



CUSID Debaters Masterfile

Introduction

The Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate (CUSID) is the national organization which governs and represents university debating in Canada. This document was created with two purposes in mind: first, to make resources equally accessible to all regardless of region or background, and second, to increase the standard of competitiveness nationwide. We are incredibly thankful to all the debaters around the world and in Canada that contributed to this masterfile. Most importantly, we are indebted to those that have made information accessibility a reality through comprehensive forums and external repositories.

Overview

The masterfile contains three main categories: debate fundamentals, specialized knowledge, and external sources. Debate fundamentals goes over all the key components and skills needed to successfully and properly debate, meanwhile specialized knowledge provides background information on an extensive range of topics commonly used in debate. Both of these sections consist of a reading list and training videos. Meanwhile, external sources include other resources such as blogs, podcasts, and Youtube channels. Within external sources, the information repositories portion highlights a plethora of archives and other masterfiles.

Contact Links

We encourage all debaters to follow our social media in order to stay on top of CUSID programming, opportunities, and policy changes. You can follow us:

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- On Instagram through: https://instagram.com/cusid.ca?utm_medium=copy_link
- On website through: http://www.cusid.ca/

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Debate Fundamentals

Reading List

Title	Link	Description
Training Guide for University	■ Training+Guid	An interesting introductory document that analyses debate through the context of 'First Principles', a
Debating: Tips,		term used to refer to the core elements of a debate.
Tactics, and		Covers in depth modeling, 'First Principle'
First Principles		argumentation and refutation, and general strategy.
MDU: An	■ Introduction-t	An introductory and digestible document that
Introduction		breaks down all the elements of British
into British		Parliamentary and debate in general. Covers
Parliamentary		structure, rules, argument construction, refutation,
Debating		framing, and more.
Winning	■ Winning Deba	This document quite literally provides everything
Debates:		you need to know about British Parliamentary
A Guide to		debate in a highly nuanced fashion. Covers both
Debating in the		introductory and advanced debate theory, and
Style of the		judging.
WUDC		
The Cambridge	Cambridge_s	Although dated to 2013, this document provides an
Union Society		accessible introduction to debate for beginners.
Introductory		Covers British Parliamentary, argumentation,
Guide to		refutation, and style.
Debate		
CUSID Central	cusid_central	Although dated to 2005, this document goes over
Debating Guide		Canadian Parliamentary debate in depth. Covers
		role fulfilment, debate fundamentals, and style.



Training Videos

Argumentation and Refutation

Cluster	Link	Titles
Argument	□ CONSTRUCTI	Constructive Material and Analysis by Lucia
Construction	Principled Arg	Principled Arguments by Lucie and Rhys
	Analyzing Act	Analyzing Actor Incentives by Yash Chaturvedi
	■ Ameera Moor	Case Construction and Arguments by Ameera
	□ Harish Nataraj	Moore Advanced Argumentation by Harish
	■ Hadar Goldbe	Narratives, Messages and Symbols by Hadar
	■ How to win na	How To Win Narrative Debates by Olja Bosnjak
	■ MAD Training	All About Arguments by Monash Debaters
	□ Hamza Tariq	Advanced Argumentation by Hamza
	■ Impacting Arg	Impacting Arguments and Examples by Arghya
	□ The Fundame	Fundamentals of Argumentation by Hui and Gautier
	■ Stop sucking	Stop sucking at principle by Lucía Arce
	■ Mechanisms,	Mechanisms/Impacts/Comparatives by Mike
	■ Nishith Hegde	Arguing Principles by Nishith Hegde
Engagement	■ MAD Training	Advanced Rebuttal by Monash Debaters
	Connor O'Brie	Rebuttal by Connor O'Brien
	■ REBUTTAL! B	Rebuttal by Milos Marjanovic
	■ Klaudia Macie	Weighing and Extensions by Klaudia Maciejewska
	■ Strategy & We…	Strategy & Weighing by Lucie and Rhys
	■ Rebuttal & En…	Rebuttal & Engagement by Lucie and Rhys
	■ Rebuttal by J…	Rebuttal by Josh Kemp
	■ The Foundatio	The Foundations of Clash by Heather and Saara
	■ Rebuttal 101	Rebuttal 101 by Ellie Stephenson
	■ Rebuttals and	Rebuttals and Responses by Mikee de Vega
	■ 5. Responsive	Responsive Speeches by Connor O'Brien
	■ All About POIs	All About POIs by Varun and Cindy



Strategy and Skills

Cluster	Link	Titles
Strategy	■ ADS Lecture	Strategies for First Speakers by David Africa
	EXTENSIONS	Extensions and Closing Strategy by Benji
	Strategy and	Strategy and Metadebating by Lovro Šprem
	■ Amrit Agastia	Strategy in BP. by Amrit Agastia
	■ Strategy & We…	Strategy & Weighing by Lucie and Rhys
	■ McGill Debati	Winning BP From Every Position by Micaela Lewi
	Strategy by Ja	Strategy by Jason Woods
	□ 0919 KIDA W	BP Strategy for Beginners by Joonbeom Kim
	■ MAD Training	Advanced BP Strategy by Monash Debaters
	Case strategy	Case Strategy and Construction by Ashish Kumar
	■ How to gener	Generate Content Strategically by Naomi Panovka
Case	■ HOW TO IMP	How To Improve Your Improve By Lucia and Daniel
Preparation	■ Matt Hazell:	Modeling and Definitions by Matt Hazell
	■ The Basics of	Casebuilding and Preparation Noah and Jeffrey
	Utilizing Prep	Prep Time and Debate Strategies with Milos
	■ Klaudia Macie	Motions, Burdens, and Preptime by Klaudia
	■ Motion Analys	Motion Analysis by Klaudia Maciejewska
	■ How to Deal	How to Deal with Burdens by Deborah Wong
	■ Burdens of Pr	Burdens of Proof by Hadar Goldberg
	■ Case Constru	Case Constructive in BP Debate with Grace Li
	■ Prep Time Effi	Prep Time Efficiency by Lucie and Rhys
	■ BDC Digital A	Prep-Time Strategies by Bishal Podder



Speaker Roles and Style

Cluster	Link	Titles
Speaker Roles	EXTENTIONS	Extensions by Naomi Panovka
	■ 2ND SPEECH	2nd Speeches by Matt Hazell
	■ RECONCEPT	Reconceptualizing PM Speeches by Sajid
	Extensions by	Extensions by James Stratton
	■ Taha Iqbal - E	Extension by Taha Iqbal
	■ Whip Speech	Whip Speeches by Joseph Lewis
	■ Noam Dahan	PM Speeches by Noam Dahan
	■ First Speeche	First Speeches by Lucie and Rhys
	■ BDC Digital A	Prime Minister Speeches by Towseef Hossain
	Commenting	2nd Speeches by Aidan O'Toole
	■ Whip & Deput	Whip & Deputy Speeches by Lucie and Rhys
	Extension Spe	Extension Speaking in BP Debate by Emily Xu
	■ Tin Puljić - Ext	Extension Speeches by Tin Puljić
	■ MAD Training	Closing Half/Whip Speeches by Monash Debaters
	■ BDC Digital A	Whip Speeches by Rifayat Zafeer Wafee
	Strategies for	Strategies for Whip Speeches by Chris Pang
Framing and	■ Framing and	Framing and Characterization by Tin Puljic
Manner	□ 6. Style in De	Style in Debating by Sharmila Parmanand
	■ McGill Debati	Modelling and Framing by Jacob Silcoff
	□ Characterisati	Characterisations & Framing by Lucie and Rhys
	■ Who Framed	How to Frame Debates with Will Fraser
	■ MAD Training	Impacting by Monash Debaters
	■ MAD Training	Framing by Monash Debaters
	■ Style in Debate	Style in Debate by Samuel Myat San



Adjudication

Cluster	Link	Titles
Adjudication	■ Brian Wong	Adjudication by Brian Wong
	□ Chairing Your	A Guide to Oral Adjudication by Eric Zhao
	■ IMPROVING	Improve at Judging by Panel
	■ Judging - Adv…	Judging by Lucie and Rhys
	■ BDC Digital A	How to Judge a BP Debate by Sourodip Paul
	■ A Guide to Ju…	Judging Your First Tournament by Rudra and Eric
	■ Improving as	Improving as a BP Adjudicator by Nicolas Lozano
	Debate Judgi	Debate Judging Workshop by Asadullah Khan

Self-Improvement

Cluster	Link	Titles
Self	■ Jason Xiao	Self-Improvement and Coaching by Jason Xiao
Improvement	■ HOW TO MAT	How to Matter Prep by Sarah Tay
	■ Winning Com…	Winning Competitions in BP Debate by Sterling
	■ Training for C	Training for Competition in BP Debate by Sterling
	■ Introduction &	Introduction & Self-Improvement by Lucie and Rhys
	■ Matt Hazell: I…	Improving as a Speaker by Matt Hazell
	Jessica Musul	Development Programs by Jessica and Daniel
General Debate	■ How To Do IR	IR/ECON Motions without the Facts by Matt Hazell
Advice	■ How to addre…	Debating Spec Motions with No Spec by Hadar
	Debating Hyp	Debating Hypothetical Motions by Lucie and Rhys
	■ How to win de…	How To Win Debates by Udai Kamath
	■ Improving An	Improving Analysis and Strategy by Lucía
	■ General Lesso…	General Lessons on Debating by Hamza
	■ HOW TO MAT	How To Matter Prep by Sarah Tay
	■ Hadar Goldbe	Being Comparative in Debating by Hadar Goldberg
	Eight ways to	Eight Ways to Break Utilitarian Bubble by Doug



Specialized Knowledge

Reading List

Title	Link	Description
Pros and Cons: A Debater's Handbook	Pros and Con	The handbook offers an guide to the arguments both for and against over 140 recent controversies and global issues with related motions.
How to Debate International Relations Motions	■ How to Debat	A short read that provides an entry point for debating international relations. Covers how to use facts, conceptualization of states in rounds, and useful examples.
The Debatabase Book	■ Debatabase.pdf	Another handbook that offers an guide to the arguments both for and against to roughly 100 topics in addition to an introductory guide to debate.



Training Videos

Economics and Politics

Cluster	Link	Titles
Economics	□ Corporations	Corporations by Lucie and Rhys
	■ States & Econ…	States & Economic Policy by Lucie and Rhys
	Development	International Economics by Lucie and Rhys
	Framing in Ec	Framing in Economics Motions by Lovro Sprem
	■ Debating Eco…	Debating Economics by Connor O'Brien
	□ IWDC 2020 W	Debate Economics by Niki Linganur
	Harish Nataraj	International Economics by Harish Natarajan
	Economics	Economics by Kyle Atega
	■ BDC Digital A	Economics by Taosif Amin Khan
	■ MAD Training	Economics and Crisis by Monash Debaters
	■ BDC Digital A	Finance Debates by Nawed Nafees
	■ Monetary The	Monetary Theory for Debaters by Ron Leizrowice
	■ Milos Marjano	Big Corporations by Milos Marjanovic
	■ Introduction t	Introduction to Economics Ilija Ivanišević
	■ Topic Area Le…	Econ, Government Spending and Debt by Ellis
	Economics an	Economics/Finances Advanced by Lovro and Miloš
	Economis 101	Economics 101 for Novices by Lovro and Miloš
	Economics an	Economics and Development by Lovro and Miloš
	■ MAD Training 2	Developmental Economics by Monash Debaters
	Debating Intern	Debating International Economics by Roel
	Understanding	Debating the Financial System by Chris Edgar
	■ How to Debate	How to Debate Trade & Protectionism by Nick
Politics	■ BDC Digital A	Legitimacy of Democracy by Sajid
	Democracy a	Democracy and Elections by Dana Abdukarimova
	■ Electoral Syst	Electoral Systems and Political Systems by Kaina
	Authoritarianis	Authoritarianism by Ron Leizrowice
	□ Capitalism, wi	Capitalism by Aodhán Peelo
	■ Gavin O'Leary…	Politics and Debating by Gavin O'Leary



International Relations

Cluster	Link	Titles
International	□ IDK IR with Al	IDK IR by Alexander Beaumont
Relations	■ States & Inter	State & International Actors by Jacklin and Rhys
	■ Debating IR R…	Debating IR using IR Theories by Prashasti Saxena
	■ 9. Internationa	International Relations by Asif Mehedi Adi
	■ BDC Digital A	International Relations by Mastura Tasnim
	■ MAD Training	International Relation by Andrew Moore
	Applying Reali	Applying Realism to IR Debates by Avash
	Analyzing Prot	Analyzing Protracted Crisis by Giano Libot
	■ BDC Digital A	Development & Institutions by Yasin Shafi
	■ International	International Relations by Raffy and Ilija
	■ Workshop: Int…	International Relations by Milos Marjanovic
	□ Intro to Intern	Intro International Relations by Megan and Thomas
	■ International	International Relations for Novice by Ayal and Tin
	■ International I…	International Institutions by Milos Marjanovic
International	□ ISRAEL BY H	Israel by Hadar Goldberg
Actors	■ Africa is Not a	Africa is Not a Country by Francois Brit
	■ Aigerim Shad	Kazakhstan 101 by Aigerim Shadeyeva
	■ MAD Training	International Relations Asia by Monash Debaters
	■ Middle East p…	Middle East Politics by Ron Leizrowice
	■ Eurozone Cris	Eurozone Crisis by Ron Leizrowice
	■ Inkar Aitkuzhi	Trade in Central Asia by Inkar Aitkuzhina
	■ BDC Digital A…	US Politics by Ratib Ali
	■ Nepali Politics	Nepali Politics by Pawan Adhikari
	■ Indo-Pakistani	Indo-Pakistani Relations by Azraf and Kelly
	■ Europe IR Lec	Europe IR by Juliette Reyes
	■ Middle East I…	Middle East IR by Thomas and Mai
	■ Topic Area Le…	Africa by Mai and Kelly
	■ MAD Training 2…	Australian Politics by Monash Debaters
	Debating Chin	Debating China by Brian Wong
	Debating Lati	Debating Latin America by Sebastian Dasso
	Making sense	The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict by Ayal Hayut-man
	■ Islamic terrori	Islamic Terrorism by Ameera Natasha Moore
	Making sense	Making Sense of Turkey by Melda Eren
	Understandin	Far-right Populism in Europe by Daan Welling
	Yugoslavia – a	Yugoslavia with Ilija Ivanišević
	Raffy Marshall	Gangster State Putin's Russia by Raffy Marshall



Social, Moral, and Religious

Cluster	Link	Titles
Social Justice	■ Enting Lee - S	Social Justice Debates by Enting Lee
and Movements	Social Justice	Social Justice by Srijan Poudel
	■ 7. Social Mov	Social Movements by Amrit Agastia
	Sharmila Par	Feminist Debates on Choice by Sharmila
	■ Intro to Gende	Intro to Gender Debates by Sharmila Parmanand
	Debating femi	Debating Feminism by Marta Vasic
	□ IWDC 2020	Extensions in Feminism Debates by Vedika Walia
	Debate works	Social Movements by Miloš Marjanović
	■ Social Movem	Social Movements by Jacklin and Lucie
	□ Anna-Ruth Co	Disability by Anna-Ruth Cockerham
	■ Workshop: So…	Social movements by Brian Wong
	Liberation mo	Movements/Identity Politics by Lucia and Sharmila
	Prep time and	Social Movements by Sharmila and Lucia
	MAD Training	LGBTIQA + by Monash Debaters
	Feminism Chat	Feminism Chat by Sharmila Parmanand
	■ Intersectionali	Intersectionalising Your Debating by Nish Hegde
	Feminism and	Feminism and Social Justice by Dee Courtney
	■ Brian Wong: S…	Sex, Gender, and Queerness by Brian Wong
Philosophy	Animal Rights	Animal Rights by Parth Maniktala
	■ Brian Wong	Moral Philosophy by Brian Wong
	■ POLITICAL P	Political Philosophy by Brian Wong
	Moral philoso	Moral Philosophy by Milos Marjanovic
	Principles and	Principles and Philosophy by Shruti Debt
	□ Common Prin	Common Principled Arguments by Lucie and Rhys
	■ MAD Training	Theories of Change by Monash Debaters
	■ BDC Digital A	Morality by Jubayer Ibn Hamid
	■ Workshop: Pri…	Principles by Sharmila Parmanand
	Debating Righ	Debating Rights by Daan Welling
Religion	Hamza Tariq	Debating Religion by Hamza Tariq Chaudhry
	Religion by N	Religion by Naomi Panovka
	Monica Forma	Debating Religion by Monica Forman
	Debating and	Debating and Analysing Religion by Benji Kalman
Psychology	□ Individuals, Ps	Psychology/Narratives by Jacklin and Lucie
	Psychological	Psychological Argumentation by Roy Schulman



Crime and Punishment

Cluster		Link	Titles
Law	and	■ Law & Crimin	Law & Criminal Justice by Lucie and Rhys
Justice		■ BDC Digital A…	Criminal Justice System by Mubarrat Wassey
		Criminal Justi	Criminal Justice by Elina Amurlayeva
		Criminal Justi	Criminal Justice by Rachana Nagaraj
		■ Jason Xiao - I…	International Law by Jason Xiao
		■ 8. Law and Or	Law and Order by Madi Bosler
		■ Jessica Musul	Legal Principles by Jessica Musulin
		■ MAD Training	US Supreme Court by Monash Debaters
		Duncan Crow	Debating Law by Duncan Crowe

Culture, Education, and Sports

Cluster	Link	Titles
Art	Debating Art	Debating Art by Lucie and Rhys
	■ Art and Cultur	Art and Culture by Enting Lee
	■ Ron Leizrowic…	Art through Lenses by Ron Leizrowice
Sports	■ Sport Debate	Sport Debates by Jessica Musulin
	□ Sports Aren't	Sports Aren't Low Impact by Brent Schmidt
Education	■ Education by	Education by Xiao Ke Lu
	■ Georgia Chah…	Think of the Children by Georgia Chahoud

Health, Science, and Technology

Cluster	Link	Titles
Technology	■ Media by Klau…	Media by Klaudia Maciejewska
	■ MS CHARITY	The Cyber Discourse by Devi Salsabila
	□ SOCIAL MEDI	Social Media Issues by Jessica Musulin
	■ Understandin	Understanding Intellectual Property by Devashish
	■ Big Tech by K	Big Tech by Karthik Bansal
	■ BDC Digital A	Big Tech by Anonymous
	Artificial Intelli	Artificial Intelligence by Artem Sviridov
	■ Blockchain Te…	Blockchain Technology by Nicolas Lozano
	■ BDC Digital A	Social Media and Its Discourse by Fardeen Ameen
	■ Rage Against	Debating Technology by Monica Forman



External Sources

Reading List

Title	Link	Description
Eh Priori	Eh Priori	A blog started by two Singaporian debaters about their thoughts on British Parliamentary Debate. Entries cover a range of topics, for instance self-improvement strategies and strategies for certain positions.
Trolley Problem	Trolley Problem	A blog with lots of excellent advice on improving as a debater and meta-debate discussions. Entries include observations, thought experiments, and personal opinions about debating.

YouTube Channels

Cluster	Link	Titles
Debate	MAD	Monash Association of Debaters
Societies	HHDC	Hart House Debating Club
	<u>MDU</u>	Manchester Debating Union
	<u>ADU</u>	Astana Debate Union
	<u>KCDS</u>	Kinnaird College Debating Society
	<u>PDU</u>	Phillipine Debating Union
	<u>MDU</u>	McGill Debating Union
	<u>USUDS</u>	University of Sydney Union Debating Society
	<u>OU</u>	Oxford Union
	CU	Cambridge Union
Debate	<u>Digital Matter Files</u>	Digital Matter Files
Organizations	European DTP	European Debate Training Platform
	Zagreb SDF	Zagreb Student Debate Forum
	Australasian DTP	Australasian Debate Training Platform
	Channel KIDA	Korea Intervarsity Debate Association
	Bangladesh DC	Bangladesh Debating Council
	CUSID	Canadian University Society for Intercol. Debating
	<u>Debateable</u>	Debateable
Debate	Madrid EUDC 2021	Madrid EUDC 2021
Tournaments	Madrid WUDC 2023	Madrid EUDC 2023
	HWS Round Robin	Hobart and William Smith Colleges Round Robin



Templates

Title	Link	Description
Speaks Tracker Template	Speaks Track	A fantastic tournament result tracker made by the Manchester Debating Union. In terms of the 'Team Points', which represents room difficulty, one needs to begin at 'Round 1' and then one receives +1 for 1st, 0 for 2nd, -1 for 3rd, and -2 for 4th.
Casefile Template	■ Casefile Temp	Most in-person tournaments permit debaters to have a spec file, which is what this document helps one prepare. It goes through the steps and has a list of recommended topic areas. Created by: Daire Courtney

Podcasts

Title		Link	Description
This	House	This House Would	A podcast made by debaters for debaters that aims
Would		Podcast	to increase the accessibility of debate-related
Podcast			information. Includes three series titled 'Debate
			101', 'This House Debates', and 'On That!'

Book List

Title	Link	Description
Reading	Reading	A reading list kindly provided by a debater that
Suggestions	<u>Suggestions</u>	includes a broad range of topics such as economics and political philosophy.



Information Repositories

Title	Link	Description
Debate Resources Compilation	■ Debate Resou	This is probably the most expansive collection of debate seminars. It contains all elements of debate, whether it be fundamentals, knowledge, judging, or self-improvement, and is neatly organized as such. Compiled by: Brylle Abella
Open British Parliamentary Debate Resources	⊕ Open BP Deb	A repository that focuses more on accumulating stellar debate speakers, teams, and rounds to watch for improvement. Also contains a concise list of some seminars and personal improvement techniques. Compiled by: Robert Hockema
Hello Motions	<u>Debating Motions</u>	The treasure trove of debate motions. Very user friendly as there is a search bar to look for specific motions and motion types. A motion spreadsheet is also available in the 'About' section of the website.
Global Debating Spreadsheet	1 2021 Global D	A spreadsheet that tracks tournaments worldwide, which is a convenient alternative to scouring Facebook. Additionally, has past and ongoing tournament tabulations. Created by: Senkai Hsia
IDebate Debatabase	IDEA)	Similar to other pro and con documents, this website has roughly 1500 topics covered. Each debate is neatly categorized in its respective topic area.
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy	Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy	A free to use encyclopedia on all things philosophy. Has a search bar and dropdown menu to help find specific topics or theories.
Toronto Debate Academy Resources	Resources – Toronto Debate Academy	A resource page that has plenty of introductory documents. Includes basic debate skills such as note taking in addition to debate fundamentals. Created by: Toronto Debate Academy
Debater's Glossary	■ Debater's Glo	Resource that has a list of over 100 terms commonly used in debate and specifically British Parliamentary. Compiled by: John
Debating's Online Universe	■ Debating's On	Tracks different Facebook groups related to debate with the exception of Debate Seriousposting, the main group for information sharing. Includes societies, serious pages, and fun communities. Compiled by: Hassan Aftab