



***DATE ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST EVER FEDERAL ELECTION
DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY***

***Stephen Harper, Thomas Mulcair, and Justin Trudeau
to debate in Toronto on September 28, 2015***

August 14, 2015 – Toronto, Canada

The Munk Debate on Canada's Foreign Policy, Canada's first-ever federal election debate devoted to foreign policy issues, will take place on **Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM EDT** at Toronto's **Roy Thomson Hall**. The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, the Hon. Thomas Mulcair, and Mr. Justin Trudeau have all confirmed their participation in the debate.

Rudyard Griffiths, Chair of the Munk Debates, said, "Too often, foreign policy issues have been afterthoughts in past federal elections. By holding this debate we will bring greater public scrutiny to bear on the foreign policy prescriptions of the three federal party leaders recognized in Parliament. Our debate's bilingual on-stage components and French and English distribution via web, TV and social media, will ensure the largest possible numbers of Canadians have the opportunity to be part of this first-of-its-kind debate."

The Munk Debate will be broadcast in French and English via CPAC and through an online distribution and broadcast partnership with Facebook Canada. Viewers can also watch the debate live via www.munkdebates.com. A broadcast-quality feed of the debate will be made available to other networks who wish to carry it.

Tickets for the debate, priced from \$30 to \$95 each, will go on sale to Munk Debate premium members on **Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 AM EDT**. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to the general public on Friday, September 11 at noon EDT. Ticket proceeds cover a portion of the cost of staging each debate. The debates are underwritten by ongoing funding from the Aurea Foundation; a federally registered Canadian charity established by Peter and Melanie Munk to support eligible Canadian institutions involved in the study and development of public policy.

Since 2008, the Munk Debates have provided a civil substantive forum for leading thinkers to discuss the pressing issues of our time. Two debates are held each year in Toronto, one in the spring and one in the fall. Previous Munk Debate participants include former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Henry Kissinger, Christopher Hitchens, Paul Krugman, Fareed Zakaria, Samantha Power, Mia Farrow, and Glenn Greenwald.

“Our philanthropy is aimed primarily at improving the quality and vitality of public debate in Canada,” said Peter Munk, speaking about the rationale for the Munk Debates. “Whether it is the support we provide to the Munk School at the University of Toronto or the creation of the Munk Debates through our Aurea Foundation, Melanie and I are committed to broadening public knowledge, education, and informed discourse.”

For more information on the Munk Debates please visit www.munkdebates.com.

For the Munk Debates’ statement on which party leaders were invited to take part in the debate, and why, see [here](#).

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