

Wrap-up

Steve Lee, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the roundtable and provide such a rich discussion. He also asked participants to consider why Canada should be promoting free media in Asia. He pointed out that the relationship between the media and society is complex, and asked rhetorically, which comes first, free media or a free society. He said that freedom of the media and of opinion, and of journalists has to lead somewhere. He noted that many of the options suggested for promoting free media were "highly interventionist".

Shauna Sylvester, IMPAC, closed the session by thanking the participants, speakers and the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development for their support. She outlined the process of how the ideas raised in the roundtable will be carried forward into the development of an international symposium.