

Event Overview

On March 22-23, 2022, Public Safety Canada will host an event entitled *National Security, Islamophobia and Anti-Asian Hate: Building Trust and Awareness*. It will gather individuals from government, civil society and academia, as well as members of the public, to discuss issues related to Islamophobia and anti-Asian hate. The event will explore how past and current events have contributed to Islamophobia and anti-Asian hate against Muslim Canadians and Asian Canadians, and how national security policies and operations have impacted communities.

One session will be presented on Tuesday, March 22, 2022:

- The Human Impact of the “War on Terror”: Lived Experiences of Muslim Canadians

One session will be presented on Wednesday, March 23, 2022:

- Raising Awareness on Anti-Asian Hate: Lived Experiences of Asian Canadians

A report will be published on this event with a view to increasing efforts to incorporate, understand and respond to bias and intersectionality considerations in national security through meaningful public engagement.

The sessions will be open to the general public and will take place in the form of panel discussions, followed by Q&A sessions. Simultaneous interpretation services in both French and English will be offered throughout the event.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 — Day 1

Islamophobia

Panel Discussion

The Human Impact of the “War on Terror”: Lived Experiences of Muslim Canadians

10:00 am – 11:30 am EST

This panel will provide a space for Muslim Canadians to share their lived experiences, discuss how national security policies and operations, particularly in a post-9/11 world, have impacted them as well as respond to questions from the audience surrounding Islamophobia.

Name	Bios
Dominic Rochon (moderator)	Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of the National and Cyber Security Branch at Public Safety Canada
Youcef Soufi	Research Associate at the University of Toronto's Institute of Islamic Studies
Nadia Hassan	Chief Operating Officer at the National Council of Canadian Muslims

Guiding Questions:

- How have 9/11 and the “War on Terror” impacted the lives of Muslims in Canada?
- How have the last post-9/11 years created challenges for the Canadian national security community to build a trusting relationship with Muslims?
- What problems arise from the stereotypes that Muslims face?
- How can we promote a better understanding of Islam and Muslim culture in the Canadian national security community?

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 — Day 2

Anti-Asian Hate

Panel Discussion

Raising Awareness on Anti-Asian Hate: Lived Experiences of Asian Canadians

10:00 am – 11:30 am EST

This panel will provide a space for Asian Canadians to share their lived experiences, discuss the effects that the geopolitical dynamics between Canada and China have impacted them as well as respond to questions from the audience surrounding anti-Asian hate.

Name	Bios
Dominic Rochon (moderator)	Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of the National and Cyber Security Branch at Public Safety Canada
Dr. Tina J. Park	CEO of The Park Group Inc., Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Vice President of the NATO Association of Canada
Amy Go	President of the Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice

Guiding Questions:

- How have anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents since the beginning of the pandemic impacted the daily lives of Asian Canadians?
- Have the geopolitical dynamics between Canada and China impacted relationships between Asian Canadians, including non-Chinese Asians, and the Canadian national security community?
- What can we do to collectively address anti-Asian hate?