

CACOR cordially invites you to a Luncheon Meeting

Topic: FOOD SECURITY: HOW DID WE GET HERE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Speaker: Michael Brklacich

Date: Wednesday November 19th 2014

Time: 12-2pm

Place: **Army Officers' Mess**, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa

Cost: \$25 general admission; \$20 for members, their spouses and student guests. The downstairs ante-room and dining area will be open at 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to meet and greet friends and colleagues prior to lunch.

Please confirm attendance by replying to this e-mail on or before Monday November 17th. Please remember that CACOR is responsible for payment of guests who have registered. If you register and need to change your commitment, please inform us as well before Monday November 17th, thank you for your assistance in this matter. We unfortunately will follow up with an invoice for those who were not able to honour their commitment.

In order to accommodate all members, associates and guests please indicate your presence to this event as soon as possible.

About the presentation:

Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. (FAO, 1996)

Global food production has, for the most part, outpaced increases in total population over the past two decades but nevertheless malnourishment continues to be a concern for between 800M to 1B people each year. And there has, for the most part, been sufficient food to feed the world's population during this period. The estimated 60% increase in food production that will be required to feed a global population of 9B in 2050 will place even greater challenge on food systems at all scales during our lifetimes. Furthermore, it has become very clear that achieving food security is considerably more complex than the provision of an adequate food supply as we will need to tackle many uncertainties ranging from the maintenance of environmental processes, improving efficiencies in food production and distribution systems, greater competition between food and fuel crops for land and other resources, enhancing

food access for those most in need, and global environmental change. This seminar will explore food security in an uncertain world and address “Why has food insecurity persisted?” and “How might Global Environmental Change and other uncertainties impact future food security?”

About the Speaker:

Mike has engaged in interdisciplinary research experience relating to food security and food systems, rural livelihoods, human dimensions of global environmental change and environmental policy for more than 30 years. After completing his PhD at the University of Waterloo in Geography in 1989, he was a research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-food Canada and has been a Carleton faculty member since 1992. He has held several senior administrative positions at Carleton including Chair of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies (2006-12) and he was appointed Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate & Post Doctoral Affairs in 2014.

His research, in Canada and internationally, has focused on improving livelihoods in stressed rural resource-based communities. He has received research funding from SSHRC, Natural Resources Canada, Health Canada, International Council of Science, the International Human Dimensions Program for Global Change, and UNESCO. He has played a leading role in the development of international research programs on Human Security and on Food Systems, as well as assisting with the development and advancement of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change. He has contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change since the mid-1990s and was part of the international team that was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. His recent appointment as a Chancellor’s Professor by Carleton University was in recognition of his long-term and influential contributions to human dimensions of global environmental change research.