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*Mapping Canada's future in the world*

## Canada in Asia: what's our comparative advantage?



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### **The Honourable Mobina Jaffer**

Senator Mobina Jaffer represents British Columbia in the Senate of Canada, where she chairs the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights and is a member of the Senate's Anti-terrorism and Legal and Constitutional Affairs committees. Senator Jaffer

served as Canada's Special Envoy for Peace in Sudan from 2002 to 2006, and from 2002 to 2005 chaired the Canadian Committee on Women, Peace and Security. She was the first woman of South Asian descent to practice law in Canada and is the first Muslim senator, the first African-born senator and the first senator of South Asian background.



### **David Mulroney**

David Mulroney is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs. He served as Canada's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China from 2009 to 2012.

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### **Kasi V.P. Rao**

Kasi Rao is a Toronto-based advisor and consultant on Canada-India related strategies, in which capacity he advises corporations, universities, think tanks, not-for-profit organizations and government. Mr. Rao is a Senior Fellow at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and also serves as Senior

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The inaugural discussion of thePANEL is hosted by CTV's **Kevin Newman**



A journalist for over 30 years, Kevin Newman's career has taken him to hotspots around the world and through every province and territory in Canada. Mr. Newman is currently Anchor of CTV's political broadcast "Question Period" and Co-Host/Correspondent for its investigative series "W5". From 2001 to 2010, Mr. Newman was executive editor and anchor of CTV's "Global National" news program. His international reporting includes coverage from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Moscow, Israel, London and Washington. Known for his integrity, passion and innovation, Mr. Newman's career has garnered multiple Emmy Awards in the United States and Gemini Awards in Canada, including "Best Anchor".

## **What is thePANEL?**

thePANEL is a non-partisan, not-for-profit roundtable discussion of cutting-edge foreign policy topics by four prominent thinkers and a moderator.

**Canada in Asia: what's our comparative advantage?** is the first in a series of discussions on Canada's global engagement.

## **What's the goal?**

- Stimulate discussion about Canada's role in foreign policy topics of national importance.
- Connect Canadians at home and abroad, including from government, academia and civil society.
- Create an interactive, energetic platform for deliberating major foreign policy issues.

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