



Defending Canada's interests from global trade to Arctic sovereignty

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The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary

This lecture will explore how Canada needs to reestablish itself in a rapidly changing world as a serious global player in matters ranging from trade to military capabilities. Canadians had grown increasingly complacent with a relatively stable world order over several decades as the United States supplied a market for our exports and the military protection to underpin our security and prosperity. That world disappeared with the second Trump administration in 2025 and its threats to Canadian sovereignty and launching of trade wars with its allies as geopolitical tensions rise around the world amid demands for increased military and defence budgets. In this evolving state of economic and military security, Canada's Arctic becomes increasingly important to global powers with the push for more rare earth minerals and other natural resources and will be a key test for Canada's economic and military future.

Dr. Martha Hall Findlay is the Director of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, and the Palmer Chair in Public Policy. Prior to joining the School of Public Policy, Martha was Chief Sustainability and Chief Climate Officer for Suncor Energy, and before that was CEO of the Canada West Foundation, one of Canada's leading think tanks. Before that, as a twice-elected Member of the Canadian Parliament, she served in the Official Opposition shadow cabinet for International Trade; Finance; Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; and Public Works and Government. She served on the House of Commons committees for all of those portfolios. She has served on various community, corporate and government boards and advisory councils, and is currently a member of the Expert Group on Canada-U.S. Relations. She has been a corporate lawyer, international trade expert and senior business executive.



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