NACS-XIV 2025 Canadian Studies Conference



Aarhus University, 13-15 August 2025

Preliminary Conference Programme – changes possible

Wednesday,	Conference Registration and Opening Reception (16:00-18:00,
13 August	Vandrehallen, Aarhus University)
	Introductory Remarks
	Janne Korkka (President, NACS)
	 Anna Branach-Kallas (President, ICCS)
	Aarhus University representative
	Canadian Embassy greetings
Thursday, 14 August	09:00-10:30 (panels 1-3)
117105030	Panel 1 (Building; Chair:)
	Across Arctic America: Knud Rasmussen's Inuit Imaginary (Smaro Kamboureli)
	Theorizing the Canada-US Border: The (Trans)national Dimensions of <i>Camp Zero</i> (Jennifer Andrews)
	Whaling and the Ecological Imagination in Atlantic Canadian Literature (Adam Beardsworth)
	Panel 2 (Building; Chair:)
	Policy, Laws, and Preservation: Safeguarding Indigenous Languages in the Canadian Arctic (Tomasz Soroka)

Narratives of Displacement and Trauma: The Tuberculosis Epidemic among the Inuit of Nunavik the 1940s-50s (Ebba Olofsson)

Migration, Cultural Identity and Music: The Toronto Alevi Community (Ayhan Erol)

Panel 3 (Building; Chair:)

Communists? Anti-Fascists? Idealists?: Remembering Canadians in the Spanish Civil War (Anna Branach-Kallas)

Canada-US Border after Trump (Emily Gilbert)

The Aporetic Condition in Canadian Public Policy: Cultural Resurgence and Ecological Transition (John Bessai) OR Digital Storytelling and National Identity: The Role of Public Engagement in Canadian Media (John Bessai)

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-12:15 (panels 4-6)

Panel 4 (Building; Chair:)

Human/Nature Relations in Canadian Narratives (Jonas Kristensen)

Unstable Spaces in Canadian writing (Janne Korkka)

Apples, Bears, Canada: Images and Representations of the "Frozen North" in Trinidadian East Indian Literature (Roxana Elena Doncu)

Panel 5 (Building; Chair:)

Intergenerational and Diversity: How Does the Cooperative Mutual Support Model (MICAM) Forge Links within Quebec Society? (Marie-Laure Dioh, Lucille Guilbert, Jean Ramdé, Jacqueline Breugnot et Laurie Arsenault-Paré)

Rethinking Citizenship (Linda Morra)

Panel 6 (Building; Chair:)

"In the eddies of your passing": Transcorporeal Experience in the Poetry of Christopher Dewdney and Rebecca Elson (Octavian More)

The Sense of Belonging and Cosmopolitan Values in *The Nightingale Won't Let You Sleep* (Tanja Cvetković)

12:15-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-14:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Rob Zacharias, York University, Toronto

Address title: TBA

14:00-14:15 BREAK

14:15-15:45 (panels 7-9)

Panel 7 (Building; Chair:)

"What kind of an Indian are you?": Growing Up Native in Canada If You Do Not Look It as Reflected in the play *Café Daughter* by Kenneth T. Williams (Albert Rau)

Remixing Pulp Fiction: Canadian Indigenous Poet Jordan Abel's *Injun* Unsettling Settler Colonial Literary Formulas (Kristina Aurylaitė)

Age of Minority? Queer Communities and Disobedience in Jordan Tannahill's Plays (Mateusz Kucab)

Panel 8 (Building; Chair:)

The Linguistic Landscape of Gimli, Manitoba (Kristín Margrét Jóhannsdóttir)

The Surname and Family Signet Ring: In Search for Peter Gzowski's Polishness (Jolanta Szymkowska-Bartyzel)

Threads of Identity: Text and Photography in Rita Leistner's Genealogical Journey (Kalina Kukielko, Krzysztof Tomanek)

16:00 – 17:30 NACS General Meeting (1481-231, Nobelparken)

Conference Dinner, 18:00 – 23.00 (Stakladen, Studenterhus, Aarhus University)

Friday, 15 August

09:00-10:30 (panels 9-11)

Panel 9 (Building; Chair:)

Beyond the Olympic Modality: Collective Identity-building at the Arctic Winter Games (Robert C. Thomsen)

Canoeing through Erasure: Race and Nature on a Fur Trade Route (Jacqueline L. Scott)

Festivity as Cultural Arena: Producing an Image of Acadie (Christina Keppie)

Panel 10 (Building; Chair:)

The Symbolism of the Garden in Post-Apocalyptic Literature from Quebec (Isabelle Fournier)

Political Demonstrations in Québec in Keefer's Version of Eliot's "Waste Land" (Britta Olinder)

Reimagining Home: Fictional Portrayals of the Lockdown Experience (Yvonne Völkl & Elisabeth Hobisch)

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-12:15 (panels 12-14)

Panel 11 (Building; Chair:)

Diversifying the White Settler Canon of Early Canadian Literature with African Perspectives (Shoshannah Ganz)

Nature, Self, and the Beyond: An Ecosophical Reading of Jane Urquhart's *Changing Heaven* (Gertrud Szamosi)

Whose reality? Pretendians and *Real Ones: A Novel* (Kamelia Talebian Sedehi)

Panel 12 (Building; Chair:)

The Complexity of Inuit Art which Became the National Art of Canada (Marilena Drăcea-Chelsoi)

Affects and Effects of Indigenous Artivism (Martina Horakova)

Métis Identities: Recounting Complex, Contested, and Counterfeited Existences (Jennifer Adese, Jennifer Markides, Angie Tucker)

Panel 13 (Building; Chair:)

Cultivating Community: Garden River First Nation's Agricultural Fall Fairs c.1917 - 1950s (Karl Hele)

Northern Viticulture and Fermentation: Climate Action, Intangible Cultural Heritage, and Emerging Terroirs (Vanessa Ferey)

12:15-13:15 LUNCH

13:15-14:45 (panels 15-16)

Panel 14 (Building; Chair:)

From Oar to Loom: Adaptation Categories in Margaret Atwood's *The Penelopiad* (Katja Težak)

Bivouac (2021) by Gabrielle Filteau-Chiba: The Twists and Turns of Ecorevolution (Steven Urquhart)

Temporary Fixes on the World: Tamas Dobozy, Stasio (2024) (Éva Zsizsmann)

Panel 15 (Building; Chair:)

"Count me in!" A Re-Examination of Contemporary Youth Politics in Canada (Aly Tkachenko)

"You are constantly feeling guilty": Gendered Family-life and Career Trajectories of Academics in Iceland and Western Canada (Andrea Hjálmsdóttir, Laura L.C. Landertinger, Helga Kristín Hallgrímsdóttir, Þorgerður Einarsdóttir, University of Iceland)

Towards First Nation Control of Child and Family Services in Ontario: Temporalities of Structural Change (Hanna Rask)

15:00-15:15 Closing Remarks

Abstracts (in alphabetical order, by last name)