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Roundtable on American Foreign (Security and Trade) Policy

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Board Room, McNally (Main) Building, Saint Mary's University

The purpose of this roundtable is to survey current thinking about recent changes in U.S. foreign policy and to reflect on their implications for international and Canadian politics. Although the focus will be on trade and security issues, the main objective is to identify broad patterns and elements of continuity and change, and implications, challenges and opportunities for Canadian and international foreign policymakers. Issues and themes to be explored include:

- **Conceptualizing U.S. Foreign Policy and the U.S. view of the world.** Realism, idealism, or neo-liberalism? Unilateralism, multilateralism, bilateralism, or isolationism?
- **The changing role and influence of American Institutions, Processes and Actors** - public opinion, the media, Congress, think-tanks, corporations, lobby groups, and others - in U.S. foreign policy formulation.
- **Defining and Defending U.S. National Interests and Foreign Policy Objectives** in security, economic, environment, human rights, and other issue areas and particular regions.
- **U.S. Foreign Policy Capacities and Resources.** Military and non-military sources of U.S. power and influence. The impact of domestic conditions, budgets, tax cuts, political will and other opportunities and constraints.
- **Changing world order(s)?** New and old relationships, alliances and adversaries. The role of international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and "middle powers".

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