THE 2020 MOSAIC INSTITUTE PEACE PATRON AWARD

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Margaret MacMillan, CC, CH

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ABOUT MOSAIC

The Mosaic Institute is a think-and-do tank, which brings together people, communities, and states, to strengthen pluralism and to resolve conflicts. We operate through Track II diplomacy: people-to-people engagement to foster mutual understanding and to create strategies for peaceful coexistence. We believe that Canada’s diversity is not a problem to be solved, but rather the solution to many of Canada’s and the world’s conflicts. Mosaic is a platform for innovative peace dialogues that bring different people together to share, listen, learn, and act to end conflict.

At The Mosaic Institute, we bring groups at strife to a common table for talks, to share their experiences and positions, to build mutual empathy and understanding, and to create common ground. We promote dialogue among diverse communities in entrenched historic conflict, to advance peace at home and abroad.

The Mosaic Institute is a charitable not-for-profit organization founded in 2007. We are a national platform operating through Track II diplomacy; people-to-people engagement to foster mutual understanding and to create strategies for peaceful coexistence. This involves a combination of dialogue, research, and public programming.
The Mosaic Institute is pleased to announce that Margaret MacMillan is now officially our 2020 Peace Patron. This is our highest honour, which we present annually to one person who has made a preeminent contribution to peace and intercultural understanding.

We selected Margaret for her extraordinary work as a historian and author, advancing public understanding of the causes of war and the opportunities for lasting peace.

To respect physical distancing during the pandemic, we are holding the formal investiture of our Peace Patron Award online.

On 16 June 2020, we will host the second phase of our ceremonies: a live, online fireside conversation with Margaret.

We are immensely grateful to the BMO Financial Group for maintaining its Presenting Sponsorship of our Peace Patron Award. We are equally indebted to our individual supporters and institutions for their support.

As I write this letter, protests are convulsing the United States, Canada, and increasing numbers of countries around the world. They are stark reminders of the urgency of Mosaic’s work.

Mosaic’s mission has always been to bring together people at conflict, to discover one another’s shared humanity and common dignity, and to build a better world together. That work is the calling of every human being, both those who cry out for justice and those who hear the cry. It is the mandate of our age.

I thank you for joining hands with us, and helping to make our work possible.

With best wishes,
Akaash Maharaj CEO

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Click here to view the videos of the first phase of our 2020 Peace Patron ceremonies, including remarks from Margaret MacMillan, Mosaic Institute Leadership, and our Mosaic-Muldoon Bursary Award recipients.
Event Agenda

16 June 2020 at 12:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

Please note, as an Audience Member your video and audio will be turned off.

12:00 PM  Introductory Remarks (Akaash Maharaj, CEO)
12:05 PM  Fireside Chat with Margaret MacMillan
12:30 PM  Q&A
12:55 PM  Closing Remarks

Audience members are encouraged to submit their questions as the event progresses. The questions will be addressed during the Q&A session.

To submit a question, type it into the Q&A box. Click Send. Note: Check "Send Anonymously" if you do not want your name attached to your question in the Q&A.

Please note, depending on time and the flow of the discussion, we unfortunately may not be able to address all submitted questions.

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Biographies

Margaret MacMillan, CC, CH

Margaret MacMillan is a Professor of History at the University of Toronto and emeritus Professor of International History and the former Warden of St. Antony’s College at the University of Oxford. She was the first woman to win the Samuel Johnson Prize for her book, *Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World* (2001). She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Senior Fellow of Massey College and Honorary Fellow of Trinity College at the University of Toronto, Honorary Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, St Hilda’s College and St Antony’s College at the University of Oxford. She is also a Trustee of the Central European University in Budapest and the Imperial War Museum and sits on the editorial boards of International History and First World War Studies.

Akaash Maharaj, FRSA, FRAS, FRCGS

Akaash Maharaj is CEO of the Mosaic Institute. He has a lifelong passion for peacemaking, and for building mutual understanding between peoples and nations. He has addressed the United Nations on international prosecution of Crimes Against Humanity, and his articles have been published by newspapers in every populated continent. Akaash earned his Master of Arts from Oxford University, and was the first overseas student elected President of the student government in Oxford’s history. He has been decorated twice in Canada’s national honours, for his work on peace in the Middle East and for services to integrity in international sport, and he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, the state’s highest honour, for his contributions to global affairs.
Disruption Policy

Thank you so much for your interest in The Peace Patron Award! We truly appreciate your support and we want to make your experience comfortable and enjoyable.

To make sure everyone can participate in a constructive dialogue and enjoy the event, we will be implementing the following disruption policy:

The Mosaic Institute strives to create a space for Respectful Dialogue, which involves mutual understanding, suspending judgment and listening deeply, rather than seeking to win. We ask everyone to act and speak respectfully, even in the face of different points of view, and play a constructive role in fostering mutual understanding and cooperation.

The Mosaic Institute upholds freedom of speech and the freedom of individuals and groups from physical intimidation and harassment. If the event is disrupted and freedom of speech is denied, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Host of the event will attempt to identify those who are obstructing its business and request them to desist.
2. The Host will inform those who are obstructing of the existence of this policy.
3. If the obstruction continues, those responsible will be asked to leave.
4. If they refuse to leave, they will be removed from the event.
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