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**OUR SHARED EXPERIENCES OVER 150 YEARS**

***GENOCIDE,  
MULTICULTURALISM  
& HUMAN RIGHTS***

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## ***Canadian Stories: Our Shared Experiences over 150 years***

Here is your chance to participate in a one-day conference that brings together, for the first time, a full range of prominent Canadian activists, journalists, academics, policy makers, and politicians working on human rights and Canadian multiculturalism to share our stories and experiences of overcoming discrimination, intolerance and violence, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities in building communities that embrace equality, non-discrimination and respect for human dignity.

Its goal is to foster collaboration amongst communities that have survived persecution, and to serve as a collective voice on the future of human rights and multiculturalism in Canada.

This conference coincides with Canada's 150th anniversary, which provides a special opportunity for celebration and reflection. More importantly, through this conference we will demonstrate to the world our nation's unity and unparalleled legacy in upholding our shared values of respect, tolerance, diversity and intercultural dialogue.

The conference features 3 panels each of which contribute to the understanding of our collective experiences around a common theme of Genocide and Holocaust.

## ***Welcome***

**Shahen Mirakian**

President, Armenian National Committee of Canada

**Live from Toronto, broadcast to Montreal and Vancouver  
10:30-11:00**

## ***Opening Remarks***

**Paul Grod**

President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress

## ***Setting the Context – Indigenous People***

**Jessica Labranche**

Principal, Black Feather Law Professional Corporation

## ***Panel 1: Canada's Response to Genocide***

*Through the expert insight of our panelists, the first panel will take an in-depth look into the history, motives, aftermath and international attention of the various accounts of genocide that occurred throughout the 20th Century. The panelists will also discuss Canada's response to these atrocities and the lessons we can learn moving forward – so that Never Again can truly mean Never Again.*

**Live from Toronto, broadcast to Montreal and Vancouver  
11:00 - 12:30**

**Moderator: Raffi Sarkissian**

Past Chair, Sara Corning Centre for Genocide Education

**Panel Speakers:**

**Professor Isabel Kaprielian-Churchill**

Professor of History at California State University, Fresno

**Professor Frank Sysyn**

Holodomor Research and Education Consortium

**Garnett Genuis**

Member Of Parliament for Sherwood Park  
Fort Saskatchewan

## ***Keynote Address***

**Jonathan Kay**

Canadian Journalist

**Live from Toronto, broadcast to Montreal and Vancouver  
1:00 – 2:00**

## ***Panel 2: The Evolution of Canadian Multiculturalism***

*The second panel will discuss the evolution of Canada's policy of multiculturalism, the bedrock of our coherent and exemplary society. The panelists will discuss how certain policies came into effect, how they impacted communities and individual Canadians and what obstacles we encountered as we strived to create a mosaic of cultures, committed to upholding our peaceful co-existence. The panel will also explore the challenges facing our policies today, and how we can address them in order to strengthen our collective identity as Canadians.*

**Live from Toronto, broadcast to Montreal and Vancouver  
2:00 – 3:30**

**Moderator: Ariella Kimmel**

Senior Manager, Partnerships, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

**Panel Speakers:**

**Dr. John Young**

President and Chief Executive Officer Canadian Museum for Human Rights

**Jagmeet Singh**

Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada

**Arif Virani**

Member of Parliament for Parkdale-High Park

## ***Panel 3: Canada's Role as an International Human Rights Leader***

*Canada has long been regarded as a champion of international human rights. Through this panel, the conference will discuss Canada's enhanced role in international human rights through a contemporary lens and how we can do more to promote our shared values within the international community now and in the future.*

**Live from Montreal, broadcast to Toronto and Vancouver  
4:00 – 5:30**

**Moderator: Lalai Manjikian, PhD**

**Panel Speakers:**

**The Hon. Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C.**

Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

**Anthony Housefather**

Member of Parliament for Mount Royal

**Kyle Matthews**

Executive Director Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies

## ***Closing Remarks***

**Shahen Mirakian**

President, Armenian National Committee of Canada

**Live from Toronto, broadcast to Montreal and Vancouver  
5:30 - 5:45**

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