

### **Biography**

I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with honours in International Relations from the *Université du Québec à Montréal* in 1998, and obtained a diploma from the *Institut d'Études Politiques de l'Université Lumière Lyon2* with the European Summer University Program in Lyon. I am currently completing a Master's degree in Political Science at the *Université du Québec à Montréal* with a dissertation on the roles of NATO and the UN in Humanitarian Interventions. In addition, I am a researcher for the Téléglobe Raoul-Dandurand Chair in Strategic Studies and Diplomacy at UQAM as a member of the *Groupe de Recherche sur les Interventions de Paix dans les Conflits Intraétatiques (GRIPCE)*[research group on peace interventions and internal conflict].

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*Human Security and Civil Society:  
Canada's Small Arms Control Policy*

### **Abstract**

Following the successful campaign to ban the use of anti-personnel mines, the Government of Canada has turned to the problem of small arms proliferation in the context of human security. According to some observers, we see emerging in Canada's recognition of non-state actors a new form of multilateralism that hinges on the participation of civil society. To the extent that the definition of the problem constitutes a major step in developing security policies, the goal of this paper is to further explore the participation of societal actors in this defining process. As such, our research focusses not so much on the relationship between civil society and the state in enforcing the Canadian government's human security policy "in the field," as on defining a specific problem considered from this perspective. We focus on the case of small arms. This aspect appears worthy of study as there seems to be no consensus on exactly how much cooperation there should be between civil society and the state when it comes to formulating and developing human security policy – and to a greater extent – Canadian foreign policy.

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A graduate in Political Science from the University de Montréal in 1997, I pursued my studies in the same field at Université Laval with Louis Bélanger as my research advisor. Over the course of my graduate studies I have had the opportunity to further specialize in International Relations, specifically in Canadian foreign policy. My dissertation looks at the problem of small arms proliferation as viewed from a Canadian perspective, where the objective is to bring to light the concept of security that underlies the concept of human security insofar as it claims to prioritize individuals and is adopted by a state. I have also had the opportunity to join the *IQHEI* [Quebec institute of advanced studies on international relations] *Groupe d'étude et de recherche en relations internationales* (GÉRI) [research study group on international relations] as a research associate and to work on small arms issues as a research officer for the *Centre de santé publique de Québec* (CSPQ) [Quebec centre for public health].