The Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies CASIS

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- To provide an interdisciplinary forum through which interested academics, professionals (serving or retired) and others can meet and discuss matters relating to intelligence and security.
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