

Governing Economic Governance: Canada's G20 Summit from Toronto to Turkey

Keynote Speaker
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*Global financial crisis has provoked a debate on how countries should cooperate for tackling the adverse effects of the crisis on the one hand and prompted a new milieu where economic relations between nation states will be restructured. The G20 Toronto Summit to be held on June 26-27, 2010 is significant in being the most important platform for the discussion of **the new global architecture** along with measures against the crisis. In an era when debates on the governance of the global economy have begun, **Turkey's active participation** in these debates will bring on new opportunities in terms of its position in the new global architecture. However, there is little improvement and policy action in order to improve the role of Turkey on this new agenda.*

*Prof. John Kirton will discuss the role of the G20, the institutionalized club of systemically significant countries that was created in 1999 in response to the Asian financial crisis and that leapt to the leaders' level in 2008 in response to the American, and ultimately global, financial crisis. He will examine **what Canada and Turkey bring to this group**, the ways in which each country might hope to influence the G20 agenda, and how they might work together to achieving their aims.*

AGENDA

- 14.00-14.30 Registration
- 14.30-15.00 Opening Remarks
- Güven Sak, Managing Director, TEPAV**
Serap Özcoşkun, Deputy Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs, MFA
H.E. Mark E. Bailey, Ambassador of Canada
- 15.00-16.00 Governing Economic Governance: Canada's G20 Summit from Toronto to Turkey
- Prof. John Kirton, University of Toronto**
- 16.00-16.30 Q&A Session

Professor John J. Kirton

John J. Kirton is co-director of the G20 Research Group, director of the G8 Research Group and co-director of the Global Health Diplomacy Program at the Munk School of Global Affairs at Trinity College in the University of Toronto. He is a professor of political science, a research associate at the Munk School's Centre for International Studies and a fellow of Trinity College. He is also series editor for Ashgate Publishing's Global Finance series, Global Environmental Governance series and G8 and Global Governance series.

Kirton served as a special projects officer in Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1992-93 and, in the lead-up to the 1995 Halifax G7 Summit, on the Foreign Policy Committee of the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, an advisory body to the prime minister of Canada. He was a member of the Canadian government's International Trade Advisory Committee from 1995 to 1997.

In addition to advising the Canadian government, Kirton has advised the Russian Federation in its preparations for hosting the 2006 St. Petersburg Summit, the World Health Organization and the International Bankers' Federation on G7/8 and G20 participation, international trade and sustainable development.

Kirton is co-editor of several publications dedicated to the G8 and G20, including *The G20 Pittsburgh Summit 2009* (Newsdesk, 2009) and *G8 2009: From La Maddalena to L'Aquila* (Newsdesk, 2009) and the forthcoming volume on the G8 Muskoka and G20 Toronto Summits. His recent scholarly authored or edited books include *Making Global Economic Governance Effective: Hard and Soft Law Institutions in a Global World* (Ashgate, 2010), *Innovation in Global Health Governance: Critical Cases* (Ashgate, 2009), Ashgate's five-volume *Library of Essays in Global Governance* (2009), *Canadian Foreign Policy in a Changing World* (Thomson Nelson, 2007), *Sustainability, Civil Society and International Governance: Local, North American and Global Contributions* (Ashgate, 2006) and *New Perspectives on Global Governance: Why America Needs the G8* (Ashgate, 2005). He has contributed chapters to several books, including *Rising States, Rising Institutions: Challenges for Global Governance* (Brookings Institution, 2010) and *Borders and Bridges: Canada's Policy Relations in North America* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

Kirton received his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, his M.A. from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa and his B.A. from the University of Toronto.