



MUNK DIALOGUES EXTENDS FOR SECOND SERIES OF 10 LIVE VIDEO TOWN HALLS

**- the popular online series will focus on U.S. election, pandemic response
and geopolitics -**

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(Toronto) – Today the Munk Foundation has extended a second \$200,000 grant to the Munk Dialogues to organise a second series of ten online town halls to explore how the pandemic is changing our politics, society, and international relations. The Munk Dialogues are a project of the charitable Munk Debates. The series presenting sponsors are the Onex Corporation and Gluskin Sheff.

This Spring the Debates launched the Dialogue digital town hall series to critical acclaim and large online audiences. A total of ten programs were produced between April and June with over 250,000 people watching and engaging with each episode online. Presenting speakers in the live video programs included **Malcolm Gladwell, Fareed Zakaria, Niall Ferguson, Samantha Power, and David Brooks.**

The Spring 2020 Dialogues were broadcast on Bell Media radio stations, on NPR public radio in the United States, and on cable television on Canada's Public Affairs Channel. The series was also featured in the Munk Debate podcast feed generating over 80,000 downloads. Online, the series generated over 40,000 hours of video viewing and a total reach of 2.5 million on Facebook in Canada and the U.S.

The Autumn 2020 Dialogues will feature leading thinkers in North America and globally, sharing their thoughts and insights into a mix of issues that will be shaping our news feeds, from the U.S. election to the pandemic response to the global economy to the future of international relations in a period of heightened U.S.-China tensions.

The confirmed line up speakers and dates for the Autumn 2020 Dialogues will be released later this summer.

For more information on the Munk Dialogues visit <https://munkdebates.com/dialogues>

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