



## **MEDIA GUIDE TO CONGRESS**

The largest and most respected multi-disciplinary gathering of researchers in North America, the 78<sup>th</sup> annual **Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences** takes place from **May 23 to May 31** at Carleton University in Ottawa. More than 8,000 delegates to the knowledge society –public intellectuals, authors, artists, researchers, scholars and students– from Canada and around the world will present groundbreaking research on the theme **Capital Connections: nation, terroir, territoire**. Formerly known as “The Learned,” the Congress has been held annually since 1931.

### **Media Opportunities at Congress- Selected Sessions**

With over 4,000 sessions, Congress offers limitless opportunities for interviews, profiles and in-depth features on the issues that dominate Canadian society.

#### **Environment**

- Do Environmental Disasters Benefit Green parties? Findings from a Multilevel Analysis
- Living Better, living local: Considering the global hidden in sustainable living
- Don't Blame Harper: International Trade and the Ongoing Irrelevance of Sub-Federal Civil Society in Canada

#### **Immigration**

- Shaping a Just Society: Recreating Racism Using Canadian Human Rights Policies
- Every time I Fall in Love, I Fall in Love with You: Monogamous Citizenship and Canadian Immigration Policy
- Healthy Immigrants or Downtrodden Workers? Employment and Health after Migrating to Canada
- First Generation Immigrants & the Challenge of Volunteering with Mainstream Organizations

#### **Education**

- Technology as a Motivational Tool in Today's Physical Education Classroom
- The Yes Men in the Classroom: Satire, Convergence, and Critical Thinking
- Is the University Campus “Private Territory”?

#### **Aboriginal Peoples**

- Indigenous Peoples and Neoliberal “Privatization”: Opportunities, cautions and constraints
- Gambler Myths in Indigenous Traditions and Popular Culture
- Death Worlds Where Bad Things Happen: Contemporary Settler Violence Against Aboriginal Peoples

#### **Health Issues**

- Globalization of Health Labour: The Canadian Experience in Context
- Revisiting the Public-Private Divide: Private Benefits and the Inception of Public Health Insurance and Pensions in Canada
- FluTube: Constructing Health-related Knowledge

#### **Politics**

- Minority-Majority Relations in Canada: Positive and Negative Contact and Its Consequences for Canadian Democracy
- The Opportunities and Fallibilities of Political Marketing: A Canadian Perspective
- Obama and World-Making: Art, Language, and Leadership- Imagery as Constitutive of Political Action

## Current Issues

- Shrinking market: What has happened to local television in Canada?
- Building World City Human Resources in Vancouver, and the 2010 Olympic games
- In and Out of Work in the Grim Economy
- A funny thing happened on the road to Kandahar: Harper, Manley and the hijacking of the Canadian foreign policy agenda.
- Why is Canada so Corrupt?
- Holy Homophobia: Doctrinal disciplining of Non-Heterosexuals in Canadian Catholic Schools

## Culture- Popular Media and Internet

- Pink and Purple: Miley, Britney, Paris, Lindsay: What about me?
- Palin, Parody and Performance
- It's Funny Because it's 'True': The Discursive Value of Jokes and Comic Rationality
- Picture Taking as Social Action: Power, Pleasure and New Media
- Facebook as a Form of Professional Development
- Whiteness and Racialization in a Web 2.0 World: How is user-generated Content Re/producing Racialized Discourses?
- The Internet, Media Use and Youth Political Participation and Political Knowledge
- Citizen Journalism: A Promise or a Threat to Pedagogy
- Fairy tale Ending: transformation and Conformity in Reality Television

## Highly Acclaimed Speakers & Scholars from Canada and Abroad

**Drew Hayden Taylor**, author, playwright and humourist

**Susan Ormiston**, CBC journalist & **Jennifer Corriero**, founder of TakingITGlobal

**David Foot**, professor of Economics at the University of Toronto and author of Boom, Bust, Echo

**Joseph Yvon Thériault**, sociology professor and Trudeau Fellow

**Rosalie Abella**, Supreme Court Justice and human rights law expert

**Siila Watt-Cloutier**, world leader on global climate change and human rights

**John Ralston Saul**, essayist, novelist and Canadian leading voice for Canada's Arctic

**Roseann Runte**, FRSC, president of Carleton University and author in poetry and cultural studies

**Douglas Cardinal**, FRSC, Architect famous for work influenced by Aboriginal heritage and European Expressionist architecture

**Will Kymlicka**, FRSC, Philosophy professor and Canada Research Chair at Queen's University

**Elizabeth Hay**, novelist, Marian Engle Award and Scotiabank Giller Prize recipient

## Media Accreditation

Media accreditation at Congress assures entry to all sessions, special events, and private receptions as well as access to the fully-staffed Press Room on site. Please complete a Media Accreditation form which is available through the website at [www.fedcan.ca/congress2009](http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2009)

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