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**3RD ANNUAL HURTIG LECTURE**  
**ON THE FUTURE OF CANADA**

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**Margaret Atwood**

***Which Canada?***

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*presented by the*

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
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**October 6, 2006**

*Peter C. Newman: "Canadian Politics and the New Journalism: Making Facts Dance."*

**October 4, 2007**

*Heather Mallick: "Pox Americana: How the US will take over Canada"*

**October 1, 2008**

*Margaret Atwood: Which Canada?*

### The Hurtig Lecture on the Future of Canada

The Hurtig Annual Lecture on the Future of Canada was launched by the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta in 2005 both to mark Alberta's Centennial Year and to honour an outstanding Edmontonian and Canadian citizen.

The primary goal of the Hurtig Lecture series is to build a national platform where academics, students, opinion leaders and community members together can debate Canada's role in an ever-more interdependent and complex world. The Hurtig Annual Lecture brings leading thinkers to the University of Alberta to deliver lectures that provoke, educate, and generate a more inclusive understanding of our collective experiences and responsibilities, both as regional voices, and as vital actors on the national stage and in the global community.

Mel Hurtig provides a sterling example of engaged Canadian

citizenship. He has significantly shaped Canadians' knowledge of themselves and their country. With vision and determination, this entrepreneur and publisher crafted a lasting contribution to our national heritage and culture – The Canadian Encyclopedia, first published in 1985. As an author of many best-selling books, he has invited Canadians to reflect upon the fundamental values that shape our daily lives and define Canada in the broader international community. From issues of political sovereignty to national identity, from poverty to nuclear proliferation, his popular books have consistently educated, inspired, and invited robust public debate about the future of Canada.

Mel Hurtig, an Officer of the Order of Canada, has received many accolades during his distinguished career, including six honorary doctorates awarded by Canada's leading universities, including the University of Alberta.



Margaret Atwood is a giant in modern literature who has anticipated, explored, satirized – and even changed – many of the popular perceptions of our times. The author of many highly acclaimed novels, poetry collections and short fictions, she is the Booker Prize-winning author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Blind Assassin*.

# Margaret Atwood

She also has been awarded the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Governor General's Award in Fiction and in Poetry, the Dashiell Hammett Award, the Giller Prize, and Le Chevalier dans L'ordre de Arts et les Lettres. Margaret Atwood's prolific and diverse opus is both acclaimed by the public and critics alike and studied in schools and universities around the world.

Throughout her distinguished career, this celebrated author, poet and social activist has challenged conventional thinking and animated public debate about such critical questions as gender equality, social activism, the artist's role in society, public support for the arts, and the environment. Both by word and deed, this Canadian icon has invited us to imagine alternative futures by exploring the consequences of the choices that we make in the present.

## PROGRAMME

### Centennial Greetings from the University

*Indira Samarasekera, President,  
University of Alberta*

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### Introduction on Behalf of the Faculty of Arts

*Daniel Woolf, Dean, Faculty of Arts*

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### Introduction of the Hurtig Lecture

*Linda Trimble, Chair, Department of  
Political Science*

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### Introduction of Margaret Atwood

*Mel Hurtig*

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### Third Annual Hurtig Lecture on the Future of Canada

*"Which Canada?"*

*Margaret Atwood*

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### Closing Remarks

*Janine Brodie, Chair of Hurtig Lecture  
Organizing Committee*



## about us

The Hurtig Lecture Series provides a national platform to promote informed dialogue about the choices and values that will shape the future of Canada. In order to build upon this goal, the Department of Political Science has established a fund to sustain the Hurtig Lecture Series. We warmly invite donations (tax deductible), small and large, to help build this fund. For further information about how to donate, please contact Janine Brodie, Chair of the Hurtig Lecture Organizing Committee at [janine.brodie@ualberta.ca](mailto:janine.brodie@ualberta.ca) or Anna Biscoe, Senior Development Officer, Faculty of Arts at [abiscoe@ualberta.ca](mailto:abiscoe@ualberta.ca) or 780.492.9473.

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