What role should Canada play in North American defence? This question is timely and important, given a mercurial U.S. president, a nuclear North Korea, weapons of mass destruction, 60 years of NORAD, and a new Canadian defence policy. This talk will explore the immediate and longer-term threats facing Canada and the U.S., and try to make sense of what, if anything, Canada can do.

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