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Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences Media Kit

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Dear member of the media:

Welcome to the **2016 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences**, the premier event for Canada's scholarly community.

This year, Congress runs from **Saturday, May 28 to Friday, June 3, 2016** and is being hosted by the University of Calgary, in the foothills of the Rockies.

This year's theme "Energizing communities" underpins over 5,000 presentations, panels, keynotes and other events taking place over seven days.

The program has been put together by 73 scholarly associations who meet under the umbrella of Congress, organized by 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 me.

Sincerely,



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KEY DETAILS

Location

- [University of Calgary](#) — Calgary, Alberta

Date and hours

- May 28 to June 3, 2016
- 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: Kinesiology B 130, 376 Collegiate Boulevard
- Hours: May 28– June 3, 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.congress2016.ca/media. Accreditation provides access to all Congress sessions, special events, and the onsite Media Room.

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LOGISTICS

Internet access

Network name: Congress2016

Password: none required

Note: Once connected to the network, open a browser window. You will be directed to a registration page where you must accept the campus “Terms of Usage” policy before being granted access to the internet.

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 28 to June 3 9:00 to 17:00

Website

www.congress2016.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.congress2016.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 2016 is organized by the [Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and is now in its 85th year.
- **Theme:** This year’s theme is “Energizing communities”
- **Participants:** over 8,000 researchers and graduate students and 73 academic associations from across Canada.
- **Location:** Congress 2016 is hosted by the [University of Calgary](#) in Alberta from May 28 to June 3, 2016.
- **UCalgary leadership:** The 2016 Congress Academic Convenor is [Bart Beaty](#), Professor, Department of English, University of Calgary.

- **Past and future:**
 - Last year, [Congress 2015](#) was hosted by the University of Ottawa, Ontario, around the theme “Capital Ideas.”
 - Next year, [Congress 2017](#) (website launching soon) is being hosted by [Ryerson University](#) in Toronto, Ontario, from May 27 to June 2, 2017, around the theme “From Far and Wide: The Next 150.”

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND PANELS

Main activities include:

- Public lecture series (called [Big Thinking](#))
- Career workshops ([Career Corner](#))
- UCalgary programming and cultural events ([Interdisciplinary symposia and cultural events](#))
- Association meetings (during which researchers present papers)
- Public keynote addresses and panels

BIG THINKING SPEAKER SERIES:

The *Big Thinking* lectures take place in the Rozsa Centre – Eckhardt Gramatté Hall and are open to the public and to the media.

- [His Worship Naheed Nenshi](#) – **The power of change: Leadership, community and resiliency** (May 28 - 12:15 - 13:15 - Rozsa Centre, Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)
- [Naomi Klein](#) – **This changes everything: Capitalism vs. the climate** (May 29 - 12:15 - 13:15, Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)
- [The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin](#) – **The rule of law in a multicultural society** (May 30 - 12:15 - 13:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)
- [Chantal Hébert](#) – **Losing the thread of the conversation: Covering Canadian politics in the social media era** (May 31 - 12:15 - 13:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)
- [Leroy Little Bear](#) – **Big Thinking and rethinking: Blackfoot metaphysics 'waiting in the wings'** (June 1 - 12:15 - 13:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)
- [Jennifer Clapp](#) – **Navigating the global food fight: Trade, food security and the battle for policy space** (June 2 - 12:15 - 13:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)

UCALGARY PROGRAMMING

Interdisciplinary symposia

Building A2SJ: An interdisciplinary conversation about problems and solutions

(May 28 - 08:30 - 17:00 - Taylor Institute - 160)

Compassion under contemporary conditions: Keynote with Margaret Atwood; panels with scholars and community leaders

(May 29 - 10:00 - 16:00 - MacEwan Hall A/B 10:00-12:00; Taylor Institute 110 - 12:00 -16:00)

Energizing by design: Examining how design-based research is transforming the built environment

(May 30 - 08:00 - 19:00 - Bus pick-up point: Hotel Alma at 08:30)

Energizing communities for change = Mobilizing our graduate students for diverse careers

(May 31 - 09:00 - 16:00 - TFDL – Gallery Hall)

Spaces of gender and sexual security

(June 1 - 08:00 - 16:00 - TFDL - Gallery Hall)

Energizing cities: The role and future of community associations

(June 2 - 15:00 - 16:30 - Ground Floor - University of Calgary Downtown Campus, 906 – 8th Avenue SW)

Cultural events

The Container (Drama)

(May 28 - 14:00 - 14:45 - Reeve Theatre - Secondary - 128)

(May 29 - 11:00 - 11:45 - Reeve Theatre - Secondary - 128)

Pseudolus – A Comedy by Plautus (Drama)

(May 28 - 19:00 - 20:30 – Foothills Stadium)

(May 29 - 19:00 - 20:30 - Foothills Stadium)

All Good Things (Drama)

(May 31 - 13:00 - 13:45 - Craigie Hall - F101 - Matthews Theatre)

(May 31 - 14:00 - 14:45 - Craigie Hall - F101 - Matthews Theatre)

Time (Dance)

(May 30 - 19:00 - 20:00 - Craigie Hall - G100 - University Theatre)

(May 31 - 19:00 - 20:00 - Craigie Hall - G100 - University Theatre)

(June 1 - 14:00 - 15:00 - Craigie Hall - G100 - University Theatre)

(June 2 - 14:00 - 15:00 - Craigie Hall - G100 - University Theatre)

The UCalgary Klezmer Band (Music)

(May 30 - 20:00 - 21:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)

Neil Cockburn, Laura Hynes and the UCalgary String Quartet (Music)

(May 31 - 20:00 - 21:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)

Big Head/Small Neck (Danse)

(June 1 - 12:30 - 13:30 - Taylor Family Digital Library – Nickle Galleries)

Sonic Horizons: New music from the University of Calgary (Music)

(June 1 - 20:00 - 21:15 - Rozsa Centre - Eckhardt Gramatté Hall)

NOTABLE FEDERATION CO-SPONSORED EVENTS:

- **Opening reception** (May 27 – 18:00 to 20:00 - Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning - Main Foyer)
- **Barista or better? Where will a university or college degree take you?** (May 28 – 13:45 to 14:45 – Congress Hub, Main Expo Event Space)
- **The future of end-of-life decision making in Canada** (May 29 – 14:00 to 15:00 - Congress Hub, Main Expo Event Space)
- **In conversation with the 2016 Canada Prizes winners** (May 29 – 15:45 to 17:00 - Congress Hub, Main Expo Event Space)
- **Storytellers Competition** — Organized by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (May 30 – 10:00 to 12:00 – Congress Hub, Main Expo Event Space)
- **Resource development and northern communities: New relationships and new possibilities** (May 31 – 13:30 to 15:30 – Science Theatre 148)
- **Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future** – a public forum on reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples (June 1 – 09:00 to 12:00 – Taylor Institute 160)

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 85th 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 2016 is hosted by the University of Calgary. For more information, visit www.congress2016.ca.

ABOUT “ENERGIZING COMMUNITIES”

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of Calgary, the Congress 2016 theme “Energizing communities” reflects the university’s commitment to community engagement at local, regional, national and transnational levels. This commitment is rooted in the belief that knowledge and understanding are created through associations of shared values, grounded in respect for difference and diversity among all peoples, from First Nations to new Canadians. Universities serve not only their educational communities, but also those that support and drive fundamental questions beyond academia. As part of the host university’s leadership in connectivity, Congress 2016 will be a stimulating forum for scholarly engagement and will energize relationships across communities, leading to new connections, engagements and ultimately new ways of thinking.

ABOUT THE FEDERATION

The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences promotes research and teaching for the advancement of an inclusive, democratic and prosperous society. With a membership now comprising over 160 universities, colleges and scholarly associations, the Federation represents a diverse community of 91,000 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 CALGARY

The University of Calgary is a leading Canadian university located in the nation's most enterprising city. The University of Calgary is making tremendous progress on its journey to become one of Canada's top five research universities, where research and innovative teaching go hand in hand, and where it fully engages the communities it both serves and leads. This strategy is called *Eyes High*, inspired by the university's Gaelic motto, which translates as 'I will lift up my eyes.' For more information, visit www.ucalgary.ca.