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Getting Back in the Game: A Foreign Policy Playbook for Canada

A discussion with Paul Heinbecker about the state of Canadian foreign policy



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Concordia University

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In *Getting Back in the Game*, Heinbecker presents his compelling vision for the future of Canadian foreign policy—a future in which Canada can work both with the United States and apart from it; in which our government can take a stand and effect change on issues of the day, from climate change to the Middle East; in which this country has a key role to play in the rehabilitation of global governance.

Drawing on more than thirty years of experience, Heinbecker offers a comprehensive, behind-the-scenes look at how we got to where we are, and how we can move forward. Through a wide range of topics—the institutions of foreign policy; the use of hard, soft and smart power; Canada’s complex relationship with the United States; and the continuing conundrum that is the United Nations, among others—Heinbecker explores the questions and concerns that are on the minds of Canada’s leaders, thinkers, and citizens. In the end, he makes a strong case for Canada’s future on the world stage. Like Mark Twain, he argues that “it’s not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.”

Admission:

Admission is free. However, we encourage you to arrive in advance in order to secure a seat.

Registration:

Please RSVP to info@cicmontreal.org

About Paul Heinbecker

A former career diplomat with assignments in Ankara, Stockholm, the OECD in Paris and Washington, Paul Heinbecker served as Canadian Ambassador to Germany, 1992-1996, and as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, 2000-2003, where he represented Canada on the Security Council and promoted compromise to obviate the 2003 Iraq war and advocated against Canadian participation in that war. From 1996 to 2000, he served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Global and Security Policy in the Department of Foreign Affairs and lead the development of Canada’s human security agenda, which made the protection of people a foreign policy priority, and which included the Ottawa Anti-Personnel Landmines Treaty and the International Criminal Court. In 1996, he led the diplomacy of the abortive Canadian-led UN intervention in Eastern Zaire and, in 1997, he headed the Canadian delegation to the UN Climate Change negotiations in Kyoto. In 1999, he helped to negotiate at the G8 summit in Germany the UN resolution that ended the Kosovo war. From 1989 to 1992, he was Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Chief Foreign Policy Advisor and speech writer. In his career, he participated in over a dozen international summits.

Since 2004, he has been the inaugural director of the Centre for Global Relations at Wilfrid Laurier University, and a Distinguished Fellow at the independent Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo. A frequent commentator on radio and television, he has written numerous articles on Canadian foreign policy, has co-edited three books--“Irrelevant or Indispensable: the UN in the 21st Century”, “Canada and the Middle East: in Theory and Practice” and the 2010 volume of Canada Among Nations series entitled, “As Others See Us”. In 2010, he authored “Getting Back in the Game: a Foreign Policy Playbook for Canada”.

Mr. Heinbecker is married to Ayşe Köymen; the Heinbeckers have two daughters.