



Canada Institute Activities

2012

The Canada Institute produced 24 meetings on energy and environment, trade, and border and border security. The Institute also hosted Prime Minister Stephen Harper for the most widely-attended event at the Wilson Center in 2012. In addition, the Institute produced two notable publications on deepwater offshore drilling and on the future of the U.S.-Canada border.

A Year in Review



CANADA INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES 2012

PUBLICATIONS

One Issue, Two Voices Issue 14: [**The Risk and Regulation of Deepwater Offshore Drilling: American and Canadian Perspectives**](#)

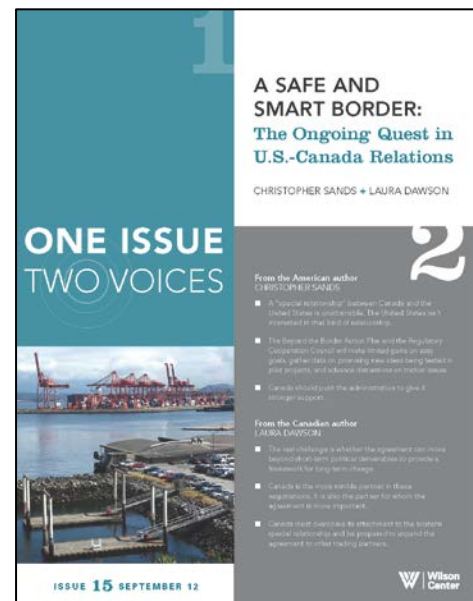
(launched March 2012)

By American authors Amy Myers Jaffe and James Coan, and Canadian authors Alexander MacDonald and Nicholas Crosbie

One Issue, Two Voices Issue 15: [**A Safe and Smart Border: The Ongoing Quest in U.S.-Canada Relations**](#)

(launched December 2012)

By American author Christopher Sands, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, and Canadian author Laura Dawson, president of Dawson Strategic



EVENTS

February

February 21

[**Dependent America? How Canada and Mexico Construct U.S. Power**](#)

Co-sponsored with the Mexico Institute

In *Dependent America?*, Stephen Clarkson and Matto Mildenberger explore the extent to which U.S. power is a function of its capacity to mobilize other states' material and moral support. The authors presented the book, and discussants commented on it.

March

March 6

[**The Risk and Regulation of Deepwater Offshore Drilling**](#)

One Issue, Two Voices Issue 14 publication launch (Calgary)

The Canada Institute launched its 14th *One Issue, Two Voices* publication in Calgary exploring the topic of offshore drilling risk and regulation in the United States and Canada. Authors Alexander MacDonald and James Coan discussed their papers and commented on the future of offshore drilling in the two countries.

March 7

The Risk and Regulation of Deepwater Offshore Drilling

One Issue, Two Voices Issue 14 publication launch (Washington)

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March 7

“Sharing Prosperity: Alberta on the World Stage” with the Honourable

Alison Redford, premier of Alberta
Co-sponsored with the Council of Women World Leaders

The Honourable Alison Redford, premier of Alberta, discussed the province’s priorities in a changing global marketplace, as well as the challenges and opportunities that come with being the United States’ number one trading partner and natural customer.

March 15

Discussion with E. Anthony Wayne, Ambassador of the United States to Mexico, and David Jacobson, Ambassador of the United States to Canada

Co-sponsored with the Mexico Institute

March 21

So Canada Left Kyoto: Why? and What’s Next?

Co-sponsored with the Environmental Change and Security Program and the Embassy of Canada

Panelists discussed the reasons for Canada leaving the Kyoto Protocol and what plans the government has in place to counter climate change. Ruth Greenspan Bell, Woodrow Wilson Center; Andrew Light, The Center for American Progress; David McLaughlin, National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy; and Peter Stoett, Fulbright Canada-Wilson Center Chair, contributed their perspectives on the subject.

March 28

Who “Owns” The Arctic?: An International and Interdisciplinary Conference

Held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; co-sponsored with the Kennan Institute, the Center for Canadian Studies at Duke University, and UNC Chapel Hill’s Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies

The conference brought together policymakers, academics, students, and environmentalists to explore diverse issues related to Arctic resource and energy management from Russian, Canadian, American, and other perspectives.

April

April 2

[Director's Forum with The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada](#)

in a conversation with the Honorable Jane Harman, Director, President, & CEO of The Wilson Center

Prime Minister Harper was in Washington for the annual Trilateral Leaders Summit with President Barack Obama and President Felipe Calderón of Mexico. Among the highlights of the discussion was Harper's statement that Canada would look beyond the United States to sell its energy products.



April 17

[Emerging Scarcity in a Land of Plenty: Water and Water Policy in Canada](#)

Co-sponsored with the Environmental Change and Security Program

To launch the Alberta Scholars Series, the Canada Institute welcomed Lars Hallstrom of the University of Alberta to speak about water issues facing Western Canada, particularly the province of Alberta.

May

May 8

[Uninvited Guests: Invasive Alien Species and the Threat to Ecosystems and Economies](#)

Co-sponsored with the Environmental Change and Security Program

Panelists discussed how government agencies and legislatures in the United States and Canada must cooperate to enact new and efficient regulations to stem the spread of invasive alien species. The program was organized by the Canada Institute's Fulbright Scholar, Peter Stoett.

May 31

[Chinese Investment in North American Energy](#)

Co-sponsored with the China Environment Forum

Speakers looked at the increase in China's North American energy investments. As China continues to grow, its investments in North American energy will increase, providing an engine for growth in both Canada and the United States. Panelists included Wenran Jiang, University of Alberta; Bo Kong, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Relations; Jeff Kucharski, Alberta Energy; Adam Lysenko, The Rhodium Group; and moderator Jennifer L. Turner, China Environment Forum.

June

June 14

The Impact of Local Law Enforcement at the Canada-U.S. Border

Programs such as the Beyond the Border Action Plan have significantly increased the level of communication between the United States and Canada, which will only ease the pressures faced by all law enforcement agencies that operate at and near the border. The panel looked at the importance of local law enforcement, which works with federal agencies to secure the northern border.

June 26

Our Shared Challenges: North America Environmental Roundtable Series

Co-sponsored with the Mexico Institute and the Environmental Protection Agency
The Canada Institute and the Mexico Institute of the Wilson Center inaugurated *Our Shared Challenges: North America Environmental Roundtable*, a series of targeted discussions focused on protecting human health and the environment in North America. Michelle DePass, Assistant Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs, discussed cooperative efforts with the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

July

July 9

The Beyond the Border Action Plan at Six Months

The Canada Institute hosted Alan Bersin, assistant secretary and chief diplomatic officer, Office of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, and David Moloney, senior advisor, Privy Council Office, to assess progress in the Beyond the Border Action Plan after six months of work. The panelists concluded that federal and local governments must work together to make border law enforcement more effective and create a freer flow of legal goods and services between the United States and Canada. Progress must be made to ensure that the Action Plan increases both security and trade for North America with sufficient buy-in from all interested parties.



Charles Emmerson, Chatham House

July 12

In Search of Arctic Energy

Co-sponsored with European Studies, Program on America and the Global Economy, Environmental Change and Security Program, and Kennan Institute
Panelists discussed the expansion of Arctic activity, focusing on the forces driving the increase in exploration and on what new techniques and technologies are allowing this unprecedented activity. Arctic experts examined what nations can do to protect the environment, increase production, and ensure international cooperation.

July 26

The Regulatory Cooperation Council Action Plan at Six Months

Co-sponsored with the Program on America and the Global Economy and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The program allowed both the implementation teams and a number of stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the successes and challenges of the Regulatory Cooperation Council Action Plan. This regulatory alignment process is designed to better coordinate the regulatory regimes of the United States and Canada.



Left to right: Adam Schlosser, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Robert Carberry, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat; and Alex T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

August

August 8

The Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Future of International Trade

Co-sponsored with the Program on America and the Global Economy, Mexico Institute, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, Asia Program, and Latin American Program

Ambassador Demetrios Marantis, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, opened the discussion, after which panelists discussed how the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a major trade initiative of the Obama administration, will broaden trade in the Pacific and could create a template for future, global trade negotiations.

September

September 19

Terror and North America: The Causes and Directions of Cross-Border Extremist Activity

Panelists examined how and why extremists travel between Canada and the United States, what effect these crossings have on risk assessment and national security, and what possible policy solutions exist to better police the border.

October

October 12

Relations with China from the Perspectives of Brazil and U.S. Global Businesses

Co-sponsored with the Brazil Institute and Kissinger Institute on China and the United States

The discussion focused on the presence of Brazilian companies in China and the changing pattern of Chinese interests and investments in Brazil, from exporter of manufactured products to investor in industrial plants and infrastructure projects. Panelists examined the relationship from the private sector perspective and lessons learned from American and Canadian companies operating in and with China.

October 24-28

18th Inuit Studies Conference 2012

Co-sponsored with the Smithsonian Institution's Arctic Studies Center of the National Museum of Natural History

The conference covered a broad spectrum of topics, including climate change and indigenous peoples; international cooperation in the Arctic; roles of museums and museum collections in preserving Inuit languages, heritage, and culture; governmental programs in the northern regions and their interactions with local communities; and Inuit cultural/political institutions.

October 26

Inuit Images: Prints from the Canadian Arctic

Co-sponsored with the Embassy of Canada

This special exhibition coincided with the 18th Inuit Studies Conference at the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibition, curated by Judith Varney Burch, contains prints from Baker Lake, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Holman (Ulukhaktok), and Igloolik. It will hang until the end of January 2013.



December

December 5

A 21st Century NORAD? How Canada and the United States can confront our shared cyber threat

The Canada Institute hosted Paul Rosenzweig, founder of Red Branch Law & Consulting, PLLC, and Mark Fabro, president and chief security scientist of Lofty Perch, to discuss these threats as well as the most effective measures and best practices that the private and public sector actors can use to make both countries more secure.

December 11

Jean-François Lisée, Quebec's newly appointed Minister of International Relations, la Francophonie, and External Trade, discussed the Parti Québécois's goals with the United States.

December 12

A Safe and Smart Border

The Canada Institute launched its 15th *One Issue, Two Voices* publication as part of a panel of stakeholders who discussed the progress that the Beyond the Border and the Regulatory Cooperation Council initiatives have made in "thinning" our border and better aligning the regulatory regimes of Canada and the United States.

SCHOLARS

Peter Stoett, Canada-U.S. Fulbright Chair (January - May 2012)

Affiliation: Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Concordia University

Project: "Transborder Counter-Bioinvasion: Canada-U.S. Policy Networks on Invasive Alien Species"

Annie Chaloux, Quebec Junior Scholar (June - August 2012)

Affiliation: Chercheure-boursière à la Chaire en économie politique internationale et comparée (CREPIC), Doctorante, École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP)

Project: International instruments in North America relating to water and climate change issues

Barbara Falk, Public Policy Scholar (September - November 2012)

Affiliation: Associate Professor, Department of Defence Studies, Canadian Forces College/Royal Military College of Canada

Project: "Confronting the Brave New World: Post-9/11 Domestic Terrorist Prosecution in Canada and the United States"

Fazley Siddig, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Canada-U.S. Relations (September 2012-May 2013)

Affiliation: Professor of Economics, School of Public Administration, Dalhousie University

Project: "A Comparative Analysis of the Growth and Decline of Population across Subnational Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada"

