



The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
and
The Israel Association for Canadian Studies

CALL FOR PAPERS
The 15th Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies
Jerusalem, Israel, 23-25 May 2016

Rethinking Diversity and Multiculturalism: Global and Local Challenges

Both Canada and Israel face the significant challenges of balancing liberal values and national interests with the highly diverse composition of their societies, which contain a broad range of religious, national, ethnic, linguistic and cultural minorities. The ethos of diversity and multiculturalism, considered in the last decades as holding great promise, has lost some of its allure, due to global events, economic pressures and concerns about long term effects for certain community members (such as women and children), inter-group relations and national unity. The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies and the Israel Association for Canadian Studies will hold a three-day conference at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to explore, from multi-disciplinary perspectives, the ways in which Canada and Israel cope with these challenges, within the following six subthemes:

- Constitutional and Legal Concerns
- Literature, the Arts and Identity
- Political Challenges in National and International Arenas
- Discourse, Communications and Media
- New Directions in Culture and Society
- Migration, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Confirmed keynote speakers for the conference are the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Prof. Ayelet Shachar and Prof. Stephen Toope; primary sectional speakers include Prof. Alain-G. Gagnon, Prof. Benson Honig, Prof. Smaro Kamborelou, and Prof. Val Napoleon.

The organizing committee welcomes relevant proposals in diverse fields such as:

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| • Political Science | • Urban & Regional Planning | • Law |
| • Economics | • Minority Studies | • History |
| • International Relations | • Cultural Studies | • Business/ Management/ Entrepreneurship |
| • Arts and Literature | • Human Rights | • Psychology |
| • Communications, Media & Journalism | • Education | • Social Work |
| • Geography | • Sociology and Anthropology | |

Panels and presentations must deal with the themes and topics with some Canadian content. Those interested in presenting relevant research are invited to submit a double-spaced 250-350 word abstract proposal (with title), and a short CV (one page). Complete panels, consisting of 3-4 paper proposals, with a more specific unifying theme, are welcome. Each proposal should specify the aspect/s of the theme addressed.

Abstracts in English or French should be sent by e-mail to the Conference Secretariat no later than **October 1, 2015**. All authors will be notified regarding the status of their abstract submission by December 31, 2015. All enquiries and submission of abstracts should be made to the Conference Secretariat.

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