



**Carleton
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Canada Talks Series

**From National Security to Political Candidacy: My Journey and 10 Key Lessons
from Running with the New Democratic Party in Ottawa South**

With Huda Mukbil



Huda Mukbil is a security consultant and national security instructor at the University of Ottawa. She is also the author of "[Agent of Change: My Life Fighting Terrorists, Spies, and Institutional Racism](#)," which encapsulates her extensive experience working at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and insights into national security and institutional reform.

In 2021, Huda ventured into the political arena as a federal candidate for the New Democratic Party in the national election. Contesting in a traditionally Liberal stronghold, she significantly impacted her first political run, garnering over 11,000 votes, which accounted for more than 19% of the total vote share. Passionate about equity, particularly for women and racialized individuals, Huda inspires others to seek office and make a difference. Her journey from intelligence to politics, underpinned by her dedication to challenging institutional racism and advocating for equitable representation in national security, positions her as a trailblazer and a voice for positive change in both the public and political spheres.

WHEN

DATE: Friday Feb 9

TIME: 12:30

WHERE: DT 2017

A light lunch will be served.

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