

Congress to Campus: U.S.-Canada Relations

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Featuring Panelists:

The Honorable Elizabeth Esty

The Hon. Elizabeth Esty served as the U.S. Representative for Connecticut's 5th congressional district covering central and northwest Connecticut from 2013 to 2019. Prior to serving in the House of Representatives, she served in the Connecticut House of Representatives, representing the 103rd Assembly District, which consisted of Cheshire and parts of Hamden and Wallingford. She has also served two terms on the Cheshire Town Council. Congresswoman Esty was born in Oak Park, Illinois, and was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area as well as rural Minnesota.



She earned a B. A. in Government from Harvard College in 1981 and a J. D. from Yale Law School in 1985. She also studied International Relations at L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris for a year on a Rotary International Graduate Scholarship. Esty has been a law clerk for a federal judge, a Supreme Court lawyer at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, D.C., a professor at American University, and a medical policy researcher at Yale. While in Congress, she served on the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science Space and Technology. She also served as Vice Chair of the US House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force and as co-chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus's infrastructure Task Force, and was an active participant in the Aspen Congressional Program. She is the author of several dozens bills and amendments that were signed into law by both Democratic and Republican presidents. Representative Esty has been married to Professor Dan Esty for 35 years and has three adult children.



The Honorable John J. Faso

The Hon. John J. Faso served in the 115th Congress from 2017-2019 representing the 19th Congressional District in upstate New York. The district included all or part of eleven counties in the mid-Hudson Valley and Catskills regions. Faso served on the House Agriculture, Budget and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees. He was ranked by the non-partisan Lugar Center as the 13th most bipartisan member of the House in 2018. He was a prime sponsor of legislation, signed into law in October 2018, which cracked down on the illegal shipment of fentanyl into the US from abroad through the US Postal Service. Faso previously served in the New York State Assembly and was Republican leader from 1998-2002. He was the GOP candidate for Governor of New York in 2006. Faso is a graduate of the State University of New York at Brockport and Georgetown University Law Center. He and his wife, Mary Frances, reside in Kinderhook, New York.

Moderated by:



Dr. Edna Keeble

Dr. Edna Keeble (Ph. D., Dalhousie University, 1994) is a Professor of Political Science at Saint Mary's University and served as Department Chair for six years (2003-2004; 2009-2014). Her current teaching and research interests centre on Canadian foreign policy, re-definitions of security, and linkages between politics, gender and sexuality. Since joining the Department in 1990, she has been committed to being a well-rounded scholar and has balanced her teaching and research with a commitment to service, not only to the university but also to her profession and larger community.

Her research has focused on security and has broadly covered the themes of national security, feminist definitions of security, and human security. She has written along both more traditional and critical feminist lines on her work on security, but her record goes beyond scholarly writing. She has been part of two substantial projects funded by the Canadian International Development Agency: one addressing prostitution in the Philippines funded through the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development (UPCD) Tier 2 Linkage Project Grant (1999-2004); and the other focusing on security and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region funded through the Bilateral Partnerships Program (1997-2000; 2000-2003). In addition, she was part of a three-year (2003-2006) collaborative, university-community research and public education project on security and immigration funded by Status of Women Canada and Canadian Heritage.