

Video: NATO and Global Empire

Canadian Foreign Policy Institute Discussion

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“At the summit we will strengthen our forward defences. We will enhance our battle-groups in the East in part of the Alliance, up to brigade levels. We will transform the NATO response force and increase the number of our high readiness forces to well over 300,000...Together, this constitutes the biggest overhaul to our collective defence and deterrence since the Cold War.”

– Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General speaking at the NATO Summit in Madrid. (June 27, 2022) [1]

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Following the talks of the NATO leaders in Madrid, in late June, there was a lot more agreed to than mobilizing the troops in preparation for warfare, with increased costs to individual NATO members. There was also the endorsement of a new Strategic Concept giving direction to the Alliance not only during this new phase of battle with Russia. They have highlighted a special approach for dealing with terrorism, cyber and hybrid. And for the first time, it also mentions the challenges posed by China! [2]

A more and more dynamic and destructive military device, directed by former colonial nations. Nations with a hand in, for example, dismantling of Haiti from the time it overthrow slavery more than 200 years ago and has since continued undermining governance of the people, by the people, for the people. [3]

This beast, revved up with hundreds of billions in resources, would potentially run amok

around the globe. Like Frankenstein's monster, it could cut its own puppet strings and be a concern even to some of its members with short term aims it set out to resolve. Like a cancer, it would continue to absorb critical financial resources better needed to advance various social and environmental aims.

But there are many people living in NATO countries who are signaling their opposition to the NATO agenda. On July 1, several of the more articulate opponents were guests on a special edition of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute. In a Zoom discussion moderated by director Bianca Mugenyi, the team addressed the topic of NATO, its relationship to wars, colonial violence and structural white supremacy, and efforts at resistance.

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Janine Solanki, an activist from Vancouver, BC discussed the record of NATO and its absurd claim of being a defensive (not offensive) organization. Danny Haiphong follows with a review of NATO's provocative actions directed toward not only Russia, but China. Djibo Sobukwe follows with an account of past and ongoing violence directed toward Africa. Finally, Tamara Lorincz chimes in with an optimistic summary of current mobilization against NATO, all while the summit in Madrid was underway.

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Janine Solanki is an executive member of Mobilization Against War and occupation and an editorial board member of FIRE THIS TIME newspaper. She also writes on social justice causes including CUBA solidarity and a variety of antiwar issues.

Danny Haiphong is a contributor to the Black Agenda Report, and co-editor of Friends of Socialist China. He hosts a Youtube show, The Left Lens. His work can be followed on twitter at Spirit of Ho. And on telegram at the Haiphong Press.

Djibo Sobukwe is on the research and political education team of Black Alliance for Peace. He is also a former central Committee member of the all-African People's Revolutionary Party who worked with Kuame Ture on the political education committee.

Tamara Lorincz is a PhD candidate at the Balsillie School for International Affairs. She is a member of Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom , the Canadian Pugwash Group, and the No to NATO Network. She is also on the international advisory council of World Beyond War and the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space.

Bianca Mugenyi is an activist, a journalist and the director of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute.

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1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1Kf9PpUt3I>
2. <https://menafn.com/1104469051/Madrid-Summit-Ends-With-Far-Reaching-Decisions-To-Transform-NATO>
3. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-coup-against-president-aristide-15-years-later-the-clinton-the-canadians-and-western-ngos-all-complicit-in-a-never-ending-tragedy/5670262>

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