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50 YEARS ON

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Welcome Letter

from the Centre for Contemporary International History

Dear Friends,

Welcome to *The Pearson Government: 50 Years On*, hosted by the Centre for Contemporary International History (CCIH) at Trinity College and the Munk School of Global Affairs, in the University of Toronto. CCIH was founded just over a year ago, with the aim of promoting the study of international relations history since roughly the end of the Second World War.

Our conference today will explore the legacy of the Pearson government, a half-century after its inauguration. The government that Lester Pearson formed fifty years ago this month was one of the most memorable in Canadian history. Some of the specific programs and institutions introduced by the Pearson government, such as Medicare and the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), largely define the Canada we know today. At the same time, many of the issues that dominated the politics of that period, including the future of the welfare state and Canada's role in the world, are still very much alive and relevant.

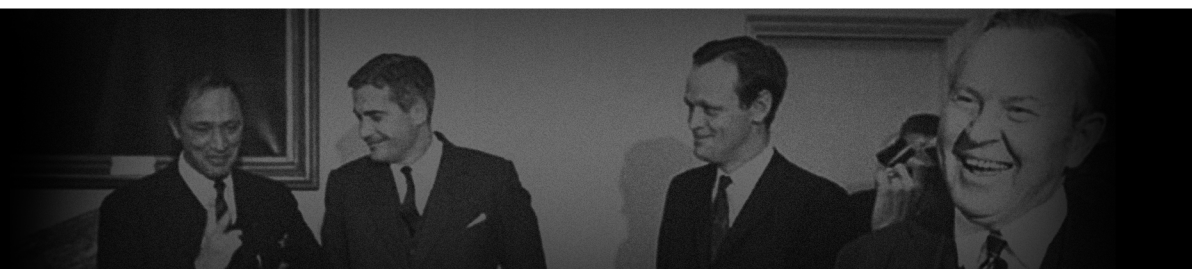
We are glad that you are joining us today, along with the scholars, diplomats, policymakers and political figures we have brought together to exchange perspectives on the Pearson era. We wish you a stimulating and enjoyable conference.

Best,

John English
Director, CCIH

Jack Cunningham
Program Coordinator, CCIH

The Hon. Bill Graham
Chancellor of Trinity College



Conference Schedule / April 9, 2013

9:00 - 9:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:30 - 9:35 **OPENING REMARKS**

John English, Director, CCIH

Jack Cunningham, Program Coordinator, CCIH

9:35 - 10:45 **THE WORLD AND CANADA**

Introduction: Mairi MacDonald, International Relations Program, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Chair: Allan Gottlieb, Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States

Michael Carroll, Grant McEwan University, *Pearson and Peacekeeping*

Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University, *Defence Unification*

Robert Bothwell, University of Toronto, *Vietnam and Canada*

Brendan Kelly, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, *Marcel Cadieux and the Gaullist Challenge*

10:45 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 - 11:45 **THE WORLD AND CANADA: COMMENTATORS**

The Hon. Walter McLean, Co-founder of CUSO and Former Minister

Norman Hillmer, Carleton University

Jack Cunningham, CCIH

Blair Seaborn, Former senior Canadian diplomat

11:45 - 12:00 **PROCEED TO HART HOUSE GREAT HALL FOR LUNCHEON**

12:00 - 2:15 **LUNCHEON**

Chair: The Hon. Bob Rae, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party

Speaker: The Rt. Hon. John Turner

Appreciation: Janice Stein, Director, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2:15 - 2:30 **PROCEED BACK TO THE GEORGE IGNATIEFF THEATRE**

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2:30 - 3:45

THE DOMESTIC SCENE

Introduction: Julie Gilmour, Trinity One Program, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Chair: The Hon. Donald Macdonald, Former Minister and High Commissioner

The Hon. Lorna Marsden, York University, *The Royal Commission on the Status of Women*

Stephen Azzi, Carleton University, *Nationalism, the Liberals, and the Left*

David Naylor, President, University of Toronto, *Medicare in the Sixties: Was it a revolution?*

COMMENTATORS:

John Honderich, Toronto Star

Thomas S. Axworthy, Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation

3:45 - 4:00

COFFEE BREAK

4:00 - 5:30

FIFTY YEARS ON: REFLECTIONS ON A POLITICAL LIFE

Introduction: Michael Ratcliffe, Dean of Arts at Trinity College

Chair: The Hon. Bill Graham, Chancellor of Trinity College

The Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien

6:30

WALTER GORDON CIRCLE DINNER (BY SPECIAL REGISTRATION ONLY)

Chair: The Hon. David Smith, Senator

Jim Coutts, Former Appointments Secretary to Lester Pearson

COMMENTATORS:

Richard O'Hagan, Former Press Secretary and Special Assistant to Lester Pearson

The Hon. Landon Pearson, Senator

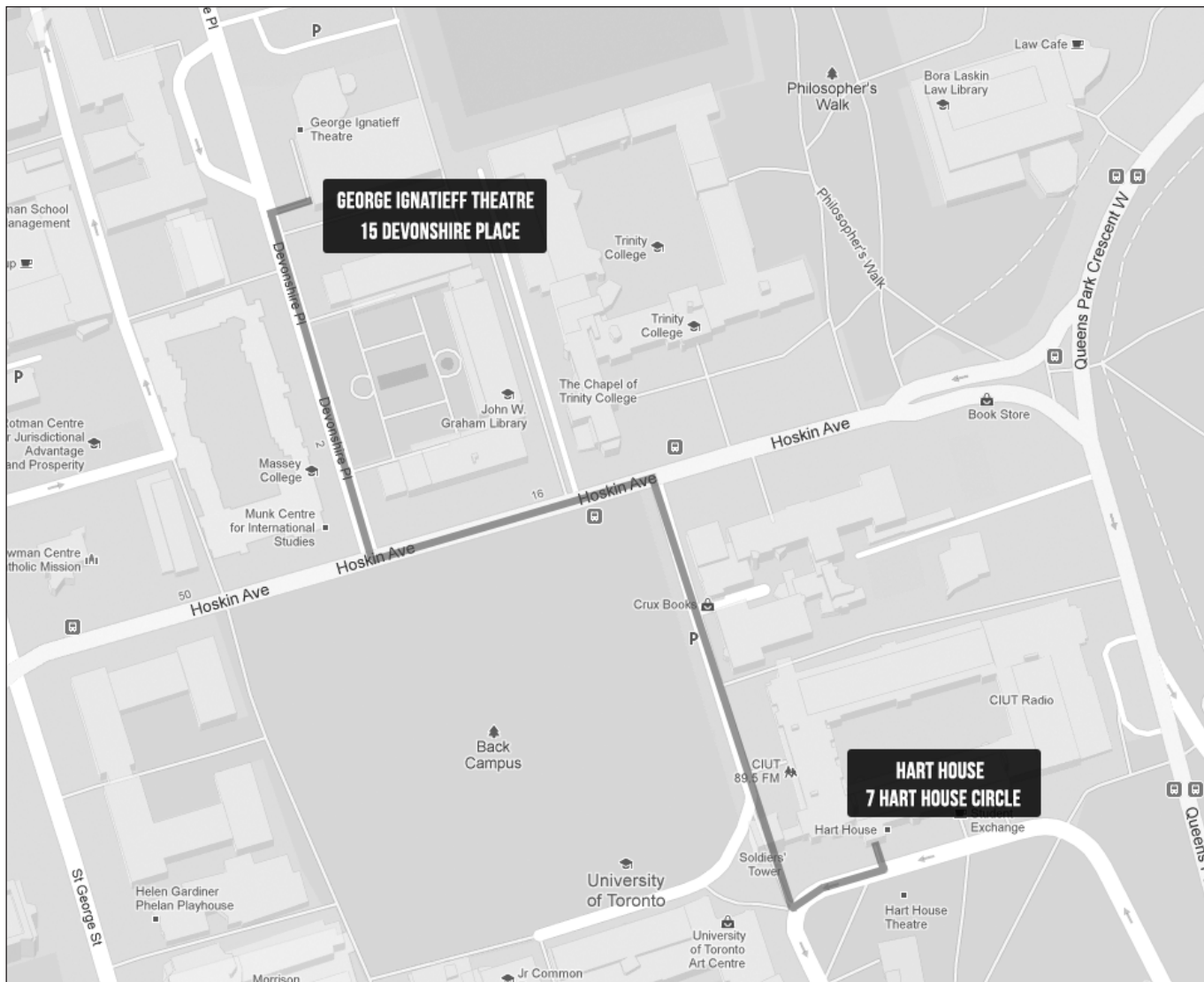
The Hon. Maurice Strong, Former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations

John English, CCIH

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Conference Map



Walking Directions

From George Ignatieff Theatre

- 1) Head south along Devonshire Place
- 2) Turn left onto Hoskin Avenue

- 3) Turn right onto Tower Road
- 4) Walk through Soldier's Tower
- 5) Turn left on Hart House Circle
- 6) Hart House will be on your left



Biographies

Thomas S. Axworthy

Thomas S. Axworthy has had a distinguished career in government, academia, and philanthropy. He was Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Trudeau, and subsequently taught at Harvard University and Queen's University. In 2009 he became the President and CEO of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. His books include *Towards a Just Society* (co-edited with Pierre Trudeau) and he is a frequent commentator on Canadian politics.

Stephen Azzi

Stephen Azzi teaches both History and Political Management at Carleton University. His research focuses on Canadian nationalism, Canadian-American relations, and political leadership. He is the author of *Walter Gordon and the Rise of Canadian Nationalism*.

Robert Bothwell

Robert Bothwell has taught history at the University of Toronto since 1970, and is the author of major works on Canadian political and diplomatic history, including *The Penguin History of Canada* and *Alliance and Illusion*. He has served as Director of the International Relations Program at the University of Toronto, where he holds the May Gluskin Chair in Canadian History.

Michael Carroll

Michael K. Carroll received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and is an Assistant Professor of History in the Department of Humanities at MacEwan University in Edmonton. His publications include *Pearson's Peacekeepers: Canada and the United Nations Emergency Force, 1956-1967*.

The Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien

The Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien was elected to the House of Commons in 1963, the election that brought Lester Pearson's government to power. He subsequently held a number of Cabinet portfolios, including Justice, Finance, and Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He was elected Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada in 1990, and Prime Minister in 1993, remaining in office until 2003.

Jim Coutts

Jim Coutts became involved in Liberal politics as a university student in Alberta, and subsequently served as Appointments Secretary to Lester Pearson. He later spent time as a private consultant and returned to Ottawa as Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Trudeau. He is also a businessman, art collector, and philanthropist.

Jack Cunningham

Jack Cunningham has a Ph.D. in History from the University of Toronto, and has been Program Coordinator at the Centre for Contemporary International History since its founding in 2011. He has contributed numerous book reviews to the *International Journal*, and his current projects include a collection of conference papers comparing the Australian and Canadian experiences in Afghanistan.

John English

John English is founding Director of the Centre for Contemporary International History and General Editor of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. He taught history for many years at the University of Waterloo and was Member of Parliament for Kitchener from 1993-1997. His works of Canadian political and diplomatic history include biographies of Lester Pearson and Pierre Trudeau, and a forthcoming history of the Arctic Council.

Julie Gilmour

Julie Gilmour completed a Ph.D. in History at the University of Toronto in 2009, with a dissertation on Canada and displaced persons, 1943-1953. She teaches in the Trinity One program at Trinity College and has recently completed a manuscript for Penguin on William Lyon Mackenzie King and the 1907 Vancouver riots.

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Allan Gotlieb

Allan Gotlieb had a long and distinguished career in public service that included stints as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, and Chairman of the Canada Council. He chronicled his ambassadorial experiences in *I'll Be With You in a Minute, Mr. Ambassador* and *The Washington Diaries: 1981-1989* and is currently Chairman of the Donner Canadian Foundation and Senior Adviser to Bennett Jones LLP.

The Hon. Bill Graham

The Hon. Bill Graham was Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre-Rosedale, then Toronto Centre, from 1993-2007. He served as Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Defence, Leader of the Opposition and Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He is currently Chancellor of Trinity College and a member of the Centre for Contemporary International History advisory board.

Norman Hillmer

Norman Hillmer is Professor of History and International Affairs at Carleton University, and the author of numerous publications on Canadian diplomatic history, including a forthcoming study of the civil servant O.D. Skelton. He has co-edited the *International Journal* and the *Canada Among Nations* series. He worked for Lester Pearson at Carleton in 1972 and arranged the 1997 Pearson Centennial Symposium, which produced the book *Pearson: The Unlikely Gladiator*.

John Honderich

John Honderich started his career at the *Toronto Star* in 1976 as a reporter, and went on to become Ottawa Bureau Chief, Washington Bureau Chief, Business Editor, Editor, and finally Publisher, from 1994-2004. He is now Chairman of the Board of Torstar.

Brendan Kelly

Brendan Kelly is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Toronto. His dissertation is a biography of the Canadian diplomat Marcel Cadieux, and he has published articles on the Canadian home front during the Second World War and First Nations treaties in *Great Plans Quarterly*, *Prairie Forum*, and *Urban History Review*.

The Hon. Donald Macdonald

The Hon. Donald Macdonald was elected to the House of Commons in 1962. After the 1963 election he served as Parliamentary Secretary to Lester Pearson's Minister of External Affairs, Paul Martin. Under Prime Minister Trudeau he held a number of Cabinet portfolios, including National Defence, Energy, Mines and Resources, and Finance. He chaired the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada and was High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

Mairi MacDonald

Mairi MacDonald is a historian, former lawyer, and Director of the International Relations Program at the University of Toronto. Her research centres on Africa in nineteenth and twentieth century international relations, and in 2013 she was named co-editor of the *International Journal*.

The Hon. Lorna Marsden

The Hon. Lorna Marsden is a sociologist and former President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Trudeau in 1984, but resigned in 1992 to become President and Vice-Chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University, and then of York University.

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The Hon. Walter McLean

The Hon. Walter McLean was one of the founders of Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO). He was elected to the House of Commons for Waterloo in 1979 and served as Secretary of State, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, and Minister of Immigration in the governments of Prime Minister Mulroney. His father taught Lester Pearson at the University of Toronto.

David Naylor

David Naylor is an M.D. as well as the holder of an Oxford D.Phil. He joined the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine in 1988. In 1999 he was appointed Dean of Medicine and Vice-Provost for Relations with Health Care Institutions. He became President of the University of Toronto in 2005 and is the author or co-author of numerous papers in medicine, public policy, and social history.

Richard O'Hagan

Richard O'Hagan was Press Secretary to Lester Pearson, during Pearson's time as Leader of the Opposition and Prime Minister. He was subsequently appointed Minister-Counselor for Information at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, and then became Vice-President of the Bank of Montreal.

Andy Orchard

Andy Orchard is Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Trinity College. He was Head of the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic at the University of Cambridge before joining the University of Toronto, where he has been Professor of English and Medieval Studies, Associate Director, and then Director of the Centre for Medieval Studies. He was installed as Provost of Trinity in 2007, and later this year will become Rawlinson and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon at the University of Oxford.

The Hon. Landon Pearson

The Hon. Landon Pearson is Lester Pearson's daughter-in-law, through marriage to his son Geoffrey. She was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Chrétien in 1994, retiring in 2005. She also acted as Advisor on Children's Rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Personal Representative of the Prime Minister to the UN General Assembly 2002 Special Session on Children.

The Hon. Bob Rae

The Hon. Bob Rae served in the House of Commons from 1978-1982 and the Ontario Legislature from 1982-1996. He served as Premier of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs from 1990-1995. In 2008 he returned to federal politics, winning election as Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre, and in 2011 he became Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. His father, Saul Rae, was a foreign service colleague of Lester Pearson.

Michael Ratcliffe

Michael Ratcliffe is Professor of Immunology at the University of Toronto, and former President of the Canadian Society for Immunology and the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences. In 2012, he was appointed Vice-Provost and Dean of Arts for Trinity College.

Roger Sarty

Roger Sarty teaches naval and military history at Wilfrid Laurier University, where he has also served as Director of Naval and Military Research at the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic, and Disarmament Studies. He is the author of numerous works on military and naval history, and an editor of both *Northern Mariner* and *Canadian Military History*.

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Blair Seaborn

Blair Seaborn's long career in the public service included more than two decades in the Department of External Affairs. He held postings in the Netherlands, France, the USSR, and Indochina (as Canadian Commissioner on the International Commission for Supervision and Control). In 1964-1965 he visited North Vietnam five times in an effort sponsored by the Pearson government to establish communications between Washington and Hanoi, the eponymous "Seaborn Mission."

The Hon. David Smith

The Hon. David Smith served as Executive Assistant to both The Hon. Walter Gordon and The Rt. Hon. John Turner during the Pearson government. Subsequently, he was a member of the Toronto City Council and then the House of Commons. He chaired Liberal election campaigns in 1993, 1997, and 2000, and was co-chair of the 2006, 2008, and 2011 campaigns. In 2002, he was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Chrétien.

Janice Stein

Janice Stein is founding Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs and its predecessor, the Munk Centre for International Studies. She has taught in the University of Toronto's Department of Political Science since 1982, and is the author of many publications, including *The Unexpected War: Canada in Kandahar* (with Eugene Lang).

The Hon. Maurice Strong

The Hon. Maurice Strong is a former President of Power Corporation of Canada, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, and Chief Executive Officer of Petro-Canada.

The Rt. Hon. John Turner

The Rt. Hon. John Turner was Registrar General and Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs under Prime Minister Pearson, and Solicitor General, Minister of Justice, and Minister of Finance under Prime Minister Trudeau. He became Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada in 1984, serving as Prime Minister in 1984 and Leader of the Opposition from 1984-1990.

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