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Saint Paul University to Host Diplomatic Forum Discussion

OTTAWA, Tuesday, April 23, 2024 — Tomorrow, Saint Paul University will be hosting ambassadors and high commissioners from India, Hungary, Poland and the Philippines for a panel discussion on the role of diaspora in both the host country and country of origin.

This event is free and open to the media and the public.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Amphitheatre at Saint Paul University (223 Main St)

WHAT: Focusing on the Canadian context, this panel of ambassadors will deliberate together over the role of diaspora in the both the host country and country of origin and how diaspora contributes to notions of belonging.

WHO:

Panelists:

- Maria Vaas-Salazar, Ambassador of Hungary
- Sanjay Kumar Verma, High Commissioner of India
- Maria Andrelita Austria, Ambassador of the Philippines
- Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland

Moderator:

- Dr. Rajesh C. Shukla, Associate Professor in the School of Ethics, Social Justice and Public Service at Saint Paul University

ABOUT THE PANEL:

The panel discussion is organized by Saint Paul University's Research Centre in Public Ethics and Governance as part of the 2-day conference titled *Diaspora, Diversity and Immigration*. The conference's focus is to explore a more accommodative and non-binary understanding of immigration and diversity, emphasizing the importance of cultural openness and mutual respect in minority and majority cultures at home and abroad.

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