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## **North American Studies Seminar Series**

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# **Canada, the Commonwealth and British Victory in the Second World War**



**Iain Johnston**

(Sciences Po)

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM**

**Pavilion Room, Gateway Building  
St Antony's College**

**Dr Iain Johnston** received his doctorate in history at the University of Cambridge and is a visiting student at Sciences Po in Paris. In this seminar he will analyse the part played by the Dominions of the British Empire – Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa – as a unique imperial sub-group during World War II. Although ostensibly independent, the Dominions were former settler-colonies tied to the UK by substantial financial, cultural, ethnic, military and political links. These bonds allowed this Commonwealth group to become the most durable, interchangeable and cooperative of all the wartime alliances. This presentation will examine the role of the Dominions in British strategy and victory, with particular emphasis on Canada's place within the alliance.