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## Biographies

Khaled Al-Kassimi's work seeks to critically approach politics occurring in (under)developed areas such as Africa, the Americas, and the Arabian Peninsula. In addition, his writings relating to the field of Political Sociology are contoured by critical approaches to International Relations and Security Studies, Post-Development and Decolonial Studies. His most recent publication in *Cogent Social Sciences* (2019) entitled "Critical terrorism studies (CTS): (State) (sponsored) terrorism identified in the (militarized) pedagogy of (U.S.) law enforcement agencies" analyses the danger in the increased militarization of law enforcement agencies bringing into fruition an imposed "Law and Order" that presumes citizens as threats to national security. By prioritizing the security of the state rather than the freedom and liberty of the citizen, the manuscript elaborated on the danger this legal development poses on the democratic promise based on contractualist theory.

Amelia Arsenault is a Master's Candidate at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. She previously graduated summa cum laude from an undergraduate degree in Conflict Studies and Human Rights, with a minor in Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa. Her current research examines the ways in which autonomous weapons challenge NATO's sense of ontological security, or security of the NATO identity. Amelia's research interests include contemporary warfare, terrorism, and cyber security within both an international and Canadian context.

Thomas Baby is a second-year Master of Arts student at the University of Ottawa, studying at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). His current research is on foreign policy strategy, specifically Canadian foreign policy in the Asia Pacific region. Thomas holds a degree in Political Science from Carleton University and has five years of experience working in the non-profit sector on issues of immigration, refugee resettlement and economic development in a rural context.

Jack Bowness is an internationally published and award-winning writer in the fields of international finance and Latin American politics. His undergraduate degree is from St Francis Xavier University, where he received First Class Honours in political science. He has worked with leading specialists in international affairs, most recently with Jean Daudelin on his project, South America: War on Drugs. In his own research, Bowness has conducted field work in remote areas of Ghana and Mexico, analyzing how communities engage with international finance for economic development. In addition to his position as a program analyst with the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, he is a master's student at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. Bowness is scheduled to conclude his graduate studies at the University of Rennes II, where he will focus on international commercial negotiation.

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Alexandre Madore is an MA candidate in Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. He is also a recent graduate of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program at Carleton University and previously a BA in Psychology from the University of Ottawa. Alex’s passion lies in welfare state social policy and critical approaches (feminist, queer) in understanding the sociopolitical oppression of marginalized groups, particularly the LGBTQ2+ community. During his MSW, Alex completed a directed study on comparative immigration policy between Canada and the European Union. He is currently working as a co-op student at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. In his free time, you can find him somewhere Nordic, cycling or hanging out in a local coffee shop.

Nicholas Millot is a student at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, studying Security and Defence Policy. He recently presented his work on the attribution of and accountability for chemical weapon use under international law to the *Non-Proliferation, Arms Control, and Disarmament* Forum at Global Affairs Canada. Prior to pursuing his Master’s degree, Nicholas received his Bachelor’s in Biochemistry from McGill University. As of fall 2019, he works under the Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel) at the Department of National Defence, conducting interviews and analyzing records in order to develop ‘lessons learned’ from Canada’s past military procurement contracts. Much of his free time is spent working as Editor-in-Chief of the *Paterson Review*, learning German, and researching the legal issues stemming from the return of foreign fighters for an upcoming major research paper. Other interests include military history, creative writing, and fine arts.

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Daniel Ribí recently completed a master’s degree in Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours History and International Relations) from the University of British Columbia. His master’s research explores the use of tax policy as a tool for addressing contemporary income inequality. This includes examining the structure and dynamics of contemporary inequality and the phenomena of capital flight and offshore finance. He received Carleton University’s School of Public Policy and

Administration's 2018 Ian Macdonald Prize, which is awarded to the best policy paper nominated by faculty members, and he has been chosen as one of the ten winners of Global Affairs Canada's International Policy Ideas Challenge 2019. Daniel has worked in the International and Trade Policy Branch at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and recently joined the Office of the Chief Information Officer at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

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