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Part One: Freeing Trade: A moral force for good.

For those looking to win the simmering debate on protectionism, ***The Audacity of Trade*** is a must read.

Based on a talk to the North America Works Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, AIMS President Brian Lee Crowley explains why it is more incontestable than ever that our continental prosperity depends on smooth and uninterrupted exchanges across the border. He says as people in all the countries of North America are raising more and more concerns about the legitimacy of free trade, it is more important than ever that we "be prepared to make, repeatedly and forcefully, the more fundamental argument that trade is a moral force, a force for good."

Crowley explains how trade makes us rich as well as free.

"There is a reason why societies that are open to trade are not just more prosperous, but generally more open, more free, more dynamic, more attractive to newcomers. Freedom is tightly linked to human development because freedom exposes us to new ideas, it gives us more insights into ourselves, it exposes us to ways of life we might not see or understand if closed up within the society in which we have grown up. And trade is part of that marketplace of ideas that helps us in the search for truth, by ensuring that all ideas are made available and are subject to criticism, and revision. The more open our society, the greater the chances that we will achieve our fullest potential as individuals and that is the highest good at which society can aim."

To read the complete Commentary, [click here](#).

Part Two: Opening the door: How immigration could help the US through this economic crisis.

While most are rehashing what went wrong and pointing fingers of blame during this economic crisis, AIMS President Brian Lee Crowley is looking at solutions. This opinion article, written with Dori Segal, appeared in *The Buffalo News* in the United States and *The National Post* in Canada. It suggests a solution to rebuild housing markets is by doing what the U.S. does well - opening its doors.

To read the complete op/ed, [click here](#).

Part Three: Enemies Within: Confronting Homegrown Terrorism in Canada.

The nature of global terrorism has evolved. The arrest of a number of Canadians in Toronto in 2006 for allegedly planning to kill fellow citizens is but one case of a growing trend of homegrown terrorism.

In *The Enemies Within: Confronting Homegrown Terrorism in Canada*, AIMS Security and Defence Policy Fellow Alex Wilner says understanding how to combat homegrown terrorism will require an innovative, multi-faceted, and coordinated strategy. He offers four suggestions.

To download the complete paper, [click here](#).

Wilner is also the post-doctoral fellow with the Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR). As part of the fellowship, he will be stationed as a visiting scholar with the Center for Security Studies (Zurich, Switzerland), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Berlin, Germany), and the RAND Corporation (Washington, D.C., USA).

Wilner's op/ed on the threat of homegrown terrorism on Canada appeared in the *Globe and Mail*. To read the complete text, [click here](#).

Part Four: Under the gavel: The success of wireless auctions should be extended to other areas.

Sotheby's it isn't, but Canada has the potential to expand on its multi-billion dollar auctioneering success.

The latest paper from the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS) suggests that Canadian governments build on the existing auction model for wireless communications licences. Among the recommendations, the paper concludes governments should embrace auctions as the means of allocating other assets, such as timber rights, drilling rights, and broadcasting licences.

It's been a decade since Industry Canada began auctioning spectrum licences for

wireless communications services, such as cellular phone and Blackberry services. The auction program has been highly successful, raising almost \$6-billion for Canadian taxpayers.

In *Chicken Little Eats Crow: How the Critics Got it Wrong about Spectrum Auctions*, AIMS Director of Research Ian Munro reviews the controversy over the auctioning of wireless licences and concludes the naysayers were wrong. The sky hasn't fallen; these auctions actually have resulted in hundreds of licences being placed in the hands of service providers quickly, efficiently, fairly, and transparently.

To read the complete paper, [click here](#).

Part Five: Losing Power: How Canadian health care policy has hurt the practice of medicine.

AIMS President Brian Lee Crowley was one of a select group of health care policy experts from around the globe invited to present to an international conference organized by the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest (CMPI). The conference panels focused on how cost-based government healthcare policies are taking the decision-making process away from physicians and how government policies are actually impacting the practice of medicine.

This Commentary is based on Crowley's remarks to the conference and includes his modification of a well-known poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Crowley's "Ode to a Canadian Physician" became an instant hit.

To read the complete Commentary, [click here](#).

Part Six: Bursting the bubble: Canada's regional subsidies have to change.

In this op/ed that appeared in the Toronto Star, AIMS Senior Fellow David MacKinnon explains that neither the nation nor Ontario can afford endless regional subsidies. He says the global economic environment has once more highlighted the problems with Canada's equalization programme and provides a few suggestions to fix the problem.

To read the op/ed, [click here](#).

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