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2:00 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

2:00 - 2:10	REGISTRATION
2:10 - 2:15	WELCOME Contemporary Asian Studies Student Union
2:15 - 2:20	OPENING REMARKS Dr. Rachel Silvey - <i>Richard Charles Lee Director, Asian Institute</i>
2:20 - 2:40	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Deanna Horton - <i>Senior Fellow</i> <i>Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy</i>
2:40 - 3:00	Q&A
3:00 - 4:00	INDUSTRY PANEL Dr. Muhammad Waqar Ahmad - <i>Public Diplomacy Advisor, Foreign Minister's Office, Pakistan</i> Camil Ghajary - <i>Government Relations Specialist, Canadian Nuclear Association</i> Sherlyn Hu - <i>Mental Health Clinician at Mount Sinai Hospital, Visual Artist</i> Katherine Maclvor - <i>Program Advisor and Communications Officer, Asian Institute</i>
4:00 - 4:30	Q&A
4:30 - 4:35	CLOSING REMARKS Jennifer Han and Chan-Min Roh - <i>President and Vice-President, CASSU</i>
4:35 - 6:00	RECEPTION

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

CASSU:

Jennifer Han, President
Chan-Min Roh, Vice-President
Angeli Gem Almonte, Treasurer
Amy Sunderam, Director of Equity
Hannah Wu, Director of Public Relations
Hannah Yin, Junior Representative
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ASIAN INSTITUTE:

Francis Cody, Director, Contemporary Asian Studies
Rachel Silvey, Director, Asian Institute
Nina Boric, Manager, Asian Institute
Shannon Garden-Smith, Research Coordinator
Dasha Kuznetsova, Event Coordinator
Katherine Maclvor, Program Advisor & Communications Officer

SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE

Deanna Horton



Deanna Horton is a Senior Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto, a Global Fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC, and a Fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. At the Munk School, Ms. Horton has undertaken research focused on Canadian company locations in Asia, based on data collected for an interactive map. She has also hosted and moderated a number of speakers and panel discussions regarding Canada- and U.S.-Asia relations. In her diplomatic career, Ms. Horton served as Canada's Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, as Minister (Congressional, Public and Intergovernmental Relations) in Washington, and a total of twelve years in Japan culminating in her appointment as Deputy Head of Mission. She was a negotiator on the original North American Free Trade Agreement, and then spent four years in Washington following the NAFTA and WTO legislation through U.S. Congress. In the private sector, Ms. Horton was Vice-President (Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs) at Sherritt International, a diversified resource company. Ms. Horton has a Diploma in International Studies from the Bologna Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies; M.A. (International Affairs) from Carleton University Norman Paterson School of International Affairs; and B.A. (Hons) from McGill University. Ms. Horton also spent two years at the U.S. State Department Foreign Service Institute in Yokohama, Japan.

Dr. Muhammad Waqar Ahmad

Dr. Muhammad Waqar Ahmad works as Public Diplomacy Advisor at the Foreign Minister's Office in Islamabad, Pakistan. He has worked with NATO, NASA, and the U.S. Department of State, and served as a Press Officer to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry during the ASEAN 2013 Summit. Dr. Waqar has more than 15 years' experience in the art of public diplomacy, conceptualizing and implementing high level projects as well as financial literacy in South Asia and North America. Amongst various other achievements, he managed U.S. Public Diplomacy Grant programs, successfully organized international conferences, and implemented USG educational projects to counter violence and extremism in South Asia. Dr. Waqar has a Doctorate of Education (Social Justice, Global Affairs and International Development) from the University of Toronto). In addition to his MBA (Marketing), he has a Master of Social Justice Education from U of T. He has also graduated from Business Sustainability Strategy at Harvard Business School. Dr. Waqar is passionate about improving the lives of marginalized communities in Pakistan and has pioneered the transgender advocacy and disability rights movements in the region.





Camil Ghajary

Camil Ghajary is a Government Relations Specialist at the Canadian Nuclear Association with over 4 years of experience working on topics ranging from energy and climate to labour and political participation. Prior to her current role, she worked in the provincial political space and conducted research in the economic landscape of mobile gaming. She graduated from the University of Toronto, and received her Master's degree in International and Public Affairs from Hong Kong University.

Sherlyn Hu

Sherlyn Hu, MSW, RSW is a Chinese-Canadian social worker, author, and grant-winning artist of immigrant background graduated from the inaugural Collaborative Master's specialization in Social Work and Asia-Pacific Studies at the University of Toronto. She is a current Mental Health Clinician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, providing culturally and linguistically appropriate psychotherapy and mental health care for seniors and family caregivers. She is actively engaged in enhancing the quality of healthcare by training health care providers in health care communications across varied settings. Sherlyn has published books and peer-reviewed journal articles on mental health, social work education and personal growth in English and Chinese. She co-founded a Canadian non-profit organization called BETWEEN Arts and Human Services in 2014, focused on enhancing community building and human care through art. Her artwork has appeared in different media, including at the University of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission vehicles, Canadian consumer products, and Bell Box Mural. Her most recent children's book *Everyone Needs Care* (2022) celebrates front-line care workers in their daily endeavour to enhance the quality of life of those living with dementia in our community. Connect with Sherlyn at sherlynhu@gmail.com.



Katherine MacIvor

Katherine MacIvor is a student services and communications professional with over 15 years of experience in higher education. A recipient of the University of Toronto Awards of Excellence Northrop Frye Award, Katherine develops innovative programs to enrich the students and alumni experience, including the Richard Charles Lee Insights through Asia Challenge, the Global Careers through Asia Conference, and the Asian Institute Mentorship program. Katherine oversees the administration for four undergraduate and graduate programs in Asian Studies, with extensive experience in curriculum governance, experiential learning, recruitment, admissions, student advising, awards, and alumni engagement. She also develops and implements the Asian Institute's multi-platform and multimedia communications plan. Katherine has a background in writing and editing, and has worked as freelance editor since 2008 as well as in house at the University of Toronto Press. She holds an HBA and MA in Anthropology from the University of Toronto where she also completed the Collaborative Master's Specialization in Asia Pacific Studies.