



## Canadian Defense and Security Network

Workshop series, Security theme, 2019-2020

### **Researching Canadian defense and security: Exploring research diversity, empirical obstacles, and communication challenges at a critical juncture for knowledge development**

According to the 2014, survey of 267 professors teaching and researching in international politics (TRIP) in Canada, over 74% identify qualitative approaches as their primary methodology, followed by 11% citing policy analysis and a little over 6% favoring quantitative methods<sup>1</sup>. Formal and experimental methodologies remain rare as primary methods in the US with only around 2.5% self-identifying compared to less than 1% of Canadians; that notwithstanding among secondary methods in the US, they are declared by 15% declare compared to 5% of Canadian colleagues. Among qualitative methods employed, Canadian scholars deploy a variety of techniques though over half identified single case and two-thirds comparative case studies. Extrapolating those trends, the number of scholars practicing non-qualitative methods in the Canadian community is still 5 times smaller than the equivalent minority community using primarily quantitative methods in the U.S. and there are less than three dozen scholars in Canada using formal or experimental modeling examining international politics.

Year 1 (2019): Exploring methodological diversity in the study of defense and security in Canada

Canada faces a methodological diversity challenge producing knowledge using non-qualitative methods. This conference aims to tackle the diversity challenge directly by presenting a cutting-edge program including both established and emerging scholars to offer presentations on various contemporary methods. The CDSN's mandate is to ensure diversity and inclusion regarding opportunities and outputs of defense and security research in Canada. Its member's are dedicated to evidence-based policy analysis employing a diversity of methodological techniques and a plurality of theoretical approaches.

We invite interested scholars, practitioners and students of international relations, Canadian defense and security studies, political science, and related fields of study to join us on November 22, 2019 at Université Laval in Quebec City.

**Information :** [csi@eti.ulaval.ca](mailto:csi@eti.ulaval.ca) | **Registration :** [DefenseSecurite](#)



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<sup>1</sup> Of 1558 US respondents, 58% qualitative, 24% quantitative, and 9% policy.



## 2019 Program

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8h15 Welcome, **Anessa Kimball**, Director, Centre for international security, École supérieure d'études internationales, professor, political science, Université Laval & CDSN co-director, Security

8h30 - 10h Panel 1: Critical studies

- Chair: **Philippe Bourbeau**, Director, École supérieure d'études internationales, Canada Research Chair, Immigration and security & professor, political science, Université Laval
- Presenter: **Srdjan Vucetic**, Professor, political studies, University of Ottawa & CDSN co-director, Security
- Emerging Scholar: To be confirmed

10h – 10h30 Health Break

10h30 – 12h Panel 2: Gender-Based Analysis plus (GBA+)

- Chair: **Pauline Côté**, Professor, political science & Director, BIAPRI & B.A. political science, Université Laval
- Presenter: **Stéphanie von Hlatky**, Professor, political science & Director, Centre for international and defence policy, Queen's University & CDSN co-director, Personnel
- Emerging scholar: to be confirmed

12h – 13h30 Lunch (Box lunch provided)

13h30 – 15h15 Panel 3: Machine-based learning and quantitative approaches

- Chair: **Yannick Dufresne**, Chair in Leadership and Teaching on digital sciences & assistant professor, political science, Université Laval with
- Presenter: **Jean-Christophe Boucher**, Professor, political science & School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, & CDSN co-director, Operations
- Emerging Scholar: **Tyler Girard**, Ph.D. candidate, political science, University of Western Ontario
- Reflections on the Quantitative study of defence and security in Canada: **Anessa L. Kimball**, Director, Centre for international security, ESEI & associate professor, political science, Université Laval & CDSN co-director, Security

15h15 - 15h30 Health Break

15h30 – 17h30 Methods Speed Dating Event for selected participants OR Meet & Greet with CDSN Director, Stephen Saideman & professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University (or another member of the CDSN headquarters team)

17h30 Closing reception