

## OUR CANADIANISTS: WELL SOUGHT EXPERTS

Two articles, one in the *National Post* and one in the *Wall Street Journal* emphasized the level of consideration that the Canadianist community gets throughout the World. The first article appeared in July 2008 and refer to the positive changes that a rise in oil and gas prices could bring to the Canadian economy. The more recent article that appeared in *Wall Street Journal*, featured the apocalyptic proposition put forward by Igor Panarin, ex-KGB analyst, professor of political sciences and dean of the Academy of Future Diplomats of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Moscow, which predicted the demise of the United States by 2010. Both articles presented well-known Canadianist's points of view on the topics covered.

Are Canadianist's opinions so well sought after? Well, yes. In fact, they offer worldwide scientific and scholarly expertise and an extensive knowledge of Canada on specific topics. Some of them specialize in politics, others are experts in environment, history, literature, etc. In the *National Post*, Professor Charles Doran, a well-known expert in Canada-U.S. relations was interviewed for his comments on Alberta's place in the Canadian economy. Professor Doran is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of International Relations and chair the Center for Canadian Studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at John Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. He has published an extensive number of books and articles on political and commercial relations between Canada and United States. Professor Doran's opinion becomes very important when one reflects that most of the oil extracted from Alberta is sent to our southern neighbour.

For the *Wall Street Journal's* article, the expertise of the President of the Russian Association for Canadian Studies, Professor Sergei Rogov, was requested to counterbalance Igor Panarin's opinion that predicted the upcoming fall of the United States. Why ask for Mr. Rogov's contribution? Simply because since 1995, Mr. Rogov chairs the Institute of Canadian and American Studies of the Academy of Russian Sciences (ISKRAN), a research institution recognized since its beginning as a think tank that brings together well known specialists dedicated to the study of United States and Canada. ISKRAN supplies recommendations for internal and foreign policies to the highest instances of the Russian government, on military issues and on questions related to the restructuration of the Russian economy.

The above mentioned examples are not unique. Over the last year, we have covered several articles written by Canadianists or for which their opinions were requested and we strongly believe that the quality of the Canadianist community's contribution must be emphasized. To download the article featured in the *National Post*, [click here](#). To download the article featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, [click here](#)