



# The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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## May 2024 CCE Newsletter



**Register now for our May 15<sup>th</sup> CCE Luncheon!**

Email [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) to reserve your seat

**Our May 15<sup>th</sup> Speaker:**



**Dr Jeffery Rice**, Assistant Professor, MacEwan University

11:45 Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel

## Ukraine and the War for International Order

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24 February 2024 marked the two-year anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Expecting a swift and decisive victory, Russian politicians and military commanders began staking out real estate in and around Kyiv. Defying expectations from nearly everyone, the Ukrainian Territorial Defence forces repelled the Russian aggressors, in some cases mere miles from downtown Kyiv. Although the 2022 invasion marked a turning point in the war, Ukraine itself had been fighting to reclaim territory annexed by Russia since 2014. Why did Russia invade Ukraine in 2014 and why did they ramp up their efforts in 2022? Why was Ukraine able to defy expectations and prevent a Russian victory in the early days of the war? ... and what are the prospects for victory now that the United States has passed a comprehensive security assistance bill? This talk will explore these questions and more. While Ukraine fights for its survival, the war has become a fight for the preservation of the current international order.

## **About our Speaker:**

Dr. Jeffrey Rice is an Assistant Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science at MacEwan University. He specializes in NATO, transatlantic security, and Canadian foreign policy. Dr. Rice's current research is focused on the use of crowdfunding in the Ukraine War, and examines how global social media platforms are being used to support Ukraine's war effort. He has published works on multilateral warfare, Canadian foreign policy, and more.

Dr. Rice holds a PhD in International Relations from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, an MA in International Relations from the University of Ottawa, and a Specialized Bachelors with Honours from York University. He joined MacEwan University in 2020. Before coming to MacEwan University, he served as the Director for the Centre for Security, Intelligence, and Defence Studies (CSIDS) at Carleton University and was the Project Coordinator of the Canada Defence and Security Network (CDSN). He was a Department of National Defence and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow from 2019 until 2020.

**Guests are always welcome! You do not need a CCE membership.**

**Lunch Confirmations are required** – Please confirm by 12 Noon Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> by emailing [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) or texting 780-245-4042. Please indicate full names, total number of attendees, meal preferences and dietary issues. Both the Full meal (\$35) or the Sandwich plate (\$30) include a salad or soup, and a dessert.

Debit and Credit card payment options are usually available. Cash or cheques are also accepted at the door for luncheon, membership, and renewal payments.

## **Re-imagining the Canadian Club for 2025 and beyond:**

CCE members and Edmonton-area thought leaders continue to explore future plans for the Club, **but more volunteers and fresh ideas are needed.** As new plans and options emerge, there will be further discussions within the Board and with our active supporters in the months ahead. We are optimistic that a renewed approach to CCE activities will be formulated for the Fall, so stay tuned for further details. Anyone interested in contributing to this initiative should email [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) or text 780-245-4042 to share your ideas and energy.

**A huge thank to our supporters, and to the current Board members who have sustained our Club thru the pandemic.**

## **Parking - Chateau Lacombe Parkade**

If using the Hotel Parkade, do NOT take a ticket from the vending machine, but proceed instead to the luncheon registration table where you can register your license plate number and pay a discounted \$5 fee. This fee covers your downtown parking for 3 hours, subsidized by CCE.



Our June luncheon is tentatively scheduled for  
**Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Note that this is **NOT** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Speaker TBA**

### **The Small Print:**

#### **Meal Cancellations**

If you have confirmed your attendance and have to cancel, please text 780-245-4042 as soon as possible. At the Club's discretion, no-shows may be asked to pay for the cost of their meal.

#### **Memberships & Renewals**

Memberships and renewals are encouraged as a measure of support for the Club. Annual membership dues remain at \$60 per person, \$75 per couple and \$150 corporate. Memberships purchased in the Fall will extend to December of the following year. Thank you to those who have joined recently or already renewed. If you have not yet done so, please renew at your earliest opportunity, ideally at the registration desk when paying for the luncheon and parking.

#### **Luncheon Speakers**

Canadian Club of Edmonton members are encouraged to suggest speakers or topics for future luncheon meetings. Please send your ideas to [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com) or text 780-245-4042.

#### **CCE Website**

The CCE website has been updated, and more improvements are envisioned. We invite you to visit the website regularly for updates at <https://www.canadianclubofedmonton.com/>

#### **Mailing List**

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, or if you wish to update or add your email address, please advise the Club by email at [cdn1906@gmail.com](mailto:cdn1906@gmail.com)