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David Mutimer is Director of the York Centre for International and Security Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science at York University. His research considers issues of contemporary international security through lenses provided by critical social theory, as well as inquiring into the reproduction of security in and through popular culture. Much of that work has focused on weapons proliferation as a reconfigured security concern in the post-cold war era, and has tried to open possibilities for alternative means of thinking about the security problems related to arms more generally. He is presently leading a collaborative project on arms export controls, and is the founding editor of the journal *Critical Studies on Security*.

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Martin Singer, a veteran academic administrator, committed teacher and scholar of Chinese history, is the inaugural dean of York University's Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS). Created in 2009, LA&PS is one of Canada's largest faculties with more than 27,000 students and a wide variety of programs that encompass the humanities, social sciences and related professional fields. Dr. Singer came to York from Montreal's Concordia University where, in addition to being a professor from 1972–2009, he served as Concordia's Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science. At LA&PS, he has led strategic growth in student enrolment and spearheaded a range of initiatives to enhance teaching effectiveness, transformative changes in research and the expansion of international collaboration and recruitment activities.

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