Date: May 11-12, 2020
Location: Balsillie School of International Affairs, 67 Erb St West, Waterloo, On

The Conference of Defence Associations (est. 1932) represents over 400,000 active and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Its Institute produces peer-reviewed, evidence-based research and analysis on Canadian defence and international security and manages education programmes to foster a principled and rational approach to Canada's foreign policy.

The International Security Conference (ISC) is the CDA Institute’s annual symposium for graduate students working in the fields of Canadian defence and security. For the second year, ISC will be hosted in collaboration with the Balsillie School of International Affairs, the Royal Canadian Military Institute and the Defence and Security Foresight Group.

This graduate student conference provides students working in the realm of defence and security with an opportunity to network with other scholars, practitioners, and public service leaders in the field. Participants will have the opportunity to present their research centered on Canada's security and defence interests and policies. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are seeking constructive discussions, questions and feedback from others interested and engaged in the defence and security field.

Reasons to attend ISC 2020:
- An opportunity to network with scholars and practitioners in the field of defence and security
- Cash award for best presentation ($1,000)
- Travel stipends available

The International Security Conference organizers welcome your proposals for papers across the spectrum of Canadian defence and security interests and issues, but suggested topics include:
- Peace operations and global engagement
- Women, Peace & Security, Gender-Based Analysis, Gender Mainstreaming in International militaries
- Balance of Power, Deterrence, and Global Governance
- Regional security issues, terrorism, defence diplomacy
- NATO roles, requirements and challenges from a Canadian perspective
- North American defence, Five-Eyes intelligence network, multilateral defence organizations
- Defence capabilities, force planning, Canadian defence spending
- Canadian Armed Forces personnel recruitment, representation and well-being
- Artificial Intelligence and autonomous systems
- Cyber security and information warfare

After the symposium, top articles will be invited to pursue publishing opportunities with host and partner organizations, like the CDA Institute's Vimy Papers. The CDA Institute Vimy Papers are a peer-reviewed publication platform and are aimed at an audience of practitioners, policymakers and decision makers.

Proposals should include an abstract of no longer than 750 words accompanied by a one-page CV. All proposals should be emailed to Kersty Kearney at dsfgroup@uwaterloo.ca no later than Friday, 13 March 2020.