

# RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR: CANADA AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS - HOW DO NATIONAL SECURITY AND GEOPOLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AFFECT THE ABILITY AND DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN CROSS-BORDER RESEARCH COLLABORATION?

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National security and geopolitics considerations on international research partnerships – which have received growing attention - are of fundamental importance to and have profound implications on academic institutions, governments, businesses and individuals.

While the release of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor has shown an ease in tension between Canada and China, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked new international security considerations, and threatens to exacerbate tensions throughout the international community.

In this webinar, we will explore how international research partnerships intersect with domestic and international security concerns, as well as how geopolitics plays a role in the ability and thus desire of individuals and institutions to engage in international research partnerships. We will ask both Canadian and American academics to share their insights and thoughts on what happens when academic interests and security concerns collide.

The panel will explore the ramifications of national security guidelines for research partnerships that Canada and other Western countries have adopted. Supporters of academic freedom are worrying about the effect that these guidelines may have in undermining legitimate partnerships and an open and collaborative research environment. There are growing concerns and calls for developing an effective strategy for securing national research and protecting national security interests. How can Canada create an effective balance between these seemingly competing ideas? Can a balance even be found?

This program qualifies for up to 2 hours of Substantive CPD (ON), 2 hours of CPD (BC) and 2 hours of CLE (QC).

## Date and Time

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

8:00 am PST / 11:00 am EST

## Panelists

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