

CANADA – ASIA ARCTIC DIALOGUE

27-28 April 2026

Yong Pung How School of Law
Singapore Management University
Singapore

PROGRAMME



DAY 1 **Monday, 27 April 2026**

Time	Session & Speakers	
	Welcome Session	
	Prof. LEE Pey Woan Dean, Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law	
09:00	Dr. Hema Nadarajah Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada	
	Workshop Convenors: Prof. Nengye Liu, Prof. Suzanne Lalonde and Prof. Whitney Lackenbauer	
	Opening Presentation	
09:30	Paul Thoppil Canada's High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore	
10:00	Group Photo & Coffee Break	
	Session 1: Arctic Shipping and Navigation	
	Chair: Prof. Whitney Lackenbauer	
10:30	Asia	Dr. Nguyen Trung Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore Prof. Kentaro Nishimoto Professor of International Law, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan
	Canada	Jay Collins Arctic Advisor, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network, Canada Prof. Suzanne Lalonde Professor, Law Faculty of the Université de Montréal, Canada
	Lunch	
12:00	Lunch Address "Legal Futures and the Arctic" at 1pm by Prof. Michelle Lim, UNESCO Chair in Sustainability Law Futures	
	Session 2: Sustainable Development	
	Chair: Prof. Michelle Lim	
13:30	Asia	Dr. Jiliang Chen Lecturer, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), University of Tasmania, Australia Dr. Yurong Yu Scientific Adviser, Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition
	Canada	Dr. Jennifer Spence Executive Director of the Arctic Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Sam Huyer Research Fellow, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network, Canada
15:00	Coffee Break	
	Session 3: Climate Change and Environmental Protection	
	Chair: Dr. Jennifer Spence	
15:30	Asia	Dr. Kim Wonhee Director of the Ocean Law Research, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), Republic of Korea

	Dr. Hyoung Chul Shin President of Korean Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), Republic of Korea
Canada	Prof. Kristin Bartenstein Professor, Faculty of Law, Université Laval, Quebec, Canada
	Justin Barnes Ph.D. candidate, Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada
17:00	End of the day
18:00	Conference dinner

DAY 2 Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Time	Session & Speakers	
	Session 4: Security & Infrastructure	
	Chair: Prof. Kentaro Nishimoto	
09:00	Asia	Prof. Yoshinobu Takei Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Japan
		Dr. Tara Davenport Assistant Professor, Co-Head of Ocean Law and Policy Programme, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
	Canada	Prof. Whitney Lackenbauer Professor, School for the Study of Canada, Trent University & Network Lead of NAADSN
		Zach Zimmerman Research Fellow, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)
10:30	Coffee Break	
	Session 5: Geopolitics and the Arctic	
	Chair: Prof. Nengye Liu	
11:00	Asia	Prof. Nengye Liu Associate Professor, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University
		Prof. Arie Afriansyah Professor, Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia
	Canada	Dr. Ryan Dean Assistant Professor, Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security, Canadian Defence Academy
		Prof. Marc Lanteigne Professor of Political Sciences, UiT/The Arctic University of Norway
12:30	Lunch and End of Day 2	



Paul Thoppil
Canada's High
Commissioner to the
Republic of Singapore

Paul Thoppil joined Foreign Affairs Canada in 2004 after having worked at the Treasury Board of Canada, Department of Finance Canada, Canadian Commercial Corporation and in the private sector. At Headquarters, he served in a number of director general positions in corporate finance and planning, innovation and partnerships, and trade sectors from 2004 to 2009. Assignments have included senior assistant deputy minister and chief financial officer, from 2014 to 2019, at Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and its successors, Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. In 2019, he was assistant deputy minister of Global Affairs Canada's Asia-Pacific Branch, where he was responsible for Canada's bilateral relations with countries in the Asia-Pacific region, including trade and development assistance. Overseas, he was commercial minister at the Embassy to Japan from 2009 to 2014. In 2023, he became Canada's first-ever Indo-Pacific trade representative, based in Jakarta. He will continue serving in this position on a concurrent basis.



Dr. Hema Nadarajah
Asia-Pacific Foundation
of Canada

Hema Nadarajah holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of British Columbia, where her dissertation examined the governance of the Arctic, climate change, and Outer Space. She holds degrees in climate change from the University of Toronto and the Australian National University. She leads the research programs on Southeast Asia, Arctic, and Outer Space at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia where she had taught courses on diplomacy and global governance. Hema has consulted for the Canada's Department of National Defence on Arctic sovereignty, as well as WWF on energy transition in Southeast Asia. She previously worked for the Government of Singapore in international relations pertaining to climate change and biodiversity conservation. She currently serves as an advisor and mentor with the Canadian International Council and is a senior fellow at the Toronto-based think tank, Arctic360.



Prof. Nengye Liu
Associate Professor,
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of Law, Singapore
Management University

Associate Professor LIU Nengye (LL.B., LL.M., Wuhan, Ph.D., Ghent) teaches and conducts research at the nexus of the law of the sea and international environmental law. Prof. LIU has taken the lead to edit three books: *“The European Union and the Arctic”* (Brill, 2017), *“Governing Marine Living Resources in the Polar Regions”* (Edward Elgar, 2019); *“The Law of the Sea and the Planetary Crisis”* (Routledge, 2025); published 50+ refereed journal articles and book chapters; and delivered 100+ presentations about his research findings across five continents. He sits on the editorial board of *Marine Policy* (Elsevier), *Ocean Development and International Law* (Taylor & Francis) and *Polar Record* (Cambridge University Press). Prof. Liu is the Founding Chair of Steering Committee of Asia Pacific Research Alliance on Law and Sustainability (2024 – present) and the Founding Director of Singapore Sustainable Futures Initiative (2025 – present) at SMU’s Centre for Commercial Law in Asia. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Law of the Sea Interest Group, American Society of International Law (2025 – 2028).



Prof. Suzanne Lalonde
Professor, Law Faculty of
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Montréal

Suzanne Lalonde is a full professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea at the Law Faculty of the Université de Montréal. She holds a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the University of Cambridge. Her research and publications focus on issues of sovereignty and boundaries on land and at sea, with an emphasis on the Arctic. She was a participating author and co-editor of the Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Polar Law (2025) and the Research Handbook on the Law of the Sea recently published by Edward Elgar. She is a member of the Canadian Arctic Security Working Group, a co-lead of the North American Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN) and was a contributing author in the Arctic Council PAME project on the Central Arctic Ocean (2025).



Dr. Nguyen Trung
Senior Research Fellow,
Centre for International
Law, National University
of Singapore

Dr. Trung Nguyen is a Senior Research Fellow at the Ocean Law and Policy Team at the Centre for International Law, University of Singapore. Before joining the CIL, he was a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law. Previously, he was a legal officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, working in the law of the sea and ocean policy. Currently, Trung is interested in the works of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), especially in the field of maritime security and safety. His other research interests include the law of the sea, WTO law, EU law and international dispute settlement.



Prof. Kentaro Nishimoto
Professor of International
Law at Graduate Schools
for Law and Politics,
University of Tokyo,
Japan

Kentaro Nishimoto is Professor of International Law at Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan. His research focuses on the international law of the sea, including the history of the law of the sea, the sustainable development of ocean resources, and the settlement of maritime disputes. His ongoing research projects primarily focus on the BBNJ Agreement, legal aspects of Arctic ocean governance, and global health governance. He was the research director for the social sciences section of the Arctic Challenge for Sustainability II (ArCS II) project, Japan's national flagship Arctic research project from 2020 to 2025. He has advised the government of Japan in various capacities, including as an advisor to the Japanese delegation to the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference.

**Jay Collins**

Arctic Advisor, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network, Canada

Jay Collins serves as Deputy Superintendent for Maritime Search and Rescue in the Canadian Coast Guard's Arctic Region. Following the establishment of the standalone Arctic Region in 2019, she worked within the founding team responsible for developing the region's maritime Search and Rescue programs – including the development of key initiatives, such as the Mass Rescue Operations Exercising program, as well as the establishment of the Arctic Marine Response Station in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, among others. In her current role, she supports operational planning and program oversight, personnel management, and engages with domestic and international partners on issues related to Arctic maritime safety, preparedness, and emergency response.

Ms. Collins will attend this Dialogue in her personal capacity.

**Prof. Michelle Lim**

Associate Professor,
Yong Pung How School
of Law, Singapore
Management University

Michelle Lim is the UNESCO Chair of Sustainability Law Futures and an Associate Professor at SMU Yong Pung How School of Law. Prof. Lim has a double degree in Law and Science. Her work focuses on futures-oriented biodiversity law aimed at advancing equity and sustainability under conditions of unprecedented environmental change. Prof. Lim is also Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law (the second highest ranked (JCR impact factor) environmental law journal). She was a Fellow of the Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

**Dr. Jiliang Chen**

Lecturer, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), University of Tasmania, Australia

Jiliang Chen is a lecturer of Antarctic law and governance at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) at the University of Tasmania, Australia. He also currently serves as a senior advisor to Greenovation Hub, a Beijing-based environmental think tank. His research interest is the governance of the global commons, with a focus on conserving marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction, including the Antarctic Ocean. Besides his recently completed Ph.D. in environmental policy at Macquarie University, he holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science and a master's in environmental management. Before his academic career, he worked on international environmental policies for the Heinrich Böll Foundation (China Desk) and the Institute for Environment and Development. Since 2007, as a civil society representative, he has regularly participated in international environmental negotiations, including the UN climate negotiations, Antarctic Treaty-related meetings, and the UN negotiations on the BBNJ Agreement. In the last decade, his work has focused on consensus-building within international institutions on conservation policies, such as marine protected areas.

**Dr. Yurong Yu**

Scientific Adviser, Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition

Yurong is an environmental policy researcher and conservation scientist working at the intersection of science, governance, and international environmental cooperation. She completed her Ph.D. at Imperial College London, where her research focused on biodiversity conservation, decision-making, and cross-cultural values in environmental policy. Yurong currently works on Antarctic and Southern Ocean governance, engaging with international policy processes and scientific communities to advance marine conservation. Her work bridges academic research and real-world negotiations.

**Prof. Whitney Lackenbauer**

Professor, School for the Study of Canada, Trent University

Network Lead, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)

Whitney Lackenbauer is the Network Lead for the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN), Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in the Study of the Canadian North, and Professor, School for the Study of Canada, Trent University and one of Canada's leading experts on Arctic security, history, and contemporary policy. He has received a long list of honours, awards, and grants for his scholarship. He has (co-)written or (co-)edited more than sixty books and more than one hundred academic articles and book chapters. Dr. Lackenbauer was the 2017-18 Killam Visiting Scholar at the University of Calgary, a Fulbright Fellow at the School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University in 2010, and a Canadian International Council Research Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in 2008-09. He co-led the Emerging Arctic Security Environment project through ArcticNet (2010-15) and was co-chair of the Munk School-Gordon Foundation Arctic Peoples and Security program (2011-13). He was 2018 Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS) at Canadian Forces College. In recognition of his work with Indigenous peoples and the military in Canada's North, he was made the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group in fall 2014.

**Sam Huyer**

Research Fellow, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN), Canada

Samuel Pallaq Huyer is a Netsilik Inuk from Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, whose professional trajectory bridges traditional Arctic knowledge with academic and military expertise. A Research Fellow at the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN), Sam had a brief experience in Arctic geology while attending Dalhousie University, completed the Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Year (ALOY) at the Royal Military College of Canada, and served as a Combat Engineer with 4 Engineer Support Regiment. During his military tenure, he specialized in Arctic Winter Warfare and survival, gaining critical operational experience in the North. Sam completed his B.A. (Hons) in Indigenous Studies at Trent University in June 2025 and is currently pursuing an M.A. in Canadian Studies & Indigenous Studies at Trent University, with his research focus on Arctic Security and Sovereignty, specifically regarding Inuit-federal relations and climate change adaptation within northern communities. As a research fellow with NAADSN, Sam is committed to bridging gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures to foster a secure, resilient Arctic.



Dr. Kim Wonhee
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KIM Wonhee is Director of the Ocean Law Research Department at the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST). Before joining the KIOST, he was a senior researcher at the Korea Maritime Institute and the Secretary-in-chief of the Korean Society of International Law. He was also a lecturer at Konkuk University, Ewha Womans University, and Korea National Open University. He has served as a legal advisor to the Korean delegations in the Intergovernmental Conference on the BBNJ Agreement, the Meetings of State Parties to the UNCLOS, and the Council Meetings of the International Seabed Authority. He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on the Law of the Sea of the Korea Coast Guard. His research interests include the law of the sea, maritime security, and peaceful settlement of disputes. Recent publications include “Consultation Mechanisms Between the Conference of the Parties of the BBNJ Agreement and Relevant Instruments, Frameworks and Bodies” (2025); “Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes through Compulsory Conciliation under the UNCLOS: Focusing on the Timor Sea Conciliation Case”(2025); “UN Ocean Governance and Recent Practice of the Republic of Korea on the Law of the Sea” (2022).



Dr. Hyoung Chul Shin
President of Korean Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), Korea

Dr. Hyoung Chul Shin, a biological oceanographer by training, participated in and coordinated numerous expeditions to the Antarctic and the Arctic. On top of Antarctic krill biology, his works and interests include the management of marine living resources in polar waters. Hyoung Chul dedicated much of his time to supporting science and connecting science and policy. He served on the Korean delegation during the negotiation leading up to the signing of the International Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean, and also to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) and Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) in past years. Dr. Shin is currently the President of KOPRI, and is ex-officio the chief scientist of the institute. He has previously served as the Director of KOPRI's Division of Strategy and Cooperation, where he took charge of strategic planning and developing partnerships in support of the Korean national polar program.



Prof. Kristin Bartenstein
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Kristin Bartenstein is a full professor at the Faculty of Law of Université Laval (Quebec, Canada). She earned law degrees from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich, Germany) and Université Paris II Assas (Paris, France) and completed her LL.D. at Université Laval in 2007. Her teaching covers general public international law, international law of the sea and legal research methodologies. Her research explores international environmental law and the international law of the sea, with a particular focus on the Arctic region. She is co-editor of *Shipping in Inuit Nunangat: Governance Challenges and Approaches in Canadian Arctic Waters* (with Aldo Chircop; Brill, 2023) and author of the textbook *Droit international public 8^e édition* (General Public International Law, 2nd ed, PUL, 2024).



Justin Barnes
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Justin Barnes is a Predoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Belfer Center's Arctic Initiative and a Research Fellow at the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN). Justin is also a Ph.D. candidate at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada. Justin is a Managing Editor at the Arctic Yearbook (arcticyearbook.com), an annual interdisciplinary peer-reviewed volume focused on Arctic politics, governance, and security. Justin's research has been focused on the intersections between climate change adaptation, community resilience, and security in the Arctic. Justin's current Ph.D. research is focused on the influence and impact of non-state actors – specifically Indigenous Peoples – in circumpolar governance.

**Prof. Yoshinobu Takei**

Associate Professor,
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Dr. Yoshinobu Takei teaches public international law. His research interests cover public international law in general, in particular the law of the sea and international environmental law. He has published on topics relating to the law of the sea and ocean policy such as ocean governance, Sustainable Development Goal 14, the legal regime for the Arctic, flag state responsibilities, global climate change and the law of the sea, international law of high seas fisheries, law and policy for international submarine cables, and marine scientific research. Prior to assuming his current role at Keio University, he worked at the United Nations Secretariat, as Legal Officer at the Office of Legal Affairs and as Sustainable Development Officer at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, handling such diverse issues as Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, sustainable fisheries, as well as the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). Related to Just Transition themes, he is particularly interested in: legal and policy issues relating to offshore wind farms and submarine cables, the role of science in resolving disputes relating to marine biodiversity conservation, and the ongoing negotiations for a global plastics treaty.

**Dr. Tara Davenport**

Co-Head of Ocean Law
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Dr. Tara Davenport is Co-Head of Ocean Law and Policy Program at NUS Centre for International Law, and an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. She has an LL.B. from the London School of Economics, an LL.M. in Maritime Law from NUS, an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Yale Law School. She received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2013 and the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship in 2014. She is a qualified Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore. Her current research interests are public international law, law of the sea and international dispute settlement. She has written on the South China Sea disputes, submarine cables and deep seabed mining. She is a member of the Legal Working Group on Liability for Environmental Harm from Activities in the Area convened by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority. She is also the Rapporteur for the International Law Association Study Committee on Submarine Cables and Pipelines.

Speakers' bio



Dr. Jennifer Spence
Executive Director of the Arctic Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

Dr. Jennifer Spence is the Director of the Arctic Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, with expertise related to sustainable development, international governance, institutional effectiveness, and public policy. Spence currently co-chairs the Arctic Research Cooperation and Diplomacy Research Priority Team for the Fourth International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP IV), participates as a member of the Climate Expert Group for the Arctic Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, and sits as a member of the Yukon Arctic Security Advisory Council. Spence was the Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group from 2019-2023. Previously, she taught and conducted research at Carleton University and worked for a 2-year term at the United Nations Development Programme. She also worked for 18 years with the Government of Canada in senior positions related to resource management, conflict and change management, strategic planning, and leadership development.



Zach Zimmermann
Research Fellow, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)

Zachary Zimmermann is a Research Fellow at the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN) and is also a Master's student at Trent University in the Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies program. Zach completed his Bachelor's of International Relations at IE University in Madrid, Spain, where he co-founded and was the Editor-in-Chief of the university's official academic journal, the IE International Policy Review. During his undergraduate studies, Zach also completed an exchange semester at the University of Hong Kong (HKU).

Zach has four years of experience working as a policy analyst and negotiator for Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, as well as being the first coordinator for the Canadian Institute for Arctic Security, the only northern-based think tank in Canada dedicated to Arctic security. Zach is also an alumnus of the Students on Ice Youth Arctic Policy Cohort and the Arctic Frontiers Student Forum.

Born in Inuvik, NWT and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon, Zach is passionate about researching the Canadian North and Arctic. Zach's research centres around military security, total defence, and geopolitics in the Canadian Arctic. Zach is currently engaged in his thesis research, focusing on Nordic models for total defence and their applicability in the Canadian North.



Prof. Arie Afriansyah
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Arie Afriansyah is a professor at the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia. He is also the editor-in-chief for the Indonesian Journal of International Law. Professionally, he is the president of the Indonesian Society of International Law Lecturers (ISILL). Arie teaches several international law courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The subjects, among others, are public international law, the law of treaties, international environmental law, the Law of the Sea, diplomatic law, and the law on international organisations. Arie's research interests are centred on the development of international law and focus more on the law of the sea, maritime security, international environmental law and fisheries law. Arie obtained his Bachelor of Laws (Sarjana Hukum/SH) in 2003 from the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia. In 2006, he received a Master of International Law (MIL) degree from the University of Sydney Law School, Australia. Finally, Arie obtained his doctorate degree in law at the Faculty of Law, University of Otago, New Zealand, in August 2013.



Dr. Ryan Dean
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Dr. Ryan Dean is an Assistant Professor in the Royal Military College of Canada. He is also the Arctic subject matter expert of the Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security at the Canadian Defence Academy. His work explores resiliency in the North and the development of a total defence concept for the Canadian Arctic. Dr. Dean is a Network Coordinator with North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN) and an Adjunct Professor with the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies at Trent University. He also served as the Program Manager for the Canadian Maritime and Security Network (CMSN). Before this, he was the Assistant Director of the NATO Field School and Simulation Program at Simon Fraser University and Assistant Professor in the Public Policy and Governance program at St. Francis Xavier University. He also worked as the Research and Policy Coordinator NAADSN at Trent University where he also held a Postdoctoral Fellowship. Ryan received his PhD from the University of Calgary in 2022 where he was generously supported by a SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier (CGS) Doctoral Scholarship. Ryan is currently the Managing Editor of Documents on Canadian Arctic Sovereignty and Security hosted by the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies (CMSS) and Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) in Calgary.



Prof. Marc Lanteigne
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