

Foreign Affairs Canada presents

eDiscussion on Canada's International Policy

On-line topic for Winter 2006: Geopolitics and Global Demographics

Foreign Affairs Canada is pleased to offer students of international relations from across Canada the opportunity to participate in a unique web-based dialogue eDiscussion on Canada's International Policy.

By participating in the eDiscussion, you will become more knowledgeable about important international issues and you will gain a better understanding of Canada's global role. At the same time, you will help to frame the public discussion about how we should respond to the challenge of global demographic changes.

Joining the eDiscussion

You can participate in three ways:

1. Submit a class position paper to respond to the theme of "Geopolitics and Global Demographics."

How: See the template for more information:

http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/cip-pic/current_discussions/TemplateforStudentPolicyPositionPapers.pdf

Where: The classroom engagement website is at http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/cip-pic/current_discussions/classroomparticipation-en.asp. This site provides you with extensive background material on the theme of "Geopolitics and Global Demographics", including links to *Canada's International Policy Statement*, reports and interviews with experts.

When: the deadline for submitting your class's position paper is Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

All position papers from classes across Canada will be posted on the eDiscussion web site and you will be able to compare your positions with those from across the country.

2. Use the extensive background material as a source for classroom discussions and debates

How: Visit the classroom engagement website http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/cip-pic/current_discussions/classroomparticipation-en.asp which will lead you to the Geopolitics and Global Demographics resource page.

The background material on the eDiscussion site can be used to promote **discussion and debate in class** on "geopolitics and global demographics".

3. Make your voice heard by joining the on-line discussion.

How: Go to the eDiscussion site at http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/cip-pic/current_discussions/classroomparticipation-en.asp. The moderated discussion will run from January 24, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

At the end of the term, a summary of all input (position papers and on-line discussions) will be presented to senior policy makers at Foreign Affairs Canada. After reviewing the summary, the Department will post a response on the eDiscussion site.

We encourage you to develop your class's position paper *and* join the on-line discussions.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about this program, please contact:

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