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Media kit

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences Media Kit

May 30, 2015

Dear member of the media:

Welcome to the **2015 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences**, the premier event for Canada's scholarly community.

This year, Congress runs from **Saturday, May 30 to Friday, June 5, 2015** and is being hosted by the University of Ottawa, in the National Capital Region.

This year's theme, "*Capital Ideas*," will underpin thousands of presentations, panels, keynotes and other events taking place over seven days.

The program has been put together by approximately 70 scholarly associations who meet under the umbrella of Congress, the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the host university, and all of their partners.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Federation's media team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nicola Katz'.

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KEY DETAILS

Location

- [University of Ottawa](#) — Ottawa, Ontario

Date and hours

- May 30 to June 5, 2015
- 8:00 am until evening each day
- Dates, locations and times of individual events are in the [online calendar of events](#) and the onsite *Congress Guide*—available to media in the Media Room—to assist you in planning your attendance.

Media Room

- Location: Lab 142, Montpetit Hall, 125 University Private
- Hours: May 30 – June 5, open daily 9:00 – 17:00
- Media services include: a private interview room with phone line and Skype, computers, access to a database of researchers and abstracts, and staff and volunteers to assist media each day.

Accreditation

- Request accreditation via our online form at www.congress2015.ca/media. Accreditation provides access to all Congress sessions, special events, and the onsite Media Room.

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LOGISTICS

Internet access

- Wireless Internet can be accessed through most buildings on campus. Wireless Internet will be available to all attendees in most classrooms and common spaces.
- Certain outdoor areas have limited Wi-Fi access.
- Wired Internet available in the Media Room.
- Network Name: Congres2015-Congress2015
- Password: none required

Registration

Members of the media can register their attendance in the Media Room and DO NOT need to go to the general Registration Desk.

Hours

May 30 to June 5 9:00 to 17:00

Website

www.congress2015.ca

The website is a one-stop shop for news and information.

A mobile version will automatically load when accessed from a tablet or handheld device.

Program

For more information on the events and sessions at Congress, including up-to-the-minute changes, we recommend that you visit www.congress2015.ca/program.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- **About Congress:** The Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest multidisciplinary academic gathering in Canada. Indeed, it is one of the largest such gatherings in the world.
- **Organization:** Congress 2015 is organized by the [Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and is now in its 84th year.
- **Theme:** This year's theme is "*Capital Ideas*"
- **Participants:** over 8,000 researchers and graduate students and approximately 70 academic associations from across Canada.
- **Location:** Congress 2015 is hosted by the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario from May 30 to June 5, 2015.
- **uOttawa leadership:** The 2015 Congress Academic Convenor is [Ruby Heap](#), Full Professor, Department of History, and Associate Vice-President, Research, University of Ottawa.
- **Past and future:**
 - Last year, [Congress 2014](#) was hosted by Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, around the theme "Borders without Boundaries".
 - Next year, [Congress 2016](#) is being hosted by the [University of Calgary](#) in Calgary, Alberta, from May 28 to June 3, 2016, around the theme "*Energizing communities*".

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND PANELS

Main activities include:

- Lecture series (called [Big Thinking](#))
- Career workshops ([Career Corner](#))
- University programming ([Interdisciplinary symposia](#))
- Association meetings (during which researchers present papers)
- Keynote addresses
- Panel sessions
- [Cultural events](#)

BIG THINKING SPEAKER SERIES:

The *Big Thinking* lectures take place in Jock-Turcot University Centre, the Social Sciences Building, and the Desmarais Building, and are open to the public and to the media.

- [Justice Murray Sinclair](#) - What do we do about the legacy of Indian residential schools? (May 30 – 12:15 to 13:15 – Jock-Turcot University Centre, Alumni Auditorium)
- [Joseph Yvon Thériault, FRSC](#) - Whither Francophone cultures in America? (May 31– 12:15 to 13:15 – Social Sciences FSS/4007)
- [Monique Proulx](#) - Extremely vast and incredibly near: The inner world of Montreal (June 1– 12:15 to 13:15 - Social Sciences FSS/4007)
- [His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada](#) - Innovation in learning (June 1 – 14:00 to 15:00 – Desmarais DMS 4101)
- [Azar Nafisi](#) - Humanities and the future of democracies (June 2– 12:15 to 13:15 – Jock-Turcot University Centre, Alumni Auditorium)
- [Thomas Faist & Irene Bloemraad](#) - Integration and citizenship in North America and Europe: Different paths, similar outcomes? (June 3– 12:15 to 13:15 - Social Sciences FSS/4007)
- [Jean Leclair](#) - Imagining Canada in a disenchanted world (June 4– 12:15 to 13:15 - Social Sciences FSS/4007)

UOTTAWA INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIA SERIES:

- [Making change: Research, policy, practice](#) (May 31 - 13:00 to 16:00 – Desmarais DMS/12110)
- [When data meets the soul of culture](#) (June 1 – 13:00 to 16:00 – Desmarais DMS/12102)
- [Global shifts and Canada's international policy](#) (June 2 – 13:00 to 16:30 - Desmarais DMS/1110)
- [Technological unemployment and the future of work](#) (June 3 – 8:30 to 12:00 - Desmarais DMS/12102)

- [Promoting children's rights and resilience: An interdisciplinary perspective](#) (June 3 – 13:00 to 16:00 - Desmarais DMS/12110)
- [Corporate governance and sustainable development](#) (June 4 – 9:00 to 12:00 - Desmarais DMS/12110)
- [Climate change policies for a low carbon economy](#) (June 4 – 13:00 to 17:00 - Desmarais DMS/12102)

NOTABLE FEDERATION-LED EVENTS:

- **Opening reception** — (May 29 – 17:00 to 19:00 - Tabaret, Huguette Labelle Hall (112))
- [Reconciliation and the Academy: Building a social movement](#) (May 30 – 13:30 to 15:00 – Jock-Turcot University Centre/Terminus)
- [The future now: Canada's libraries, archives, and public memory](#) (June 1 – 9:00 to 10:20 – ART/257)
- [On the Move: Temporary foreign worker policy in Canada](#) (June 2 – 19:30 to 21:30 – Desmarais DMS/12102)
- [Advocating for the social sciences and humanities: Lessons from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States](#) (June 3 – 14:00 to 15:00 – Congress Hub, East Expo Event Space)
- [The future of multiculturalism: Sociological perspectives](#) (June 4 – 17:15 to 18:45 – Fauteux FTX/351)
- [Storytellers Competition](#) — Twenty-five finalists in The Storytellers Competition will deliver their three-minute research summaries to a panel of judges, who will select the Final Five Storytellers. Organized by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (June 1 – 10:00 to 12:00 – Congress Hub, East Expo Event Space).

ABOUT US

ABOUT THE CONGRESS OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Organized by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Congress is the largest interdisciplinary conference in Canada, and one of the largest in the world. Now in its 84th year, Congress brings together 70+ academic associations that represent a rich spectrum of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, including literature, history, theatre, film studies, education, music, sociology, geography, social work and many others. Congress 2015 is hosted by the University of Ottawa. For more information, visit www.congress2015.ca

ABOUT CAPITAL IDEAS

"Capital Ideas", the University of Ottawa's theme for Congress 2015, invites us to reflect on the power of ideas: ideas captivate our hearts and minds; ideas connect people and ignite discussions and debates; ideas create knowledge and spark discoveries. Ideas represent an invaluable currency capable of changing our lives and our world. We thus expect Congress 2015 to be an exciting intellectual hub where ideas will be expressed, shared and implemented! The theme also relates to the location of this year's Congress host in the national capital. As the seat of our federal government and of several national agencies, as the home of embassies and of a large number of international organizations, Ottawa boasts a unique environment rooted in the confluence of people and the intersection of ideas from all over the world. This promotes a rich diversity of perspectives and research activities; one significant area of interest is public policy, and it is our hope that Congress 2015 will generate stimulating exchanges on the links between research, policy and society.

ABOUT THE FEDERATION

The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences promotes research, learning and an understanding of the contributions made by the humanities and the social sciences towards a free and democratic society. Established in 1940, with a membership now comprising 160+ universities, colleges and scholarly associations, the Federation represents a diverse community of 85,000 researchers and graduate students across Canada. The Federation organizes Canada's largest academic gathering, the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, bringing together more than 8,000 participants each year. For more information about the Federation, visit www.ideas-idees.ca.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA—A CROSSROADS OF CULTURES AND IDEAS

The University of Ottawa is home to over 50,000 students, faculty and staff, who live, work and study in both French and English. Our campus is a crossroads of cultures and ideas, where bold minds come together to inspire game-changing ideas. We are one of Canada's top 10 research universities—our professors and researchers explore new approaches to today's challenges. One of a handful of Canadian universities ranked among the top 200 in the world, we attract exceptional thinkers and welcome diverse perspectives from across the globe. For more information, visit www.uottawa.ca.