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Indo-Pacific Forum 2026

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Monday, October 5, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WHAT

The 2026 Indo-Pacific Forum is taking place as Canada actively considers the next phase of its Indo-Pacific Strategy. Since the Strategy's launch in late 2022, Ottawa has increased Canadian visibility in the region and laid the groundwork for robust and meaningful co-operation with various Indo-Pacific partners. The task now, of course, is to follow through on these commitments – not only to reap the benefits of what these partnerships can deliver for Canadians but also to demonstrate that Ottawa's Indo-Pacific focus is not wavering amid upheaval in its relationship with the United States or the appeal of closer ties with Europe.

Notably, the Forum is also taking place as the criticality of two other factors comes into sharper focus. These are:

- **The need to maintain active and open channels for transpacific communication about plans and intentions.** Such channels can provide clarity about Canada's recent foreign policy signals and what they might mean for regional relationships. They can also serve as a feedback loop on how these signals are being interpreted by regional decision makers.

- **The need to get stakeholder buy-in in Canada beyond a small circle of foreign policy elites.** Moving from statements of intention vis-a-vis the Indo-Pacific to implementation will require, for example: greater mobilization of the Canadian business community, greater activation of advocates for strong regional partnerships; and greater engagement of actors who shape the informational environment in Canada, such as the media and other organizations that speak directly to an attentive Canadian public.

The day's discussions will benefit from the insights of APF Canada's Indo-Pacific Research Fellows – experts from Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam – on issues that are at the heart of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, namely, trade, investment, and resource partnerships; defence and security co-operation; and frontier technologies. These discussions will equally benefit from the participation of some of Canada's top foreign policy thinkers.

The day will conclude with a keynote address by Dr. Evan Feigenbaum of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in the U.S. and an opportunity for networking among the Forum's participants.

Agenda

9:00-9:30 AM

OPENING REMARKS



Jeff Nankivell
APF Canada President & CEO



Marie-Josée Charbonneau
*Director, Indo-Pacific Strategy
Division, Global Affairs Canada*

9:30-10:45 AM

PANEL 1

The Security Questions



Natalie Sambhi
Verve Research (Australia)



Don McLain Gill
*De La Salle University
(Philippines)*



Suon Choi
*Korea Institute for Defense
Analyses (South Korea)*



Vivek Mishra
*Observer Research Foundation
(India)*



MODERATOR
Jonathan Berkshire Miller
*Co-Founder & Principal,
Pendulum Geopolitical Advisory*

10:45-11:00 A.M

BREAK

11:00-12:15 P.M.

PANEL 2

The Economic Questions



Xuan Dong Nguyen
*Diplomatic Academy of
Vietnam (Vietnam)*



Dandy Rafitrandi
*Center for Strategic and
International Studies (Indonesia)*



Hayley Channer
*US Studies Centre, University of
Sydney (Australia)*



MODERATOR
Patrick Leblond
*CN-Paul M. Tellier Chair on
Business and Public Policy
and Associate Professor in
the Graduate School of Public
and International Affairs at the
University of Ottawa*

12:15-1:00 P.M.

LUNCH

1:00-2:15 P.M.

PANEL 3

The Frontier Technology Questions



Yang Gyu Kim
*Korea National Defense
University (South Korea)*



Ronan Fu
Academica Sinica (Taiwan)



Nanae Baldaulff
NATO Defense College (Japan)



MODERATOR
Stephanie Carvin
*Associate Professor, Norman
Paterson School of International
Affairs, Carleton University*

2:15-2:30 P.M.

BREAK

2:30-4:00 P.M.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Asia's Future Beyond U.S.-China Competition



Dr. Evan Feigenbaum
*Vice President for Studies,
Asia-Pacific, Carnegie
Endowment for International
Peace*



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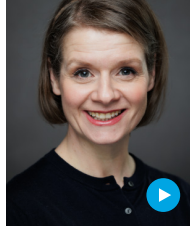
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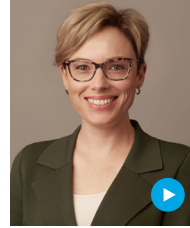
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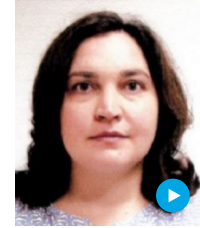
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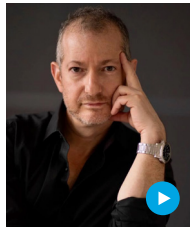
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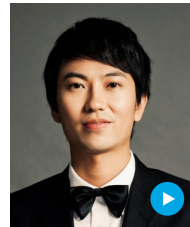
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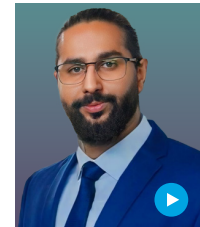
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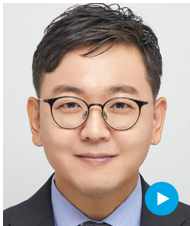
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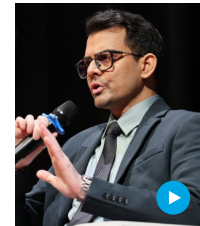
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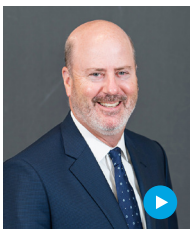
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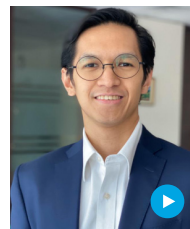
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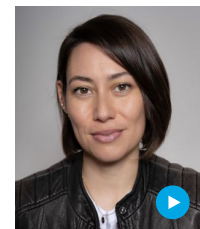
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