



Dr. Edna Keeble – Department of Political Science

Dr. Edna Keeble	General Interests
Faculty & Position	<p>Trained in the area of Canadian foreign policy, Dr. Keeble's more recent work focuses on the re-definition of security, informed particularly by gender perspectives. On the one hand, such a re-definition must necessarily focus on changes in substance: for example, what does it mean for the security of women and children, particularly in the post-colonial world, such as in many parts of Southeast Asia, when they are targeted by transnational criminal organizations for trafficking, primarily for the purpose of sexual exploitation? Similarly, what does it mean for the security of women and children, specifically in a country like the Philippines, when foreign militaries set up overseas bases creating military prostitution, and upon their departure, leave infrastructures catering to sex tourism? In both these cases, the security of women and children are undermined, and what captures their insecurities is not the lack of 'national security' but 'human security'.</p> <p>On the other hand, such a re-definition of security must necessarily focus on changes in process. The Canadian government's commitment to the 'democratization' of Canadian foreign policy has focused interest on the necessity for accountability, transparency and partnership between state and society in the creation and implementation of policy.</p> <p>Yet, in the post-9/11 world, for example, how much have Canada's anti-terrorist measures and legislation undermined the commitment to openness and partnership with communities? To what extent are some Canadian citizens and immigrants made more insecure because of their gender, religion or ethnic origin?</p> <p>Dr. Keeble's most recent work on security focuses on issues of trafficking and prostitution as well as issues of immigration and citizenship; and these are collaborative projects. Her work has received major funding from the Canadian International Development Agency, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Status of Women Canada, and Canadian Heritage. Since 1997 she has attended the annual Roundtable on Asia Pacific Security in Kuala Lumpur, struggling in that forum of traditional security specialists and diplomats to incorporate gender perspectives. She was also on the Advisory Board of former Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy for four years. Fundamentally, Dr. Keeble remains committed to the notion that what she researches must find meaning in those who make policy and those who are affected by them.</p> <p>Dr. Keeble is currently the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Representative for Saint Mary's for SSHRC's transformation initiative.</p>
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Biography	
<p><i>Dr. Keeble was born in the Philippines, grew up in Chicago, and moved to Halifax in 1985 when she began graduate school at Dalhousie University. When she then joined the Department of Political Science at Saint Mary's University in 1990, she embarked on the sort of academic career that she always imagined. Committed to being a well-rounded scholar, she balances her research with teaching and service, relishing each day the privilege of academic life.</i></p>	



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