to your career

Everyone from graduate students to established scholars can benefit from attending *Career Corner*, the Congress's professional development workshop series. They have brought together leading experts to help you advance your career, publish and market your research, improve your teaching skills or even consider new career paths. Workshops include a range of topics from confronting colonialism in academic publishing and exploring careers in social justice, to practicing Indigenous-engaged scholarship.

## Programming: Current Challenges and Future Considerations

1. For more program additions/modifications, and other questions and clarifications, please contact the President of the CPRA and the *Program Chair* Dr. Erika Simpson at [simpson@uwo.ca](mailto:simpson@uwo.ca) and/or [cpramail@gmail.com](mailto:cpramail@gmail.com). The 2025 Program Committee [in alphabetical order by last name] was **Dr. Chris Hrynkow, Dr. Erika Simpson and Mr. Peter Venton**. The 2024 Program Committee will be chaired by Dr. Simpson and new members are welcome to apply by Dec. 1, 2025.
2. Please note that this year the Congress put in place many new and early deadlines because Congress takes place early this year. It was not permitted to move keynote presentations for [Open Events](#) nor cancel rooms after March 1, 2020 for example. The Congress and the CPRA could not accommodate any changes in the Final Program after March 31 due to the Congress's request for a Preliminary Program to be posted online.
3. In previous years, if you *could not* attend in person or by Zoom -- due to **illness or an unforeseen commitment** -- you could send the Program Chair Erika Simpson your pre-recorded presentation. Due to the early deadlines and the complexity of using York's Zoom license, the chair of your Session can no longer share your presentation (on a shared screen) during your time slot. Also we cannot move your presentation to another time slot. Now you must appear online with your pre-recording presentation after having paid your Congress fee.
4. If you are an invited Keynote Speaker or Panel for an [Open Event](#), you must submit your pre-recording to Congress's website by March 1<sup>st</sup> (*no exceptions*). The Congress needs more time to make it widely available. The instructions on how to submit pre-recordings proved to be too complicated for associations. Now the Congress arranges this, but their technicians need considerably more time. This means pre-recordings must be arranged and done by March 1.
5. If you are *not* an invited Keynote Speaker or Panel, you do not need to submit a pre-recording. You must deliver your presentation 'live' in your time slot -- but you could pre-record your presentation and share your screen while you attend. You would share your pre-recorded presentation and Congress would make the entire Session's recording available a few weeks later for other CPRA members to view (*not all Congress attendees to view*). All

the Session's presenters must consent, however, to sharing their recording (and if a single panelist refuses or withdraws consent, this means the entire Session cannot be shared).

## Zoom Presentations including Keynotes cannot be Edited:

You cannot edit your 'live' presentation, nor will Congress edit it. Therefore, you may choose to pre-record your presentation – and then share your screen during your scheduled time period. Instead of delivering 'live' you can pre-record and then share your pre-recording 'live'. Complicated! Yes! This is the option that some speakers choose because they cannot attend the Congress in person, or they need to practice a few times in order to keep their comments to no more than 15 minutes! Why 15 minutes? The technicians must take breaks every hour and they require 30 minutes to set up Zoom for every hour! Please bear with us due the new Hybrid format which assuredly will remain for years to come.

Although the CPRA is now a Federation member – and we can advertise our [keynote speakers](#) across Congress as an [Open Event](#) – we are limited in the number of keynote presentations we can advertise through Congress to no more than 20 advertised keynote presentations or episodes. In 2021, the CPRA program committee had *great difficulty* deciding upon and obtaining the 20 advertised keynote episodes, and the fact that in 2025 most speakers were *not advertised as keynotes* relates to many extenuating factors, including availability for pre-recording before March 1, seniority, youth representativeness, suitability for a general (not an expert) audience, star power of a speaker, *etc.* The Program Committee selected only 2 keynotes.

## New! Networking Venues at the George Brown College

This year, due to the shortened time slots and the expense of [travelling to Toronto](#), live audiences will necessarily be smaller. The Zoom attendance and the Zoom break-out rooms will have higher attendance. They will be set up by the technicians at Congress during the half-hour preceding each panel. You must request a Zoom break-out room be set up by the technicians. **We cannot set up our own separate Zoom rooms.** Your attendees may *not* meet on Zoom hosted by one of the people, like the Chair, in order to record the discussion/discussant's comments during the time allotted in the Networking Lounge. **If you do so, this is considered a violation of Congress's contract and the association could be subject to legal fees.**

The Congress will record all the live presentations [*not* the discussions in the Networking Lounge] and make them available after June 30, 2025. However, every panelist must have signed the form allowing for their commentary to be recorded and distributed. Lesson? We cannot count on a session's recording being made available.

**The CPRA may be able to post the successfully recorded simu-live presentations on the CPRA website beginning October 1, 2025.** Due to copyright restrictions, it remains unclear and unknown whether we post the live Q & A discussions – another advantage of attending the Congress in person.

## Congress's Regulations regarding Zoom Recordings and Technical Assistance

The Program Committee has done its best to program the Panels and Sessions so that Themes meet at different times. Remember, too that you may be able to view the Sessions later on your own time after June 50<sup>th</sup>. Beginning October 1, 2025 the CPRA has the right to transfer all the Zoom recordings to our own [CPRA – ACRP website](https://cpa-acrp.com/) available here: <https://cpa-acrp.com/>. Also notice is hereby given that professors may use some pre-recorded or recorded presentations in their online and hybrid classes. If they do so, they should contact the presenter *except* that professors are allowed to use recordings that are online. This poses a dilemma – therefore if you do not want your lecture to be viewed outside of Congress, please contact the Congress and the Program Chair before/after your presentation so as to ensure your presentation is not transferred to the CPRA website.

Please understand that due to new regulations in 2025, Congress employees and volunteers must be accorded a 15-minute break *each hour*, at the *end of each hour* and in order to prepare for the next Session of speakers. Therefore, we must abide, very strictly by the Congress's new time limits. The Chair of each Session must assist in ensuring the cut-off- times are dealt with fairly and help deal with speakers that go over time. We must abide by Congress's strict program availability time for each speaker.

All this has implications for our future participation in Congress in future years which we can discuss during the AGM and Board Meetings. The Chair of the CPRA Program Committee decided that the advantages of staying in Congress this year and in future years outweighed the disadvantages – although the vast plethora of forms with time limits are onerous and trying. The advantages are that the paid Congress staff help the Program Committee to organize the conferences and the CPRA can apply for some funding sources.

The Federation offers three funding programs to support association programming and facilitate association members' participation at Congress.

Please note that applications must be submitted through your scholarly association.

We are committed to increasing equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization across Congress programming and funding programs, and encourage associations submitting funding applications to do the same. [Find out more about our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization > .](#)

Open Programming Fund



Congress Graduate Merit Award



Congress Child and Dependent Care Subsidy





## CPRA and Congress Registration Fees:

The Congress has reminded the CPRA that the payment of 1) the Congress 2025 registration fee plus 2) the CPRA association's separate annual membership fee is compulsory for every delegate's online entry including all attendees, invited keynote speakers, presenters of papers/panelists, and those chairing or attending a session. The Congress 2025 registration fee will not be reduced, although the Congress will be hybrid. Due to many associated costs with going hybrid, such as increased technical support, paid technical support time, and virtual room rental, the CPRA will *not* reduce its fees for Zoom attendees. The CPRA will reduce, however, the fee for Black and Indigenous students, and similarly to Congress, the CPRA will not charge registration fees for students who self-identify as Black and Indigenous.

### Land acknowledgement

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## CPRA and Congress Registration:

***\$350 Full Member Fees by Early Bird Deadline.***

***\$180 Associate Member Fees by Early Bird Deadline.***

To summarize, \$160 for Regular CPRA Members/Delegates/Participants if received by **March 20, 2025** "Early Bird" deadline or \$200 after deadline. Plus \$190 Congress Regular Attendee fee if received by March 20, 2025. "[Early Bird](#)" deadline is \$360 on site = **total of \$360 by Early Bird deadline** [or up to \$450 if you do not register until on site].

\$100 for CPRA Students, Retired and Unwaged Delegates if received by **March 20, 2025** "Early Bird" Deadline or \$125 after deadline. \$80-150 Congress fees for students, underemployed and different categories = **total of \$180 by Early Bird deadline** [or up to \$330 if you do not register until on site].

**Complimentary (\$0) Black and Indigenous students.** The Federation and the CPRA offers the Congress student fee category for free. To learn more on what the Federation is doing for [Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization](#), see here: <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/programs-policy/equity-diversity-inclusion-and-decolonization-edid>

## **CPRA Annual Membership:**

The CPRA meeting fee entitles participants to two year's membership in the CPRA between June 6, 2025 to June 1, 2027. The CPRA holds its meetings at Congress every two years, depending on the location of the Congress's site (TBA).



Please note that those whose abstracts/proposals are accepted should register with both the Congress **and the CPRA before 20 March 2025** so that the online purchase of your registration is recorded by the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences by March 20, 2025. Choose #46 or write Peace Research in the box. It will present two options – pay the fee or contact our association. Choose either box as it will calculate the full fee. You must pay the CPRA and Congress fee together.

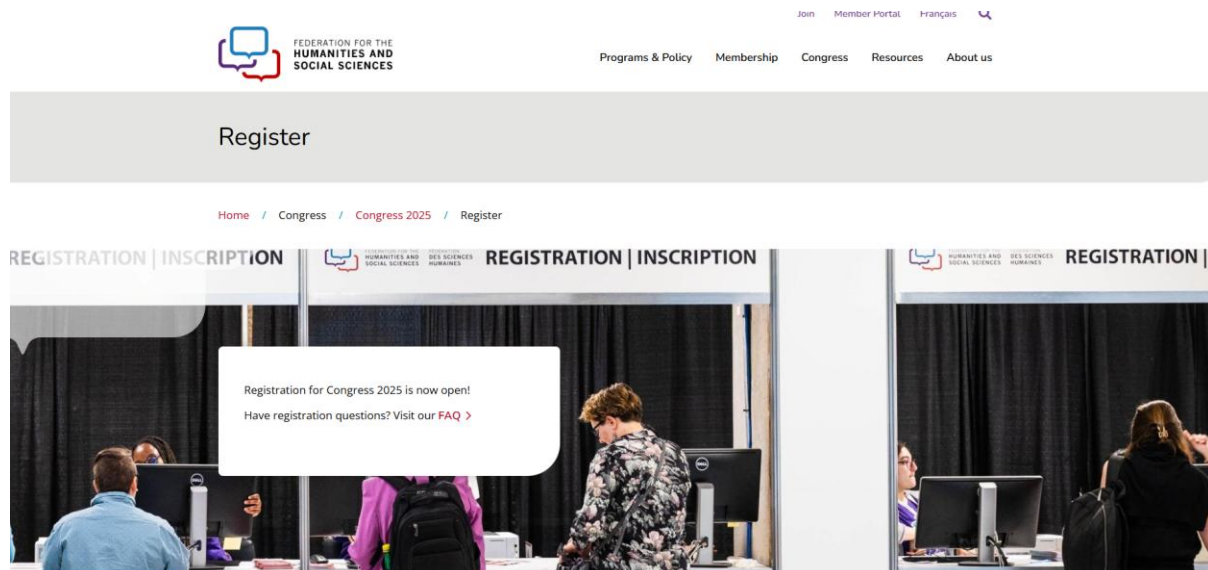
Please note that the biographies and abstracts of student presenters that fail to registrar before May 31, 2025 or cancel their presentation based on a valid or invalid reason will be *deleted* from the Final Program of the CPRA annual meeting. If need be, the Program Committee will also email thesis supervisors (who must approve of their participation) and advise supervisors of unexpected cancellations as it could be an academic offense to claim a ‘no-show’ as a line item on your *curriculum vitae* even if you paid the Congress and CPRA fees.

### **How to Register beginning in mid-January 2025:**

**Online:** At [Congress 2025 Registration](#). This system is secure but complex to use - beginning in mid-January. Choose #46 and then move your cursor away from the box. Choose any bullet denoting that you have not or you do plan to contact the CPRA association to pay our fee. Make sure to select a province (like Ontario) when you use your credit card. Book plenty of time to register as it is complex. Unfortunately the Congress fees have increased substantially due to their costs.

**All attendees, including organizers, speakers, presenters, panelists and those chairing or attending a session, must pay the Congress and the CPRA fees.** The revenue collected from the Congress fee supports the long-term development of Congress, and keeps the annual meeting format viable by ensuring that infrastructure and services are in place from year to year. The following are some of the activities covered:

- Managing the online registration software and the registration process including pre, onsite and post Congress registration labour, as well as the staffing of the onsite Information Centre Planning and coordinating logistical services for attendees
- Supporting the associations through the planning process including staffing over 100 student contractors to support virtual Congress activities. The CPRA must pay for the student contractors with our fees.
- Managing and administering three funds including evaluating, awarding and distributing monetary funds to member associations
- Soliciting, managing and coordinating the Congress [Expo](#) and related programming
- Promoting Congress and association activities via social media, website and documentation development and distribution
- Financially supporting all complimentary Congress registrations from approximately 70 member associations



### Association conference fees

You are welcome to attend any association conference at Congress regardless of membership status if you pay the corresponding association member or non-member fees. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences collects these fees on behalf of associations. Generally, the associations use these funds to cover the cost of planning and holding their conferences at Congress.

**The CPRA is #46 Canadian Peace Research Association – select #46 on their drop-down menu.**

### **Regular and Associate (Retired/Unwaged/Student and Black and Indigenous Student) Member Information:**

1. CPRA - ACRP Regular members (who are also called ‘voting delegates’) include full-time, retired or part-time faculty members, researchers, and staff members in universities, colleges, research centres and other similar educational-, governmental- or professional institutions. These CPRA - ACRP regular members pay the Regular Congress and Association fees. The Congress’s higher Regular fees can be avoided by choosing to pay the **Early Bird fee before March 20, 2025**.
2. CPRA - ACRP Associate members (who are also called ‘non-voting delegates’) generally include postdoctoral students and candidates for the doctoral or master’s degree (e.g. ‘ABDs’, MAs, PhDs, BAs) and other part-time students and others (e.g. volunteers, interns) with a similar standing in educational institutions and research organizations. The CPRA includes post-doctoral students as students (and non-voting delegates); however, if they so choose, post-doctoral students can elect to become Regular members (‘voting delegates’)
3. At this time, the CPRA - ACRP Associate member category (or ‘non-voting delegates’) also includes retired and low-waged attendees so this means a retired *professor emeritus/emerita* can pay the lower fee (and does not lose their voting rights). We do not stipulate low-waged so low-waged persons can self-identify as low-waged and choose the Associate member fee structure (and not lose their right to vote).
4. **Black and Indigenous students are being offered by the Federation and the CPRA, the Congress student fee category for free.** To learn more on what the [Federation is doing for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization](https://www.federationhss.ca/edid), see here: <https://www.federationhss.ca/edid>. Students can self-identify as Black and Indigenous Students and choose the Associate member fee structure (and as students are non-voting delegates).

## International Participants

International attendees may participate, however, before applying, registering, and paying their fees they must confirm how and whether their online participation in a different time zone could be affected. Although Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) provides a list of countries for which visa restrictions apply, as well as other [travel information](#) attendees may require before making travel plans, international attendees must pursue their own visa requirements and follow their location's administrative regulations. If you need a visa, a letter of invitation does not guaranteed that a visa will be issued. The CPRA Program Committee cannot provide participants with letters and invitations to assist the process of obtaining visas.

## Accommodation:



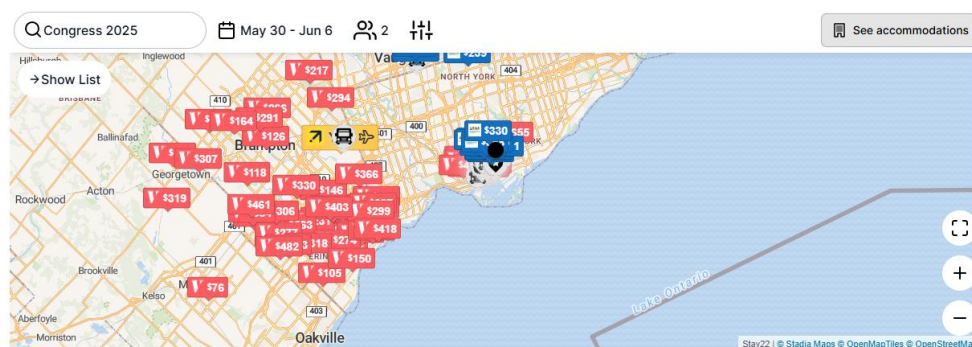
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### Accommodations map

The rates shown on the map below (updated in real time) include George Brown University residences and nearby hotels.

#### How to use the Congress 2025 (Stay 22) map:

Using the "Filters" find the best option for your accommodation needs, search and click on the icon to book with confidence. Clicking on the icon will take you directly to the Congress 2025 accommodations link.



There will be several thousand in-person attendees at Congress, therefore it is highly recommended that you reserve your [accommodation](#) as soon as possible – or you can accessibly join Congress from the comfort of your own home office. Please keep in mind that each year Congress uses the host university's time zone. **In 2025, at George Brown College, we will use Eastern Standard Time in Toronto.**

This means the Congress and CPRA events will begin later than you are used to if you live in Europe or Eastern Canada and earlier if you live in Asia or Western Canada.

## Big Thinking Events



Please make sure to attend the [Big Thinking events](#) which are scheduled at lunchtime (EST).

### **Hybrid Subsidies:**

The CPRA - ACRP is a registration fees-generated conference therefore it is unable to financially assist attendees for hybrid, Zoom or other conference-related expenses (e.g. access to wider broadband, microphones, Wi-fi, Powerpoint subscriptions, etc.).

### **CPRA - ACRP 2025 General Council and Board of Directors meetings:**

A notice is hereby given to all attendees of the CPRA - ACRP conference who paid their regular (full) membership fees by June 4, 2025 or who intend to pay their regular (full) membership fees by next June that the CPRA - ACRP General Council will meet virtually and in-person at the site of the CPRA - ACRP conference and the CPRA - ACRP Board of Directors will meet at the virtual and in-person site of the CPRA - ACRP conference. Each year, a provisional agenda of the CPRA - ACRP General Council will be emailed to the CPRA - ACRP membership by May 31. All regular and associate delegates of the CPRA - ACRP are invited to submit agenda items for the General Council and the Board of Directors by **May 1** to the CPRA General Correspondence Address. Please send to: [cpramail@gmail.com](mailto:cpramail@gmail.com)

The next election for the CPRA - ACRP executive positions will be held at during the Congress in June 2025. Our elections are held biennially every two years. Notably, if there is a resignation or death, in that case, the CPRA - ACRP Board nominates, and votes, for an interim executive member who holds office until the next election. We do not offer proxy voting or pre-voting. Voting takes place during the General Council meeting every two years by a show of hands in-person and on Zoom. Beginning in June 2021, the Congress staff assisted us to hold the General Council meeting so that a hybrid election could be held on Day 3 (Friday) of the CPRA conference.

## ACRONYMS

### ***ZOOM-RELATED GLOSSARY OF TERMS***

**AST:** Atlantic Standard Time (possibly next year's time in Halifax, Nova Scotia at Dalhousie University)

**EST:** Eastern Standard Time (time in Ottawa/Toronto). All Sessions are scheduled using EST as the George Brown College is officially hosting this year's Congress.

**GMT:** Greenwich Mean Time (time in the United Kingdom)

**GMT-5:** 5 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time during Daylight Standard Hours

**MST:** Mountain Standard Time (time in Edmonton or Calgary).

**PST:** Pacific Standard Time (time in Vancouver/Victoria)

**IN DEMAND:** Denotes presentation is freely available anytime for Congress attendees to view beginning May 27 until June 6 2025.

**Keynote Presentation:** Denotes special presentation by prominent invited peace researcher that is slightly longer than regular presentation times. May be pre-recorded on Zoom. "Simu-Live" Keynote Presentations are presented as part of "[Open Events](#)" by the CPRA and Congress. These Sessions must be pre-recorded by March 1, 2025. They are made available to all Congress attendees between mid-May and -mid-June 2025. The keynote speaker may or may *not* attend the Zoom break-out room assigned to them, depending on their own time schedules.

**Moderator (or Chair):** The Chair/Moderator will *not* be able to personally introduce Speakers on their Zoom pre-recordings as over-dubbing of pre-recordings on Zoom cannot later be easily engineered. Moreover, the Chair/Moderator is *not* in charge of soliciting or managing Zoom recordings. Each presenter is responsible for saving their own Zoom pre-recording and submitting it to Congress and/or to Erika Simpson as a shared file that is easily accessible.

**NETWORKING LOUNGE:** Hybrid meeting place with its own timetable and announcements. The Networking Lounge will have different break-out rooms inside it. You will be able to choose your Break-out Room. You will *not* be assigned to a break-out room by the Chair of your Session.

**Powerpoint:** lecture slides that are shared on Zoom using Powerpoint Slides, possibly with copyright-free images.

**Pre-Recorded:** The Presenter during a particular Session may pre-record their presentation using Zoom, and therefore their Q & A may be live (Simu-live) or there may be no Q & A at all.

**Pre-recorded Introduction:** The Program Chair/Moderator may *not* be able to pre-record on your pre-recorded Zoom Session any sort of introduction for you. They can if you appear live but keep in mind the time spent will take away from the time for your 'live' Session time. This means you are responsible for introducing yourself on the pre-recording, perhaps using a slide. This is because Zoom cannot dub two voices over one recording. We have also learned that you may not be able to add music to slides and to your recording later. If you would like to add music or special effects, you are responsible for doing so at your end beforehand but Congress technical support *cannot* help later.

**Q & A:** Question & Answer period may be Pre-Recorded or Simu-Live (live at end of Pre-R or Live presentation)

**Simu-Live:** Speakers and Chair/Moderator will offer a mix of Pre-Recorded and Live (unrecorded) discussion. A "Simu-Live Q & A" is a Question & Answer period of no more than 20 minutes that is recorded live; therefore, it is not available as part of an On-Demand Session. Please be aware that online attendees may or may *not* have viewed the Keynote *\*[Open Events](#)\** Presentation.

**T.B.A.:** Denotes "To Be Announced"

**T.B.C.:** Denotes "To Be Confirmed"



## **BOARD MEMBERS June 5, 2023-June 6, 2025**

*Please note the biographies below have changed considerably since the Board's election in June 2023. Updated biographies are included in the Speaker's Biographies for the Program and in the documents relevant to preparation for the next Board's election on June 6, 2025*

**President: Dr. Erika Simpson**

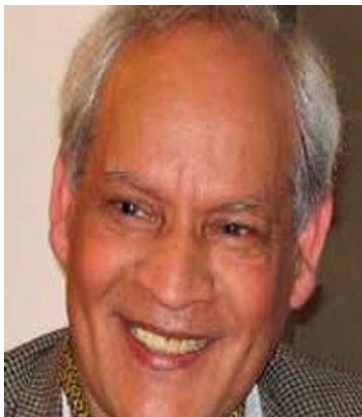
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Erika Simpson is an associate professor of international relations at the University of Western Ontario and president of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA). She is the author of *NATO and the Bomb* and her articles have appeared in *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, *International Journal*, *Invictus Pax*, *Peace Magazine*, *Peace Research*, *Peace Review*, and *Policy Options*. A newspaper columnist for Canada's largest digital and newspaper chain, and for Ottawa's *Hill Times*, she is a past vice president of the CPRA (2015-19), she is a past vice-chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group, a reviewer for the CIMVH, and former Alton Jones Fellow, Barton Fellow, Liu Institute Fellow, and NATO Fellow. In 2015, the Voice of Women in Canada awarded her a lifetime achievement award.

**Past President: Dr. Shreesh Juyal**

Shreesh Juyal (D.Litt.) is a former Dean of the Faculty of International Studies and Distinguished



Professor of International Law and Political Science at Himgiri Zee University, Dehradun Uttarakhand, India. He is a former full Professor of Political Science at the University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and the Director of the United Nations and International Affairs Institute, University of Regina. He is the President of the Canadian Peace Research Association (2004-19) and the Vice-President of the World Federation of Scientific Workers, Paris, France. Dr. Juyal is the author or editor of nine books including *Peace Issues in the 21st Century Global Context*, eds. John Duncan, Shreesh Juyal (UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017); *Shreesh Juyal, International Organizations* (Strathmor Publications, 1996) and *Shreesh Juyal, Global Issues: A Primer for Model United Nations* (Strathmor Publications, 1995). He is a recipient of the United Nations Association (Canada) Global Citizen Award and the Peace Medal of the YMCA Canada.

**Vice President: Dr. Christopher Hrynkow****Email: [chrynkow@stmcollege.ca](mailto:chrynkow@stmcollege.ca)**

Christopher Hrynkow, PhD (Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Manitoba), ThD (Christian Ethics, University of Toronto) is an Associate Professor in Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. There, he teaches courses in Religious Studies, Catholic Studies, and Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good. From January 2019 to July 2019, he is serving as Patrick and Barbara Keenan Visiting Chair in Religious Education at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. Hrynkow is also a graduate student in Education (University of Bath) and Social Justice and Community Action (University of Edinburgh). In July 2019, he will return to St. Thomas More College as Department Head and Graduate Chair in Religion and Culture for the University of Saskatchewan.

**Secretary: Ms. Anne Venton****Email: [anne.venton@sympatico.ca](mailto:anne.venton@sympatico.ca)**

Anne Venton earned a MA (University of Toronto) and was a Media Studies educator with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). She also served as Head of Library at Northern Secondary School, North Toronto Collegiate, and City Adult Learning Centre. She was a Project Director at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) on projects including the 'Canadian English Language Achievement Test' and 'Sex Stereotyping in Elementary Readers'. With extensive experience on many boards, Ms. Venton served on boards for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada; the Council of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario; the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance; and the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario. She was the Riding President of the Toronto

Centre Federal Liberal Association (TCFLA) and President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission (OWLC). Currently, she serves on the executive of CCAVE (Canadians Concerned About Violence in Entertainment) as Director of Communications and on the Sinfonia Toronto Board. She is also a former Vice-President of the OISE Alumni Association, which represents one of the largest faculties at the University of Toronto with over 70,000 graduates.

**Treasurer: Peter Venton****Email: [peter.venton@bell.net](mailto:peter.venton@bell.net)**

Peter Venton is the Treasurer of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA) (2015-17, 2017-19). He was the Bursar, University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, Toronto (2001-2009). The modern equivalent of Bursar is Vice



President: Administration and Finance, which includes oversight management of Human Resources administration and management's representative in labor negotiations, as well as oversight management of the University's physical plant. He is also the former Vice President: Administration and Finance, Wilfrid Laurier University, (1979-1984). Formerly he was an economist and senior policy advisor in the Ontario Government's Ministry of Finance. He holds a MA in Economics from Queen's University. Venton is currently the President of JPV Associates consulting in economics and public policy in the public interest and public sector management. He has presented papers on economic inequality, environmental sustainability,

democracy, globalization and capitalism in Canada, Greece and Taiwan. His publications include, "Radical changes in Canadian democracy: for ecology and the public good," Ecological Systems Integrity: Governance, law and human rights, eds. Laura Westra, Janice Gray and Vasiliki Karagerorgou (New York: Routledge Earthscan, 2015). Currently he serves as the Treasurer of the Canadian Pugwash Group (2017-19), a registered Canadian charitable foundation, and as a Board Member and Director of the Canadian Pugwash Group (2015-2019).

**Chair National Advisory Council:****Dr. Katerina Standish****Email: [katerina.standish@otago.ac.nz](mailto:katerina.standish@otago.ac.nz)**

Katerina Standish is the vice provost of graduate and postdoctoral studies and professor of global and international studies at the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada. Dr Standish is an expert on culture, violence and conflict transformation. She is an enthusiastic content analyst who specializes in unobtrusive curricular analysis. Her publications include content on conflict and cultural learning, social, cultural, and political violence, and self-harm. Dr. Standish approaches research, scholarship, and professional development through a 'Unity' Lens. Dr. Standish created Encounter Theory (2021) and has published numerous books and refereed Peace and Conflict Studies articles. Her book, *Suicide Through a Peacebuilding Lens* (2020), was nominated for the Conflict Research Society

(CRS) Book of the Year Prize. She holds a doctoral degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Manitoba and a Master's in Human Security and Peacebuilding from Royal Roads University. She earned a post-baccalaureate and undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University. Dr. Standish is a former Director of the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace & Justice at St. Paul's College, senior editor of the *Palgrave Handbook of Positive Peace*, former Editor and Chief (2021-2025), and current Associate Editor of *Peace Review*.



**Past Chair (resigned 2020) National Advisory Council:**

**Dr. Joanna Quinn**

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Joanna R. Quinn is Past Chair of the National Advisory Council and Past President of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada. She is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction at Western University, where she is cross-appointed to the Faculty of Law and affiliate-appointed to the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research. Dr. Quinn's research considers the role of acknowledgement, or the recognition of past events, in overcoming the effects of human rights abuses after conflict. She is interested in its potential to affect real and lasting change. She has written widely on the role of acknowledgment in truth

commissions and in customary law in Uganda, Haiti, Canada, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Canada. Her current project considers how to flip the switch to make people care about what has taken place in post-conflict societies. She holds a Ph.D. from McMaster University, a Master's from Acadia University, and a B.A. (Hons.) from the University of Waterloo.

**Past Chair (2021) of the National Advisory Council: Dr. Rose Dyson**

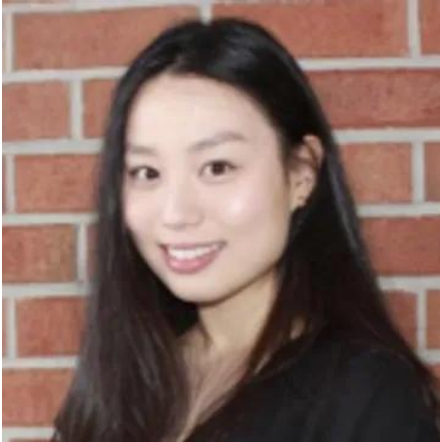
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Rose Dyson, Ph.D. Ed.D. (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto) is the author of *Mind Abuse: Media Violence in an Information Age* (2000) and the co-author of 11 other peer-reviewed books. She was the editor for 17 years of *The Learning Edge* (Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education). She was the associate editor of *Peace Issues in the 21st Century Global Context*, eds. John Duncan, Shreesh Juyal (UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017). She is the President of Canadians Concerned About Violence in Entertainment and Chair of the National Advisory Council of the Canadian Peace Research Association (2013-15, 2015-17, 2017-2019). She is a member of the Climate Action Network, the Global Ecological Integrity Group, and Just Earth. She is also the Director of Communication and a member of the World Federalist Movement, Toronto Branch, Canada.

## Director of Communications and Public Relations:

### **Yerin Chung**



Ms. Chung (MA) is a PhD candidate at Queen's University and a recent graduate of the Political Philosophy stream at the University of Western Ontario. Her PhD in Political Theory and Peace Research focuses on contemporary political philosophy in the areas of global distributive justice, historical injustice, human rights and the ethics of climate change as it pertains to issues of intergenerational justice. She has worked as a teaching assistant at The University of Western Ontario for various faculty members of Political Science. She holds a Master's degree and a B.A. (Hons.) degree in Political Science both from The University of Western Ontario. Yerin serves as Director of Communications and Public Relations for the Canadian Peace

Research Association (CPRA). Yerin Chung can be reached at: [ychung73@uwo.ca](mailto:ychung73@uwo.ca)

## International Representatives:

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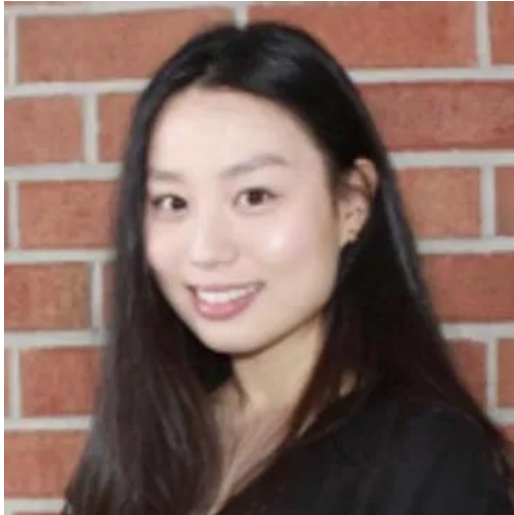
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**Announcement on Congress 2026**

Dear Erika Simpson,

I am writing to inform you that after over a year of discussions with a potential institutional host for Congress 2026, our negotiations have unfortunately come to a halt.

Across Canada, institutions are facing mounting economic pressures. Additionally, rising costs have made hosting Congress a significant financial commitment for institutions since the pandemic.

In this context, and despite the institution selected for Congress 2026 being enthusiastic about welcoming our community, we were unable to reach an agreement that would benefit all parties including the associations and their members.

We understand that this news will come as a deep disappointment to many of you, and we, too, share in that sentiment. Congress is an annual tradition with deep historical roots, and it has showcased excellence in the humanities and social sciences since 1931.

Despite this setback, we nevertheless wish to initiate plans for 2026 without further delay.

First, your association will have the opportunity to utilize the Federation's virtual platform to host its conference remotely in 2026. Should you wish to join, we will support you in delivering virtual components, including technical delivery, registration management, and promoting your conference.

Additionally, we plan to offer a smaller-scale in-person event at a yet-to-be-determined location. Your association and members will help shape this event, and your insights will be key to building a meaningful program.

We recognize that this approach, particularly the virtual-only conferencing option and the timing of this announcement, is less than ideal. However, this situation reinforces what we have all been observing: the Congress model is entering a necessary period of evolution. As part of the Federation's strategic planning over the next several months, we will be asking difficult questions about the purpose of Congress and how it is delivered.

This will include reassessing the host partnership model alongside virtual formats and examining delivery options that alleviate cost pressures and environmental impact while ensuring that scholarly exchange remains accessible and meaningful. We will also explore alternative future-focused models of collaboration, convening, and community-building. Your input will be vital to this process, and we will hold a town hall meeting in June to discuss the formation of a "Reimagining Congress Task Force" and the upcoming plans for 2026.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. As the humanities and social sciences landscape shifts, we must navigate this path as a community with care and resolve. Preserving collaborative spaces for knowledge generation and dissemination is critical for our disciplines to thrive and to benefit the public. We will identify these spaces—negotiations for future Congress years are

underway—and continue to advocate for our community to remain strong and united.

Thank you for your understanding and support; you may direct any questions to [membership@federationhss.ca](mailto:membership@federationhss.ca).

Sincerely,

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