



For immediate release — Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Professor Ian Brodie, Chief of Staff to former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to discuss policy issues

A media availability is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Ian Brodie, a political science professor at the University of Calgary and the first chief of staff to former prime minister Stephen Harper, will discuss policy issues affecting Albertans and Canadians in a free public lecture at the University of Lethbridge on Thursday, Jan. 22.

His talk is part of the Poli(policy) Pipeline series sponsored by the Department of Political Science and taking place this spring. The series aims to connect ULethbridge students with potential public service careers, and connect the larger Lethbridge community to policy ideas affecting people in Alberta and across the country.

Brodie was chief of staff from 2006 to 2008 and has worked at the highest level of politics and public policy as a senior member of the team that created the Conservative Party of Canada and propelled Harper to the Prime Minister's Office. He is the author of *At the Centre of Government*, which offers a first-hand view of the inner workings of the federal government.

Title — *Simply not fair? Premier Smith's Challenge to Dairy Supply Management*

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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As part of his visit to ULethbridge, Brodie will also participate in a fireside chat with students at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, in Science Commons SA6008. He'll discuss public service careers, such as working for legislatures, cabinet members or parties at federal and provincial capitals.

Members of the media can speak with Brodie at 10:30 a.m. on Friday outside SA6008.

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