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Sub-national Activities and their Influence on Foreign Policy:

Understanding the Context of Canada– U.S. Relations

CALL FOR PAPERS

Proposals Due: December 8, 2013

Authors' Workshop: March 27, 2014, Toronto

Introduction

Canadian Foreign Policy Journal (CFPJ), in partnership with Fulbright Canada and the Center for the Study of Canada at State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, is pleased to issue a call for papers on topics relating to sub-national actions and activities that influence foreign policy. We are particularly interested in research that helps us to understand the main drivers and the changing realities of the Canada – U.S. relationship. We will be inviting, on a competitive basis, some 10-12 scholars to Toronto in March to attend an authors' workshop. At that point we will assess and review the various submissions, and prepare them for peer review. Selected articles will appear in a forthcoming issue of *CFPJ*. Dr. Christopher Kirkey, Director of the Center for the Study of Canada, and Dr. Michael Hawes, CEO of Fulbright Canada, will guest edit the special issue of the journal. We invite submissions from junior academics, established scholars as well as practitioners. The deadline for proposals is December 8, 2013.

Theme

The theme of the special issue is sub-national influences on foreign policy. Whether it is issues related to the environment, the far North, energy, trade or security, sub-national processes, actors and interests are becoming increasingly important influences in shaping and defining Canada-U.S. relations. Whereas politics in both Canada and the United States have largely been the purview of states, now the politics of globalization and power diffusion highlight equally important influences such as the foreign policy and lobbying activities of Quebec and Alberta in Washington, emerging relations between provinces and states, and municipalities, as well as the evolving roles of provinces and states in bilateral relations.

Sub-national influences have become a new front line in strengthening Canada-U.S. relations, creating challenges and opportunities brought on by new trends and developments in how foreign policy is influenced and made. The challenges mostly take the shape of the range of different actors and their impact on foreign policy outcomes. The opportunities are driven by increasingly confident private, regional, local, and provincial actors who shape these policies. Examples include the Keystone Pipeline, freshwater sharing, border security, Hydro-Québec, ideological organizations and the influence of NAFTA on sub-national relations.

Submissions might answer one or more of these questions:

- How does sub-national diplomacy differ from state diplomacy in the Canada- U.S. context?
- What bureaucratic changes are being made to include subnational processes and actors in foreign policy making?
- What makes sub-national foreign policy successful – i.e., how important are sub-national actors in the construction and implementation of foreign policy?
- What is the appropriate theoretical context for understanding sub-national foreign policy?
- What are the relevant cases for understanding the future of sub-national factors in Canada-U.S. relations?
- Is there a regional and international legal, economic and political context for understanding sub-national influences in North America?

To Submit a Paper

We are seeking comparative and policy perspectives from both junior and senior scholars. Case studies and policy analyses are equally welcome. Papers can be written from a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to history, law, political science, business, sociology, economics and geography. Proposals should be for a paper in the 5,000 to 7,000 word range. Interested applicants should send a short biographical note (2-3 sentences) and a 250-word proposal to cfpjfulbright@carleton.ca by December 8, 2013.

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