

SPEAKERS' PROGRAMME - 1979/80

Each year, the Department of External Affairs, under its Academic Relations Programme, draws up a list of officers who are prepared to give talks or participate in seminars at the invitation of universities, community groups, clubs, associations and organizations interested in international affairs. We therefore encourage you to think of "External Affairs" when you require an expert in the areas of departmental activity outlined in this booklet. Since speakers talk best about topics with which they have worked for years, the booklet is arranged by subject, to help you select the most appropriate speaker.

Not all major themes of foreign policy appear on the following list and it need not be regarded as exclusive in terms of topics or individuals. Special requests are always welcome.

While the formal type of lecture is not excluded, a preference is expressed for the informal type of gathering, such as the seminar or working group. Such gatherings are generally found to be more satisfying to the participants and to yield better results. Although our speakers are not expected to perform as spokesmen in the official sense, they will refer to government policies, comment on subjects of Canadian interest and analyse world affairs drawing on their professional backgrounds. The speakers would be prepared to answer questions during ensuing discussions. Unless prior consent from the Department has been obtained, these talks are not to be reported or attributed in the media. In this way, it is hoped that a more frank and effective dialogue can be developed.

Requests for speakers should be directed to the Academic Relations Division; if possible, several weeks in advance. Travelling expenses required to implement the program are normally met by the Department. Every effort will be made to fill requests for speakers; however, the Department's ability to respond to invitations is subject to the availability of travel funds, pressure of work in Ottawa, and prior commitments by speakers. In most cases it would be desirable to make arrangements for the speaker to visit several centres or universities on a circuit, as this would represent a more economical use of resources and might help to meet requests more equitably.