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Back to School Security Insights

A New Era of Research Security – This article provides a clear explanation of the threats to researchers and Canadian universities. From espionage to foreign interference, there are many concerns with regard to the security of campuses and academics. Drawing on the insights of academic experts and national security agencies, the article is a must read to understand the new era of research security, *University Affairs.* Read the article.

Scientists as spies? – In this research article, the authors investigate China's Thousand Talents Program (TTP) and the threat of scientific espionage. The authors raise normative questions as to where the line should be drawn between the transfer of knowledge for the advancement of science and the transfer of knowledge for the advancement of national foreign interests, *Politics and the Life Sciences.* Read the article.

Safeguarding your Research – In this online portal made available by the Government of Canada, researchers from Academia and the private sector can access a wide array of tools and advice on how to safeguard one's research. As the summer comes to an end, now is a good time to review personal and organizational research security practices, *Science and Innovation Canada*. Consult the portal.

Podcasts of Note

On Research Podcast

This episode of the On Research podcast dives into the complexities of research security. The episode is a useful guide to help researchers and academics navigate new research requirements in terms of security.

National Security Podcast

In this episode of the National Security Podcast, Australian Senator James Paterson discusses foreign influence and interference, especially as it pertains to recent allegations of foreign interference in Australian Universities.

L'économie sur le sentier de la guerre [French Episode]

In this episode of France Culture's special series on intelligence, experts are interviewed on the role of economic intelligence and industrial espionage in shaping geopolitical power dynamics.

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Research Security at the National Science Foundation – This frequently updated webpage presents some key considerations for researchers in terms of the security of their work. From case studies to policy recommendations, the webpage offers insights to scholars and private sector researchers, *Office of the Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy.* Read the article.

Canada tightens security for university research, affecting ties to China – This article explores Canada's new security procedures for researchers and grant applicants, highlighting what the new rules are and what the potential impacts will be on the research community, *Science|Business.* Read the article.

See also: EU wants spies on university campuses to fight Chinese tech espionage, *Politico*, Read the article; **Protect Your Research,** *Canadian Security Intelligence Service*, Read the article; **Canada needs to be one step ahead of China on research security,** *The Globe and Mail*, Read the article;

Upcoming Events

9th Annual Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference Atlantic Council Event in Washington, D.C. Click here for more information.	10 September, 2024 09:00 EDT
Democratization and Autocratization Conference *International Political Science Association* Event in Lisbon, Portugal Click here for more information.	11-13 September, 2024
The Global State of Democracy 2024 Launch Event *International IDEA* Online Event Click here for more information.	17 September, 2024 07:00 to 08:30 EDT
Doing Business in Ukraine 2024 Conference: Building Ukraine's Security through a Modernized Economy *Center for Strategic & International Studies* Event in Washington, D.C. Click here for more information.	25 September, 2024 08:00 to 17:00 EDT
Countering Radicalization to Violence and Empowering Educators *Extremism and Radicalization to Violence Prevention in Manitoba (ERIM)* Online Event Click here for more information.	18 October, 2024 09:30 to 17:30 EDT

Diversions

This month's diversion is Year-End Lists, a hand-curated browsable index of notable year-end lists. From best fiction books to top pop songs and highest-rated films, this webpage has all of the bests!

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