

BUILDING RESILIENCE: CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INDO-PACIFIC ON NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY THREATS

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY, KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA
OCTOBER 10-11, 2025 | VENUE: TERRACE HALL

SCHEDULE: OCTOBER, 10, 2025

12 – 1:30 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & LUNCH

- **Introduction Remarks**

Saira Bano, Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University

- **Moderator**

Rob Hanlon, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University

- **Keynote Speaker**

Paul Evans, Professor Emeritus, UBC Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia

2 – 3:30 PM

PEOPLE FIRST: HUMAN SECURITY ACROSS BORDERS

- **Moderator**

Paul Clark, Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University

Sorpong Peou, Associate Professor, University of Toronto (*Human Security*)

Kristen Hopewell, Professor, University of British Columbia (*Trade*)

Neilesh Bose, Professor, University of Victoria (*Ethnic & Religious Conflicts*)

Rosalind Warner, Professor, Okanagan College

Ajith Balasooriya, Professor, University of Colombo (*Food Security*)

Scott N. Romaniuk, Research Fellow, Corvinus University of Budapest & Laszlo

Csicsmann, Professor, Corvinus, University of Budapest (Virtual)

3:30 – 4 PM

TEA BREAK

4 – 5:30 PM

HEAT, RISK, RESILIENCE: CLIMATE SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

- **Moderator**

Humayun Kabir, Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University

Sun Ryung Park, Research Fellow, University of British Columbia | Senior Research Scholar, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (*Energy Transition*)

M. V. Ramana, Professor, University of British Columbia (*Nuclear Energy*)

Philippe Le Billon, Professor, University of British Columbia (*Resource Conflict*)

Athena Madan, Assistant Professor, University of Victoria (*Health Security*)

Jack Hayes, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (*Wildfire & Disaster Management*)

7 – 9 PM

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Harjit Sajjan, Former Minister, Department of National Defence

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8:30 – 9 AM

BREAKFAST

9 – 10:30 AM

BORDERLESS THREATS: ILLICIT NETWORKS & SECURITY

- **Moderator**

Zubair Raja, Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University

Kai Ostwald, Director, Institute of Asian Research | HSBC Chair and Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia.

Bridget Welsh, Honorary Research Associate, University of Nottingham, Asia Research Institute, Malaysia

Alvin Camba, Critical Materials Specialist, Associated Universities Incorporated

David Drake, Former Director General, Global Affairs Canada, Bureau of Counter-Terrorism, Crime and Intelligence

Qamar Cheema, Executive Director, Sanobar Institute, Pakistan

10:45 – 12:15 PM

FROM RELIEF TO RESILIENCE: HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

- **Moderator**

Manu Sharma, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University

David Matijasevich, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Capilano University

Bala Nikku, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University (*Disaster Management*)

Sean Burke, Chief Operating Officer, HOPE International Development Agency

Hasnat Johnson, Deputy Director, Transnational Conflict Analysis and Support (ICA), Global Affairs Canada

Lauryn Oates, Executive Director, Rights to Learn, Afghanistan

12:15 – 1 PM

LUNCH

1 – 2:30 PM

INDO-PACIFIC NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY RESEARCH

- **Moderator**

Ji Young An, Assistant Teaching Professor, Thompson Rivers University

Lynette H. Ong, Distinguished Professor of Chinese Politics, University of Toronto

James Boutilier, Maritime Forces Pacific, Department of Defense, Government of Canada

Terry Kading, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University (*Environment*)

Rick McCutcheon, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University (*Human Security*)

3 – 4:30 PM

INDO-PACIFIC NTS: EMERGING GRADUATE VOICES

- **Moderator**

Momo Begum, University Instructor, Thompson Rivers University

Gershon Adela, PhD Candidate, University of Calgary (*Great Power Competition*)

Gurinder S. Purewal, Human Rights & Social Justice Program Graduate, Thompson Rivers University.

Jannat Bhullar, Human Rights & Social Justice Program Student, Thompson Rivers University.

Himadrija Chakraborty, Doctoral Candidate, Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal, India.

Radhika Tabrez, Human Rights & Social Justice Program Student, Thompson Rivers University.

- **CLOSING REMARKS:**

Saira Bano, Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University
