

# Global Youth Forum



BALSILLIE SCHOOL  
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Invitation-only workshop for local high-school students

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013 – CIGI CAMPUS**

Global Youth Forum- presented by CIGI and the Balsillie School of International Affairs

**Theme: Global Peace and Security**

**on the “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of John F. Kennedy”**

High school students in grades 11 and 12 are invited for a free, one day Global Youth Forum on global peace and security issues. This year’s forum will take a look at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy and a look back to the 13 days of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

The morning plenary is a multimedia presentation that takes students back “Into the Time Machine – 1962” for a historical perspective on the Cuban Missile Crisis and world leaders John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev and Fidel Castro. This session is presented by preeminent historians from the Balsillie School James Blight and Janet Lang.

Following lunch, the “Time Machine” will move ahead to 2014. Students actively participate in smaller groups for a simulation role play on a fictitious but plausible Canadian security threat. The scenario is based on a crisis at the Montreal Airport. A small plane headed for the United States has been hijacked on the tarmac. How will students respond as they take on the role of a government official on a crisis response team to find the best way to keep Canadians and Americans safe?

Teachers are invited to participate concurrently in a breakout session on “Teaching Peace and Security Through Simulation” led by Professor Veronica Kitchen of the Balsillie School.

All participants are invited to tour an on-site art exhibit “The Armageddon Letters: Canadian Artists Portray the Cuban Missile Crisis,” with the curator of the exhibit and film producer Koji Masutani.