

Biographical Sketches of Lead-off Speakers
Roundtable on Afghanistan: Governance Scenarios and Canadian Policy Options

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Gwynne Dyer is a London-based independent journalist who has lectured extensively on Middle Eastern Studies and Military History. Dyer spent much of 1988-90 in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; one of the results was a seven-part radio series called 'The Gorbachev Revolution' that was broadcast by the CBC 'Ideas' and 'Sunday Morning' programmes in 1990, and subsequently in a number of other countries. He spent the first three months of 1991 reporting on the Gulf War. His new TV series, 'The Human Race', a personal enquiry in four parts into the roots, nature and future of human politics, premiered on CBC in September, 1994. He is now working on a book of the same title, and on a six-part radio series on global cultural convergence for the CBC 'Ideas' and 'Sunday Morning' Programmes. Dyer's principal current activity remains his twice-weekly syndicated column on international affairs, which he has been writing regularly since 1973. It is published by approximately 150 papers in some 30 countries. He holds a Ph.D. in Military and Middle Eastern History from King's College, University of London.

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Dr. Annette Ittig is an area specialist and international development practitioner with extensive project management experience in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. She has worked with several UN and international NGOs in both Taliban and Northern Alliance Afghanistan, including assignments with UNICEF, the World Food Programme, UNOCHA, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe and the International Rescue Committee. These missions have variously involved refugee, returnee and IDP programming and program evaluation; microenterprise development; post-disaster relief and reconstruction; human rights (Western and Islamic) and IHL. Dr. Ittig's most recent assignment in Afghanistan was as the Principal Researcher for the 2001 World Bank/UNDP Afghanistan watching brief on remittances. Each of these missions has involved extensive interaction with local communities, including male and female civil society groups. Dr. Ittig holds her Ph.D. from University of Oxford, England. She is currently under contract to the Pakistan/Afghanistan Division, Asia Branch of CIDA.

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