Canadian Think Tanks

Think tanks are organizations, institutes or groups involved in research and advocacy in a range of fields including social policy, political strategy, economy, science and technology, industry, business and national defense. Many think tanks are non-profit organizations; their funding may come from governments, businesses or private advocacy groups, or from consulting and research work they engage in. Below is a compilation of some of the think tanks currently operating in Canada to give you an idea of the range of organizations that can fall under this category. This list is in no way exhaustive; please see “here to find more information” at the end of this handout for additional resources.

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Québec, QC
http://www.inrs.uquebec.ca/Francais/index.jsp

Institute for Citizen-Centred Service
Toronto, ON
http://www.jocs-isac.org/

Institute for Research on Public Policy
Montréal, QC
http://www.irpp.org/

Institute of Public Administration of Canada
Toronto, ON
http://www.ipac.ca/

Institute on Governance
Ottawa, ON
http://www.iog.ca/

Le Centre canadien d’étude et coopération internationale
Montréal, QC
http://www.ceci.ca/

Mackenzie Institute
Toronto, ON
http://www.mackenzieinstitute.com/contact.html

Montreal Economic Institute
Montréal, QC
http://www.iedm.org/

North-South Institute
Ottawa, ON
http://www.nsi-ins.ca/

Pearson-Shoyama Institute
Ottawa, ON
http://www.pearson-shoyama.ca/

Public Policy Forum
Ottawa, ON
http://www.ppforum.com/

Social Research and Demonstration Corporation
Offices across Canada, including Ottawa, ON
http://www.srdc.org/

The Commonwealth Centre for Electronic Governance
Ottawa, ON
http://www.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/151842/

The Parliamentary Centre
Ottawa, ON
http://www.parlicent.ca/

Unisféra International Centre
Montréal, QC
http://www.unisfera.org/

University of British Columbia - Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues
Vancouver, BC http://www.ligi.ubc.ca/

University of Ottawa - Centre on Governance
Ottawa, ON
http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/governance/

Work Research Foundation
Hamilton, ON
http://www.cardus.ca/

Where to find more information:

Foreign Policy Research Institute's Security and International Affairs Think Tank Directory http://thinktanks.fpri.org/
This database lists nearly 1000 organisations. Search or browse by name or country.

Hillwatch http://www.hillwatch.com/PPRC/Think_Tanks.aspx
A directory of Canadian and international think thanks.

Policy Experts http://www.policyexperts.org/
Find experts and organizations by name or issue.

University of Alberta Libraries: Canadian think tank directory http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/business-canadianthinktanks
Lists Canadian think tanks A-Z and includes helpful annotations.

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List of U.S. think tanks http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_think_tanks_in_the_United_States

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