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TO BOLDLY GO: charting our common future

## "Towards A Canadian Arctic Strategy"

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***Remarks by Dr. Joseph Doucet,  
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the Environment;***

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**February 2nd, 2010  
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
TELUS Centre 150**

Renewed interest in the Arctic has been dominated by pessimistic perspectives focused on the likely effects of global warming. While melting of the Arctic may lead to a resurgence of power politics and inter-state conflict in the region, more optimistic scenarios imagine the circumpolar world as an emerging zone of cooperation. In May 2008 the School for Energy and the Environment, along with the Alberta Institute for American Studies and the Canadian International Polar Year Secretariat, hosted the Canadian Arctic Summit. Since that time the European Union and several countries including the U.S. and Russia have released an Arctic Strategy. The Government of Canada announced the details of a new Northern Strategy for Canada in summer 2009.

What will or should happen next? Join this lively discussion about what priorities a Canadian Arctic Strategy should promote.

Franklyn Griffiths is one of Canada's leading experts on Arctic affairs. At the University of Toronto he held the George Ignatieff Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies. Professor Griffiths co-chaired the Arctic Council Panel which persuaded the Government of Canada to commit formally to the idea of a central Arctic intergovernmental forum with direct Aboriginal participation. Now retired

from the University of Toronto, Franklyn Griffiths is at work on a book on civility in world politics. He also consults on Canadian and circumpolar Arctic affairs, and on international security matters.



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