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**ON THE FUTURE OF CANADA**

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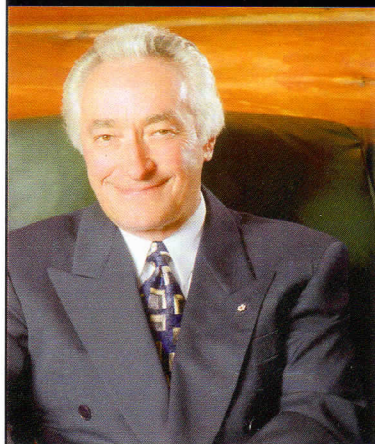
*Them and Us:  
Nationalism's Dangerous Attraction*



*presented by the*

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**

## HURTIG LECTURES ON THE FUTURE OF CANADA



**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?*

**October 3, 2009**

*Neil Macdonald: Them and Us: Nationalism's Dangerous Attraction*

### 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 in 2005 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 cultivate a national platform at the University of Alberta for leading opinion leaders to deliver lectures that provoke, educate, and generate a more inclusive understanding of our collective experiences and responsibilities as engaged citizens in an ever-more interdependent and complex world.

Mr. Hurtig provides a sterling example of engaged Canadian citizenship. With vision and determination, this entrepreneur and publisher crafted

a lasting contribution to our national heritage and culture – The Canadian Encyclopaedia, first published in 1985. As an author of many best-selling books, he has invited Canadians to reflect upon fundamental values that shape our daily lives and our collective future.

Mr. Hurtig's distinguished contributions to national life have been celebrated with many accolades, not the least, the award of an Order of Canada and six honorary doctorates from leading Canadian universities, including the University of Alberta. The Department of Political Science and the Faculty of Arts Development Office are currently fund-raising to establish an endowed Hurtig Chair in Engaged Citizenship at the University of Alberta.



Neil Macdonald, a nineteen year veteran of CBC Television News, has been *The National's* Washington correspondent since 2003. He began his distinguished career in journalism the old fashioned way as a copyboy for the *Ottawa Citizen*. In those early years, when he wasn't fetching coffee for editors, he covered local council meetings and police stories.



# Neil Macdonald

Within a few years, he moved to Parliament Hill, writing for Southam Newspapers. In 1988, after a decade of reporting for three newspapers – the *Ottawa Citizen*, the *Montreal Gazette* and the *Vancouver Sun*, he turned to television and the CBC News. In CBC's parliamentary bureau, he covered national elections, referendums, and all the cracks and pressures of binational federalism.

In 1998, Neil Macdonald was transferred to Jerusalem, where he spent five years reporting on the Middle East. He worked in most Arab countries and covered the violent uprising known as the second intifada.

## PROGRAMME

### Welcome and Introduction of the Hurtig Lecture

Dr. Andy Knight  
Chair, Department of Political Science  
Introduction and Presentation to Mr Hurtig

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### Welcome on behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Introduction of Neil Macdonald

Dr. Colleen Skidmore  
Interim Dean, Faculty of Arts

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### Fourth Annual Hurtig Lecture "Them and Us: Nationalism's Dangerous Attraction"

Neil Macdonald

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### Closing Remarks

Janine Brodie, Hurtig Lecture  
Organizing Committee



## about us

The Hurtig Lecture series provides a national platform at the University of Alberta 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) to help build this fund. The Department and the Faculty of Arts are also seeking community support to establish an endowed Hurtig Chair in Engaged Citizenship and will be launching its *1000 by 1000* campaign this fall. For further information about how you can support these important initiatives, 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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