

# DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



## Winter Edition

Winter season is at its peak, new year is on the horizon and we are very grateful to finish this year with you, as we take glance at our activities and wrap up the year.

## Top News

Calgary event with CGAI

KAS directors' conference in Vienna

Journal of Geoeconomics event on Arctic

CETA with EU Delegation

KARC welcomes Thorsten Faas



## New Events and Conference Attendance



Dear Friends of KAS Canada,

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to begin by going through of a small resume of what we have accomplished in 2025.

We have organized more than 24 events located in different cities such as:

- Whitehorse, for the Arctic Security Conference
- Delegation Program with Canadian leading experts from different sectors across Germany: Visiting Hannover Fair, Magdeburg and Berlin
- Welcoming Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, the Deputy Secretary General and Head of the Division European and International Cooperation in Canada
- Vancouver International Security Summit
- Montreal International Security Summit
- CETA event with EU delegation
- Post-G7 event and Couchiching summit with CIC

and more events in Calgary, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto and back in our foundation's roots, Germany.

Our combined follower levels in social media (LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter) have surpassed 3000 compared to 1000 last year, more than doubling the outreach of our foundation.

Started new formatting initiatives such as KAS Canada Unfiltered Podcast, KAS Newsletters, KAS4Security Grants and Atlantic Spotlight series.

Reaching out to new cooperation through government, think tanks, embassies and academia.

I want to note that with a fresh breath of new air, new team, we have new dynamic projects coming up and this could not be possible without your commitment and interest to our events, projects and publications as well.

Our office has high ambitions, so you might see even further elevated projects in 2026, with focus on different provinces in Canada but also an emphasis on our inspiration: Konrad Adenauer.

Our founding father, was the pillar of the European unity, a firm believer of NATO and deeply committed to an Atlantic based foreign policy with an emphasis on democracy. This is why in 2026, our foundation's focus will be KAS4Democracy.

We will continue to promote a transparent platform and a stage in 2026 for all thinkers, politicians and researchers who wish to contribute to democracy and peace.

As Christmas, and a new year season is upon us, I leave you with an image of Konrad Adenauer, in 1951, curled up with a book, appropriate for a Christmas setting, reading in his house in Rhöndorf he had built in 1937.

Wishing you a happy holiday season,

Yours,  
Bernd Althusmann

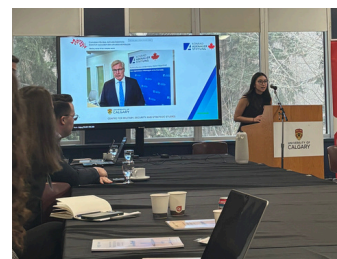
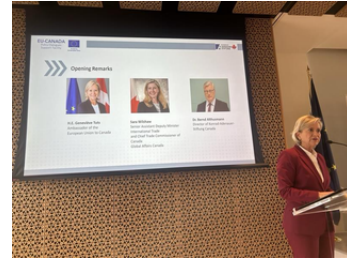




# Projects and Events

## Our office has attended to and organized multiple events in November:

- We have partnered with the Delegation of the European Union and organized a conference "Bridging the Atlantic: Canada-EU Economic Relations- Challenges and Opportunities for CETA" on November 14, co-hosted by our foundation.
- There were many take aways from the event including: ratifying CETA in all European countries, reducing certain standards of regulations, downsizing the hurdles in Canada and the European Union. The event has underlined that with volatile geopolitics for Canada and the EU, CETA is not only a deep trade agreement, but a beacon of stability and predictability between like-minded partners for both governments and stakeholders. High level speakers included H.E. Tuts from EU delegation, H.E. Luttenberg from German Embassy, Mrs. Sara Wilshaw, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade and Chief Trade Commissioner of Canada, Mr. Aaron Sydor, Director Chief Economist Office, Global Affairs Canada and more.
- Meeting with State Secretary and Member of the German Bundestag Christoph De Vries and exchanging views on G7 leadership.
- Our foundation was also involved in Journal of Geoeconomics' Economic Warfare and Strategic Competition in the Arctic event on November 13. We have discussed how the Arctic is becoming a decisive arena where economic security, defence strategy, and great-power competition converge and answered different questions coming from the audience. The panel also focused on practical policy tools from sanctions and investment coordination to military posture, Indigenous engagement, and environmental safeguards.
- We have organized a full-day workshop with Canadian Global Affairs Institute in Calgary on 5 November. Workshop has focused on increasing the security and resiliency of energy and mineral supply chains.
- Konrad Adenauer Research Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies hosts a workshop on November 27, at Université d'Ottawa about "What influence do young people have on politics today?" with Prof. Thorsten Faas from Berlin, Germany.



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- We have also attended to the Reception of 70 Years of Bundeswehr at German Residency, here discussing future challenges with Lieutenant Colonel Speck. German Ambassador, H.E. Luttenberg, has opened with welcoming speech the large number of participants.



- KAS Canada office was happy to be present in Poland's National Independence Day reception at Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

- In attendance were more than 300 people, including representatives of the Polish and Canadian governments, Members of Parliament and Senators, the diplomatic corps, business leaders, and further community. The celebration continued with an insightful panel titled "Spotlight on the Brotherhood in Arms", featuring members of the Canadian Forces who shared their experiences working alongside Polish partners during deployments, international missions, front-line medical operations, and in the evolving world of modern defence. Speakers highlighted the historic strength of today's Polish-Canadian cooperation:



Secretary of State Wojciech Wrochna emphasized Poland's strategic partnership in the energy sector.

Parliamentary Secretary Rob Oliphant spoke of the strong foundations of Polish-Canadian relations that resonate across the Atlantic.

- We also paid tribute to the Remembrance day on November 11, commemorating all service members and veterans in Canada.
- Our foundation was also present at 2025 Global Pluralism Award organized by Global Centre for Pluralism. Awards were attributed to three winners, recognizing their extraordinary work to bridge profound divides and build more inclusive societies in regions grappling with conflict and discrimination. Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Anita Anand and Princess Zahra Aga Khan was also among present.





# KAS Directors' Meeting in Vienna

**KAS Canada participated to general Konrad Adenauer Foundation director's conference in Vienna between 27 and 30 October.**

Directors were able to exchange on valuable ideas, new projects for the foundation but also common understanding for the future.

Main topics discussed during the conference were:

- the future of Europe
- fostering the transatlantic partnership and
- resilience of democracy



## Social media and interaction boost

We would like to thank you for reacting to all of our posts and event announcements.

We have new followers through LinkedIn, and multiplied reactions and comments through Instagram.



**2,466**  
followers

 **32.9%** from 1,856

**5.96%**  
engagement rate

**5,126**  
impressions

A BIG  
**THANK YOU**

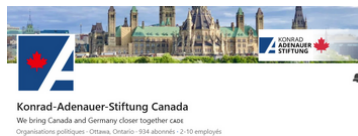
Our Canada Office, based in Ottawa, was established in 2019, promotes multilateral cooperation as well as exchange between Canada, Germany and Europe on the most important global challenges of our time, especially in the areas of security, technology, climate change and migration.

As the first Chancellor of the newly-formed Federal Republic of Germany from 1949-63, Konrad Adenauer changed the face of post-war German and European history more than any other individual. Adenauer's experiences during the Second World War made him a political realist and he focused his attention on promoting the idea of pan-European cooperation. Our foundation is based on his values.

"When the world seems large and complex,  
we need to remember that great world ideals all begin  
in some home neighbourhood."

*Konrad Adenauer*

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