



2024 WEST COAST SECURITY CONFERENCE: OPENING REMARKS DAY 1

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KEY EVENTS

On November 18th, 2024, Adj. Professor Candyce Kelshall presented the opening remarks for the first day of this year's West Coast Security Conference. The key points discussed were the growth of CASIS Vancouver since its inception, the organization's goals, and the purpose of the conference.

NATURE OF DISCUSSION

Professor Kelshall began her remarks by describing how CASIS Vancouver was started as a result of the lack of security and intelligence organizations operating on Canada's west coast, and how it has grown to become a platform for non-partisan discussion and career development. Within this, the West Coast Security Conference aims to bring new research and key thinkers into security and intelligence discussions, with panels ranging from information-driven conflict, critical thinking and countermeasures, and other relevant topics. Professor Kelshall noted that CASIS Vancouver is focused on understanding developments in the global space due to seeming shifts toward illiberalism.

BACKGROUND

Presentation

Adj. Professor Kelshall asserted the focus of CASIS Vancouver as a non-partisan organization is facilitating discussions to showcase a variety of perspectives and understanding how these ideas progress over time. She highlighted the success of the organization and its annual conference, stating that CASIS Vancouver products have been received in over 46 countries, and that the conference has provided a space for key thinkers and new research to be heard. These products are shared through its research arm, the Canadian Center for Contemporary Conflict, the Adversity Quotient podcast, the Journal of Intelligence, Conflict,

and Warfare, and other forums. Adj. Professor Kelshall further shared how CASIS Vancouver has had success in creating new analytical tools, some of which will be published shortly in an upcoming publication “Bridging the Gap: Using Analytic Models to Improve Intelligence Outcomes”. Professor Kelshall concluded her remarks by thanking participants for joining, and for their continued support of CASIS Vancouver.

KEY POINTS OF DISCUSSION

- CASIS Vancouver is a non-partisan, professional development organization with a focus on networking, research, and the contribution of new intelligence products.
- CASIS Vancouver generates research products and analytical models, much of which is published in forums such as the Journal of Intelligence, Conflict, and Warfare (JICW).
- The 2024 CASIS Vancouver West Coast Security Conference has acted as a space for discussion and the sharing of ideas and perspectives regarding security and intelligence, and as a way to measure the direction of these discussions.

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