The Canadian Intelligence Enterprise: What Canadians Need to Know

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Time: Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Location: Carleton University, Leeds Hall, Room 124

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Mention government, military or security intelligence and people often assume the worst. Many believe intelligence is nasty, sinister activity that erodes civil liberties and personal privacy. Others imagine 'James Bond' escapades of assassination, spies and spectacular car chases through crowded streets. Does any of that happen here?

In Canada, there is widespread confusion and misunderstanding regarding the organization and practices of the various government agencies and offices comprising the Canadian Intelligence Enterprise (CIE). This course explores the roles, structure and activity of various Canadian intelligence agencies, to show how they collectively form the frontline of the security and defence of Canada.

The course follows a lecture/discussion format. Class size will drive detailed conduct.

COURSE DETAIL

Schedule of topics

Class 1 (Thursday, 19 April): Introduction to the concepts of intelligence and national security
  - Lecture, videos and discussion

Class 2 (Thursday, 26 April): The overall structure, organization and functioning of the CIE
  - Lecture, videos and discussion

Class 3 (Thursday, 3 May): Foreign, defence and military intelligence
  - Lecture, videos and discussion
  - Guest participants
Class 4 (Thursday, 10 May): Security and signals intelligence
• Lecture, videos and discussion
• Guest participants

Class 5 (Thursday, 17 May): Other intelligence offices – Privy Council Office, border, criminal, financial, health, terrorism and transport
• Lecture, videos and discussion
• Guest participants

Class 6 (Thursday 24 May): Intelligence oversight and accountability
• Guest speaker
• General discussion

COURSE REFERENCE MATERIAL
Participants may wish to consult the following material, all of which is available online.

Recommended readings for continued learning:
James Cox, “Canada and the Five Eyes Intelligence Community,” OpenCanada.Org,

Other interesting resources: