

Biographies of Speakers

John H. Currie, Professor of Law, University of Ottawa

Professor Currie joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa on a permanent basis in July, 1998 following a year as visiting professor in 1997-98. Amongst others, he acted as counsel to the Government of Canada during the Somalia Inquiry. Prof. Currie completed an undergraduate degree in astrophysics at the University of Toronto before obtaining his LL.B. from the University of Ottawa. He next obtained his LL.M. at the University of Cambridge, where he concentrated on international and European Union law. His thesis focused on the prosecution of crimes against humanity in national courts. His publications include three co-authored books as well as contributions to journals on international legal issues. His research interests lie primarily in the area of public international law, particularly humanitarian law, the international regulation of the use of force, and extraterritorial exercises of jurisdiction by states. He recently published an article in the Canadian Yearbook of International Law on the legality of NATO's intervention in Kosovo.

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Marcus Gee is an international affairs columnist and writer for *The Globe and Mail*. Born in Toronto, he graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1979 with a degree in modern European history, then worked as a reporter for *The Province*, Vancouver's morning newspaper. He spent four years in Asia in the early 1980s, the first three in Hong Kong as an editor, writer and correspondent for *Asiaweek* magazine, the last as a reporter for United Press International in Manila and Sydney. After returning to Canada, he worked as a foreign affairs writer at *Maclean's* magazine and as a senior editor at the *Financial Times* of Canada. He joined the *Globe* in September 1991 as an editorial writer. In 1998, he won a national newspaper award for his weekly column on international affairs.

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Paul Heinbecker, born in Kitchener, Ontario, is an Honours English and History graduate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. In 1993, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the same university. Since he joined DFAIT in 1965, he has been posted as Third/Second Secretary in Ankara, First Secretary in Stockholm, Counsellor in Paris (OECD), Minister in Washington and Ambassador of Canada to the Federal Republic of Germany. He also received many senior assignments in Ottawa, such as Director of the United States General Relations Division, Chairman of the Policy Development Secretariat, Senior Policy Advisor and Speech Writer for the Prime Minister, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy) and, since 1996, Assistant Deputy Minister for Global and Security Policy.