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**“After the Election: Where Next for Canada and Human Rights?”
Public Lecture by Alex Neve,
Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada
Wednesday, November 4 at 6 pm**

The potential for Canadian human rights leadership under a new government will be discussed when the secretary general of Amnesty International Canada Alex Neve delivers the 25th anniversary Vigod Memorial Lecture at St. Thomas University.

The lecture will take place Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 pm in the Ted Daigle Auditorium, Edmund Casey Hall.

“Troubling concerns have mounted in recent years that Canada’s domestic record and global standing as a human rights champion has slipped precipitously. A new government gives rise to considerable hope and expectation for change,” said Neve.

“Be it addressing violence against Indigenous women at home or advocating for strong global responses to the Syrian refugee crisis on the world stage, there is urgent need and tremendous opportunity for renewed and strengthened Canadian human rights leadership.”

As part of his work at Amnesty International, Neve has attended the Summit of the Americas and the G8 Summit and has participated in missions to South Sudan, Côte d’Ivoire, Tanzania, Ghana, Mexico, Burundi, Chad, Colombia, Guinea, Honduras, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Guantánamo Bay and Grassy Narrows, Ontario. He’s appeared before numerous Canadian parliamentary committees, as well as various United Nations and inter-American human rights bodies.

A panel discussion and reception will follow the lecture. The panel is composed of Neve, Irwin Cotler, Graydon Nicholas, and Noel Kinsella.

“It is an honour for the Atlantic Human Rights Centre to welcome Alex Neve to deliver the Vigod Lecture. Having participated in Amnesty International missions to fourteen countries and appeared before Canadian parliamentary committees and numerous UN human rights monitoring bodies, Neve will provide a valuable insider’s perspective into human rights advocacy,” said Christina Szurlej, professor in the Human Rights Program and director of the Atlantic Human Rights Centre.

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