

# David Bercuson

## **Area Director, International Policy**

Dr. Bercuson has published in academic and popular publications on a wide range of topics specializing in modern Canadian politics, Canadian defense, foreign policy and Canadian military history. He has written, co-authored, or edited over 30 popular and academic books and does regular commentary for television and radio. He has written for *the Globe and Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Calgary Herald*, the *National Post* and other newspapers. In 1988, Bercuson was elected to the Royal Society of Canada and in May 1989, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at The University of Calgary. In 1997, he was appointed Special Advisor to the Minister of National Defense on the Future of the Canadian Forces. He was a member of the Minister of National Defense's Monitoring Committee from 1997 to 2003. Since January 1997, he has been the Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary. Currently he is also the Director of Programs of the Canadian Defense and Foreign Affairs Institute, which is based in Calgary, as well as the Area Director, International Policy at The School of Public Policy. Dr. Bercuson served as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 41 Combat Engineer Regiment, a Land Force Reserve military engineer unit of the Canadian Forces until November 2010. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Royal Military College of Canada from 2007 to 2013 and was a member of the Advisory Council on National Security from 2003 to 2006. In 2002, Dr. Bercuson was awarded the J. B. Tyrrell Historical Medal from the Royal Society of Canada. In 2003, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada and was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

## **Research/interests include:**

- 1) Canadian Defense and Foreign Policy
- 2) Canadian military history
- 3) Defense procurement