



## 2016 Vancouver Strategic Studies Conference

Vancouver Public Library  
350 West Georgia Street  
Alice McKay Presentation Room

**Friday April 8, 2016**

- 6:30 PM Doors Open
- 7:00 PM **Opening Remarks** – The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC  
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
- 7:10 PM **Keynote Event – Panel Discussion**  
**“Global Flashpoints”**  
Moderator – Cecilia Walters, CBC Journalist  
Panelists – Dr James Boutilier, Asia-Pacific Policy Advisor to  
Commander Maritime Forces Pacific; Brigadier-General (retired) Robert  
Chekan, CD; Former Ambassador Jillian Stirk; Professor Allen Sens, UBC

**Saturday April 9, 2016**

- 8:30 AM Doors Open with Opening Remarks at **8:50 AM**
- 9:00 AM **Professor Alexander Moens** – Political Science, SFU  
*NATO: Threats, Challenges, and the Response of Allies and Partners*
- 9:50 AM **Ms Jillian Stirk** – Diplomat and former Ambassador  
*Human Rights and Migration*
- 10:40 AM Coffee break
- 11:00 AM **Dr James Boutilier** – Asia-Pacific Policy Advisor, Maritime Forces Pacific  
*China’s Maritime Ambitions in the Indo Pacific Region*
- 11:50 AM Lunch in the BCR Beatty Street Drill Hall, 620 Beatty St 2 blocks east
- 12:50 PM **Professor Allen Sens** – Political Science UBC  
*The Middle East: Conflict and Conflict Management*
- 1:40 PM **Brigadier-General (retired) Robert Chekan, CD** – RCAF  
*Expeditionary Air Operations, at Home and Abroad*
- 2:30 PM **Panel Discussion** – *The Arctic - Whose Future is This Anyway?*  
**Moderator** – Mr Joe Spears, Principal, Horseshoe Bay Marine Group  
**Featuring** – Professor Tina Adcock, SFU; Dr James Boutilier;  
Nancy Teeple, SFU; Brigadier-General (retired) Robert Chekan, CD
- 3:30 PM **William Hart-McHarg Memorial Lecture** – The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, PC,  
OMM, MSM, CD, Minister of National Defence  
*Canada and International Security*
- 4:30 PM Closing remarks by the Conference Organizers

**Registration - (including coffee and lunch): \$45 regular, \$30 students and junior ranks**

**Register online visit - <http://2016vancouverstrategicstudiesconference.eventbrite.com/>**

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