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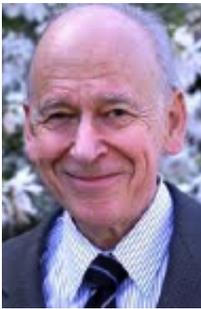
CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL
CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU CANADA

*National Capital Branch
Chapitre de la Capitale nationale*

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

DEEPENING CANADA-US INTEGRATION?

CIC's National Capital Branch will host **Stephen Clarkson, David Dymont** and **Colin Robertson** in a lively and timely foreign policy panel event on Canada's relations with its biggest partner. The theme will be Canada-US political and economic integration in the context of the thickening border, and the recent agreement to deal with it, and President Obama's Infrastructure Initiative and its Buy America provisions, which will hit Canadian suppliers.



Stephen Clarkson, OC, FRSC is an eminent Canadian political scientist, currently a professor of political economy at the University of Toronto whose numerous published works are primarily concerned with two areas: the evolution of North America as a continental state re-institutionalized by NAFTA, and the impact of globalization and trade liberalization on Canada. He will likely discuss the issue of integration from the perspective of his forthcoming book, "Dependent America: How Canada and Mexico Construct US Power". In it he addresses the puzzle that, "...even though the United States relies on Canada and Mexico for so much of its well-being, it does not on the other hand 'depend' on its neighbours in any policy sense of the word. Despite their material and security importance, these two neighbours are virtually powerless within the Beltway, because Washington has, over the decades, neutered their capacity to leverage its dependence on them into some power."



David Dymont, PhD, is a former staffer to the Governor General and policy advisor to Foreign Affairs who teaches politics at the University of Ottawa and at Carleton University, and is a frequent media commentator on CTV, CBC, Radio Canada and the BBC. In his recent book, "Doing the Continental", Dymont analyses Canada's relations with the United States that are broad and deep, from water and energy policy to defence, environmental strategy, and Arctic sovereignty. In this CIC conversation, he will continue his astute and pithy analysis of these complexities and the "continental dance" between two countries that have much in common, yet often step on each other's feet. Optimistic, hopeful, and refreshing in his judgements, he asks: are there new dance steps that will provide win-wins for both countries?



Colin Robertson, vice president of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, and a senior strategic advisor with McKenna, Long and Aldridge, is a former Consul General in the US who participated in the NAFTA negotiations, and has written extensively on Canada-US relations. He is a frequent commentator in print media and on television and favours deeper integration with the US. In a recent article, "The border: The bygone days of 'Pass friend'," he laments the extensive measures that are now in place since 9/11, thickening the border in the name of counter-terrorism and security. Talks between the two countries have shown Canada will pay a steep price for any improvements, which are essential to tourism, business relations, trade, and procurement. He asks, "Will we ever return to those days of 'Pass, friend?'" Is there another way? Colin is past President of the CIC National Capital Branch.



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5:15 to 6:00 pm – Registration, networking and cash bar

6:00 pm – Presentation and discussion

7:00 pm – Dinner

Sheraton Hotel, O'Connor Room, 150 Albert St., Ottawa

Deadline for registration and cancellation is **Monday, October 17 at noon**

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