



Conference Agenda

October 2-3, 2025
Western University

Location: [Western Interdisciplinary Research Building](#), Room 3000

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Time	Description
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacquelyn Burkell, Associate Vice-President (Research)• Ryan Liss, WAFAR Program Lead
9:15 a.m.	Panel - Defining Peace <i>Chaired by Ryan Liss (WAFAR Program Lead)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cecilia Bailliet (Oslo, UN Independent Expert on International Solidarity)• Margaret deGuzman (Temple; Judge, International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals)• Valerie Oosterveld (WAFAR)• Discussant: Payam Akhavan (Massey)
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break

10:45 a.m.	Panel - Criminal Accountability in an Age of Great Power Politics: Is Multilateralism Over? <i>Chaired by Masud Husain (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Prost (Judge, International Criminal Court) • Norm Farrell (Department of Justice)
11:45 a.m.	Panel - Territorial Expansion and International Peace and Security <i>Chaired by Sabine Nolke (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry Buck (Ambassador (ret.)) • Chris Waters (Windsor) • Frank Schumacher (Western)
12:45 p.m.	Break
1:00 p.m.	Lunch Keynote Lecture by Payam Akhavan (Massey)
2:00 p.m.	Panel - Climate Change, Global Human Security and Peace <i>Chaired by Bipasha Baruah (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lina Brand Correa (York) • Sheena Wilson (Alberta) • Akola Thompson (Western)
3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:30 p.m.	Panel - Navigating Current Conflict with the Help of Forward-looking Storytelling <i>Chaired by Pascal Michelberger (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dara Vandor (Visual artist) • Felipe Quintanilla (Western) • Pascal Michelberger (WAFAR)

Friday, October 3, 2025

Time	Description
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast

9:00 a.m.	Panel - Navigating Chaos: Canadian Foreign Policy in an Age of Conflict and Insecurity <i>Chaired by Kerry Buck (Ambassador (ret.))</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Jones (Ottawa) • Bessma Momani (Waterloo)
10:00 a.m.	Panel - Amid Deep Divides: How Can Religious Peacebuilding Lead? <i>Chaired by Bipasha Baruah (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzma Rashid (UN UPeace, WAFAR) • Mariateresa Garrido V. (UN UPeace)
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:30 a.m.	Panel - The Challenge of Hybrid Warfare to Peace <i>Chaired by Valerie Oosterveld (WAFAR Program Team)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah West (Carleton) • Sylvain Vité (International Committee of the Red Cross) • Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Ken Watkin (former Judge Advocate General, Canadian Forces) • Lena Moore (Cambridge)
12:45 p.m.	Lunch Closing Remarks

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