

# SCIENCE FRICTION

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

February 10, 2026

Mathison Hall

University of Calgary

Alberta, Canada

Diplomacy for Science  
in a Fragmented World

Join us for conversations & participatory  
activities during our inaugural workshop.

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**What to expect:**

- Explore the foundations of science diplomacy
- Navigate open science and research security
- Discover practical approaches for integration
- Hands-on group activities tackling real-world challenges

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### WORKSHOP AGENDA | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

<b>Morning Session - Plenary</b>	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration & Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Coffee and light refreshments will be provided</li> </ul>
9:00 - 9:20 am	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Science Diplomacy in a UCalgary context</li> <li>◦ Workshop Outline and Goals</li> </ul>
9:20 - 10:30 am	Session 1: Problem Definition - The What & Why of Science Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Keynote by Dr. Ona Ambrozaite   9:20 - 9:55 am</li> <li>◦ Presentation by Dr. Marga Gual Soler   9:55 - 10:15 am</li> <li>◦ Q&amp;A and Open Discussion   10:15 - 10:30 am</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 10:45 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 - 11:45 am	Session 2: Points of View - Open Science & Research Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Martha Wallace   10:45 - 11:15 am</li> <li>◦ Speaker 2   11:15 - 11:35 am</li> <li>◦ Q&amp;A and Open Discussion   11:35 - 11:45 am</li> </ul>

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<b>Afternoon Session - Interactive</b>	
<b>11:45 am - 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Networking and Working Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Interdisciplinary small group activities addressing specific challenges in science diplomacy</li><li>◦ Lunch will be provided</li></ul>
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Group Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Presentations of small group activity outcomes with facilitator feedback</li></ul>
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Session 3: The Neurotechnology Game
<b>3:00 - 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:15 - 4:00 pm	Session 4: Final Plenary - The Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Integrating diplomacy into science practice</li><li>◦ Closing remarks</li></ul>
<b>4:00 - 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking Reception</b>