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The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs

Since 1965 NPSIA has been a leader in education in the field of international affairs. Our contribution to scholarship in the areas of conflict resolution and security, terrorism and intelligence, international trade and finance, international governance, development, and the sharing of human and natural resources is widely renowned, as is our reputation for preparing future policy leaders and scholars. Offering advanced degrees at the Master's and Doctoral levels in International Affairs, we are the only Canadian member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), which is committed to preparing students for the global workplace of the 21st Century by combining multidisciplinary, policy-oriented, intercultural studies with career development. We are committed to APSIA's goals of "professional education in international affairs and the advancement of international understanding, prosperity, peace, and security." The APSIA schools are proud of their reputations for producing diverse, well-educated and sophisticated international affairs professionals, many of whom hold leadership positions in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors around the world.

The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Dunton Tower, Carleton University.

A Legacy of Leadership

NPSIA was established with the support of Senator Norman McLeod Paterson, who made an outstanding contribution to Canadian industry and public life over many decades. His vision of a school of international affairs in Ottawa was rooted in his belief in the importance of training the next generation of world leaders.

"This is a superb institution, with a justifiably outstanding reputation here and abroad for the calibre of both the resident and visiting scholars it attracts, the quality of its teaching and research, and its indispensable role in training successive generations of Canadian diplomats."

Gareth Evans, President, International Crisis Group, former Australian Foreign Minister (1988-96)

The Capital Advantage

NPSIA's location in Ottawa, Canada's capital, gives the School a direct window on Canada's role in international affairs. Our unique vantage point allows us to engage with the international policy community. Direct access to officials from government departments, business, and non-governmental organizations provides invaluable opportunities for broadening the scope and participation of our research activities, teaching and training programs, and conferences and seminars. Many practitioners serve on NPSIA's faculty and contribute as guest lecturers in the classroom.



The NPSIA Advantage

The School offers an interdisciplinary experience in its research undertakings and various programs of study. Such disciplines as political science, economics, international law, geography, sociology, psychology and history serve as the basis for our programs, which, in turn, attract a diverse and talented student body.

A Knowledge-Based Teaching Environment

NPSIA's faculty are leading scholars and practitioners in their respective fields. The tradition of including practitioners among its faculty began in NPSIA's early days, when such notable public figures as former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, and Undersecretary of State for External Affairs Norman Robertson, taught in the School. Our faculty's individual achievements in scholarship and research are internationally renowned. Their wealth of experience and dedication to students combine to offer an award-winning teaching and learning environment.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade is one of the many government departments in Ottawa that enrich the NPSIA experience.



Students with a Global Perspective

NPSIA's interdisciplinary character attracts high-quality students from across Canada and around the globe with diverse educational backgrounds and experiences that enrich the School. Our students actively participate and initiate many School-based activities, including the annual NPSIA Soirée which regularly features a prominent keynote speaker. Past speakers have included Stephen Lewis, the former UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, General John de Chastelain, former Canadian Chief of Defence Staff and Chair of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning in Northern Ireland, and Maureen O'Neil, President of the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa.

Training for Professional Success

NPSIA offers training and development programs for professionals and executives engaged in international affairs and diplomacy. Our programs augment the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the broad field of international policy and decision-making. These include certificate programs in professional diplomatic training which cover such topics as international law, international negotiation and dispute resolution, mission management, communication strategies and diplomatic correspondence, among others. Instructors and facilitators of our training programs are leaders in their field and include former foreign service officers and ambassadors, faculty, research centre associates, and officials from non-governmental organizations.



"I'm so impressed with the quality of education I'm getting at NPSIA, especially the classroom discussions, the lectures, the course materials, the practical teaching styles and activities, the quality and attentiveness of the professors... I'm getting everything I expected and more!"

Geneviève Asselin, NPSIA MA entry class 2005

**THE SIMON REISMAN
CHAIR IN TRADE POLICY
at NPSIA provides a focal
point for the study of
international trade and
investment issues and for
the wider understanding of
emerging and related policy
perspectives.**

Influential Research and Publications

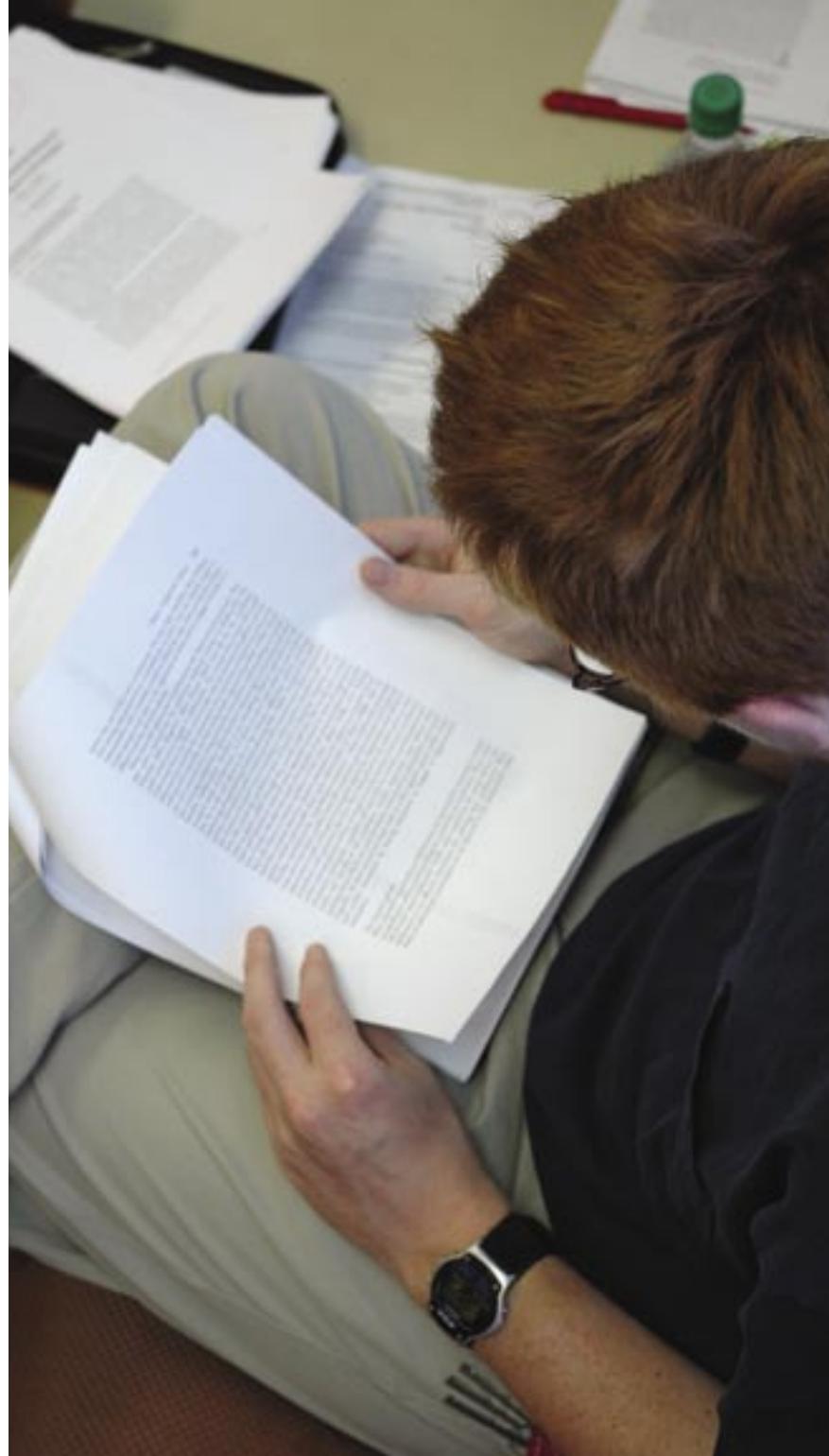
Our strength in scholarship and training is featured most prominently through the activities of NPSIA's research units, including:

- the Canadian Centre of Intelligence and Security Studies (CCISS);
- the Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS);
- the Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL);
- the Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance (CCTC); and
- the Programme for Latin America and Caribbean States (PLACS).

These research units regularly collaborate with other academic institutions, government agencies and non-governmental organizations, nationally and internationally. In conducting research, organizing seminars and conferences, and through their publications, these centres provide a focused outlet for the innovative research of our faculty. In addition, they support the work of NPSIA's doctoral, post-doctoral and research fellows, and offer valuable opportunities to our graduate students for training and engagement.

Over the years, NPSIA, as an institution, has developed a strong record of publication in Canadian foreign policy and international affairs. For over 20 years, the School's *Canada Among Nations* series has proffered reflections on Canada's place in the world from highly respected commentators. The edited volumes present a variety of perspectives and recommendations from academics and practitioners alike on the major policy issues of the day. Since 1992, the School's journal *Canadian Foreign Policy*, has been a leader in producing timely, original, and thought-provoking essays on Canadian foreign policy and international issues that affect Canadian interests and values.





Academic Programs of Study

NPSIA students receive comprehensive, interdisciplinary, high-quality instruction and training in their chosen specialization of international affairs. Our programs develop a strong foundation in policy formulation, policy research methods, and economics. We focus on practical knowledge and skill development that complement theoretical instruction through the regular use of research assignments, case studies and simulations, mediation exercises, the preparation of policy papers, and project evaluation activities. Recognizing that the ability to communicate is essential to international affairs, all students must pass a test in a second major international language by the completion of their degree.





“NPSIA’s students are remarkable and never disappointing. Their backgrounds and experiences are very diverse and they are all committed to making a difference in the world. As a result, seminar discussions are lively and passionate... It’s a truly mutually engaging experience!”

Professor Maureen Appel Molot, NPSIA Faculty

Master of Arts in International Affairs (MA)

The comprehensive MA program provides our students with the broad scope of skills (analytical, research, policy development, communications) and knowledge required by scholars and professionals in international affairs.

The program currently features six clusters:

- Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution;
- Global Political Economy;
- Human Security and Development;
- International Dimensions of Development;
- International Institutions and Global Governance;
- and,
- International Trade Policy.

Students select one cluster and specialize in it by taking a minimum of two of the designated courses within that cluster, a policy formulation course, and an economics course specific to the cluster. Students also have the option of completing their degree either with a thesis/research program or by course work alone. Our MA students benefit by having the option of completing their degree in approximately 16 months of full-time study which allows them to more rapidly join the work force in policy and academic communities.

Admission Requirements for MA in International Affairs

- a Bachelor’s degree (four-year Honours) in a discipline related to international affairs (normally with high honours standing);
- demonstration of proficiency in English if native tongue is not English; and,
- credit course in introductory economics (microeconomics and macroeconomics).

Master of Arts in International Affairs/ Bachelor of Laws (MA/LLB)

Administered jointly with the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, the MA/LLB program allows students to focus on a specific cluster of study. Students are expected to complete both the MA and the LLB programs over a four-year period and are required to follow the research program option under the supervision of faculty from both institutions.

Admission Requirements for MA/LLB

Admission requirements for the MA portion of the program are the same as those of a student completing solely the MA program. Students must apply separately to Carleton University and the University of Ottawa and be accepted by both institutions in accordance with the normal admission requirements of each program. Interest in pursuing the joint program must be specified in each application.

"NPSIA is attractive to students as a gateway to the world and what is going on in the world, whether it's in the field of trade policy, development assistance, or conflict resolution. It's particularly attractive for students who have public service as a career objective."

Derek Burney, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States (1989-93) and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister (1987-89)



Doctor of Philosophy in International Affairs (PhD)

The PhD program features three fields of study: International Conflict Management and Resolution, International Development Policy, and International Economic Policy. Students benefit from completing two field seminars upon which their written comprehensive examinations will be based. To complete the dissertation component of the program, students are required to conduct a research workshop, defend their proposal, defend the dissertation, and pass a language examination.

Admission Requirements for PhD in International Affairs

- a Master's degree in a social science with at least an A- average;
- introductory economics plus at least one full credit at the senior undergraduate level;
- demonstration of proficiency in English if native tongue is not English; and,
- demonstrated capacity for completing the program, including the ability to undertake research.

Internship and Co-op Programs

NPSIA is proud of its co-op and voluntary internship programs through which students gain valuable practical experience in different areas of international affairs. Placements for both programs are with a number of government departments and agencies, public institutions, private sector associations and non-governmental organizations in Ottawa. Co-op placements are full-time for a semester or more. Student interns undertake relevant assignments one day per week during their second term. Students benefit from participating in these programs by developing personal contacts and networks to assist them in their future careers.



A Resource-Rich Education

The Resource Centre at NPSIA serves as a central location for publications and materials on a variety of topics on international affairs to support our faculty's research and teaching activities as well as our students' learning. Through our computer lab, students have easy access to the university library catalogue, research databases and other university services. In addition, NPSIA students and alumni have direct access to employment and other professional information as well as event/conference announcements through the Resource Centre.

Graduates of Distinction

NPSIA graduates have a strong record of success in not only finding relevant employment but also rising to the top of their fields, including positions in:

- the diplomatic service and government departments;
- international organizations such as the United Nations, NATO, the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, UNESCO, the African Development Bank;
- non-governmental organizations such as CARE, the World Food Program, IDRC, the Ford Foundation, the Mennonite Central Committee; and,
- the private sector and organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Bank of Montreal, GlaxoSmithKline.

Still other NPSIA graduates have successfully continued their education and obtained MBAs, LLBs, LLMs and PhDs, and/or joined faculty at universities around the world.

With over 1250 graduates of our programs, our alumni have and will continue to shape international affairs.



"What I remember most about NPSIA is the exposure to fellow students both Canadian and from abroad with such a diverse background, individuals who had already had been out there 'doing it', and that only strengthened my determination to make my contribution as well."

Michael Croft, Operations Coordinator, UNESCO Program for Emergency Education and Reconstruction (NPSIA '96)

"My time at the School provided me with an opportunity to appreciate the breadth of Canada's foreign policy interests and led to my eventual choice of career."

Peter M. Boehm, Assistant Deputy Minister, North America, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs (NPSIA '81)



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