



*Civitas Canada*  
*27th Annual National Conference*

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**APRIL 28–30, 2023**

THE ALBANY CLUB  
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TORONTO, ON

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*Friday, April 28 2023*

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
5:00pm– 6:00pm	Conference registration & opening reception	
6:00pm– 6:30pm	President's welcome	Candice Malcolm
6:30pm– 8:00pm	Opening night debate "Be it Resolved: Red Toryism is Irrelevant in the 21st Century"	Against: Tasha Kheiriddin For: Dr. John Weissenberger  Moderated by Miles Smit
8:00pm– 9:00pm	Exclusive first look at the film "Canada is Dying"	Filmmaker Aaron Gunn Interviewed by Lindsay Shepherd

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*Saturday, April 29 2023*

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
6:00am	5k Run (led by Candice Malcolm) Departing from the Pantages Hotel 200 Victoria St., Toronto ON	
7:00am– 8:00am	Books for Breakfast	Chair: Noah Jarvis  Tasha Kheiriddin - <i>The Right Path: How Conservatives Can Unite, Inspire and Take Canada Forward</i>  Andrew Lawton - <i>The Freedom Convoy: The Inside Story of Three Weeks that Shook the World</i>  Dr. Chris Champion - <i>The Dorchester Review</i>  Dr. Tom Flanagan - <i>Pivot or Pirouette? The 1993 Canadian General Election</i>  Dr. Irvin Studin - <i>Canada Must Think for Itself</i>  Dr. Mark Milke - <i>The 1867 Project: Why Canada Should be Cherished – Not Cancelled</i>

  
*Saturday, April 29 2023 (continued)*

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
<i>8:00am– 9:00am</i>	Panel #1 Post-Covid Medicare: Woke, Broke, and Bureaucratized	Chair: Dr. Shawn Whatley  Dr. Chris Milburn Dr. Matt Strauss
<i>9:00am– 9:15am</i>	Coffee break	
<i>9:15am– 10:15am</i>	Civitas Talk #1 Bitcoin: Brilliant Invention or Backed By Nothing?	Adam O'Brien  Chair: Brianna Morris
<i>10:15am– 10:30am</i>	Coffee break	
<i>10:30am– 11:45am</i>	Panel #2 Authoritarian Regimes on the Move	Chair: John Weston  Dr. Scott Simon Dr. Lucan Way
<i>11:45am– 1:15pm</i>	Lunch keynote: The Future of our Cities	Sam Sullivan Anthony Furey
<i>1:15pm– 2:15pm</i>	Civitas Talk #2 Can conservatives own feminism?	Chair: Candice Malcolm  Kathryn Marshall Ginny Roth
<i>2:15pm– 3:30pm</i>	Panel #3: Stop Transing the Kids!	Chris "Billboard Chris" Elston Shelley Crowley Josh Alexander

  
*Saturday, April 29 2023 (continued)*

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
<i>3:30pm– 3:45pm</i>	Coffee break	
<i>3:45pm– 4:45pm</i>	Civitas Talk #3 Chinese election interference	Dr. Brian Lee Crowley  Chair: Rupa Subramanya
<i>4:45pm– 5:00pm</i>	Coffee break	
<i>5:00pm– 6:15pm</i>	Screening: The Freedom Occupation Followed by a fireside chat	Filmmakers Rachel Emmanuel and Jonny Emmanuel Interviewed by Harrison Faulkner
<i>5:30pm– 6:30pm</i>	Reception	
<i>6:30pm– 9:00pm</i>	Banquet Dinner and Keynote "The Suicide of Liberalism: How the new progressivism is pushing Western societies from stagnation to despair."	Keynote speaker: <b>Ross Douthat</b>  Hosted by Sean Speer
<i>9:00pm– 10:00pm</i>	Robson Family Music Hour	A Civitas tradition! Join Bill & Helen Robson for a post-dinner sing-a-long with all your favourite tunes.



*Sunday, April 30 2023*

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
<i>7:00am– 7:30am</i>	2023 AGM	
<i>7:30am– 8:30am</i>	Breakfast keynote: The Promised Land of Jordan – A Policy Rethink	Geoffrey Clarfield  Chair: TBA
<i>8:30am– 10:00am</i>	Panel #4 Education: Examining the Current State of Affairs	Chair: Andrew Lawton  Chanel Pfahl Paige MacPherson Caylan Ford
<i>10:00am– 10:30am</i>	Coffee break	
<i>10:30am– 11:30am</i>	Closing keynote	Rex Murphy (TBC)  Chair: Bruce Parady
<i>11:30am– 11:45am</i>	Closing remarks	Candice Malcolm
<i>11:45am</i>	Conference adjourned	



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

In order of appearance

**Candice Malcolm:** Civitas Canada President; Founder and Editor-in-Chief of True North

**Tasha Kheiriddin:** Public affairs commentator, lawyer, and consultant

**Dr. John Weissenberger:** Political strategist

**Dr. Miles Smit:** Co-founder, the Petrarch Institute

**Aaron Gunn:** Filmmaker

**Lindsay Shepherd:** Author; True North journalist; Wilfrid Laurier University whistleblower

**Noah Jarvis:** True North reporter

**Andrew Lawton:** Author; True North senior journalist

**Dr. Chris Champion:** Founder and Editor of The Dorchester Review

**Dr. Tom Flanagan:** Professor Emeritus, the University of Calgary

**Dr. Irvin Studin:** President of the Institute for 21st Century Questions

**Dr. Mark Milke:** Executive Director of the Aristotle Foundation for Public Policy

**Dr. Shawn Whatley:** Munk Senior Fellow in Healthcare Policy at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute

**Dr. Chris Milburn:** Family and ER physician

**Dr. Matt Strauss:** Writer and medical doctor

**Adam O'Brien:** Founder, Bitcoin Well

**Brianna Morris:** Senior Manager of Policy and Advocacy at Edmonton Global

**John Weston:** Principal, Pan Pacific Solutions

**Dr. Scott Simon:** Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, the University of Ottawa

**Dr. Lucan Way:** Professor of Political Science, the University of Toronto

**Sam Sullivan:** CEO, Global Civic Think Tank and former Mayor of Vancouver

**Anthony Furey:** Columnist and broadcaster; Toronto mayoral candidate



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES, CONTINUED

In order of appearance

**Kathryn Marshall:** Lawyer and National Post columnist

**Ginny Roth:** Vice-President, Crestview Strategy

**Chris "Billboard Chris" Elston:** Activist

**Shelley Crowley:** Women's and children's rights advocate

**Josh Alexander:** Student activist

**Dr. Brian Lee Crowley:** Founder and Managing Director, The MacDonald-Laurier Institute

**Rupa Subramanya:** Columnist and True North podcast host

**Rachel Emmanuel:** True North Alberta reporter and host of the Daily Brief

**Jonny Emmanuel:** Documentary filmmaker

**Harrison Faulkner:** True North podcast host

**Ross Douthat:** Author and New York Times columnist

**Sean Speer:** Editor-at-large, The Hub

**Geoffrey Clarfield:** Anthropologist

**Chanel Pfahl:** Teacher in exile

**Paige MacPherson:** Associate Director of Education Policy for the Fraser Institute

**Caylan Ford:** Documentary filmmaker; Founder, Calgary Classical Academy & Edmonton Classical Academy

**Bruce Pardy:** Executive Director, Rights Probe; Law professor, Queen's University

**Rex Murphy:** Writer and broadcaster

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