

## CANADA SCRUTINIZED BY CANADIANISTS

The members of the Associations for Canadian Studies worldwide have been quite active over the last year, within their respective environment, as can be seen after reading the [Secretary's Report on Activities of Member Associations and Associate Members 2008](#) and the [Reports of the ICCS Member Associations and Associate Members](#) both of which can now be viewed online.

Of the numerous activities reported, several aspects of Canada were examined, from multiculturalism and immigration, to trade and economic development, to education and Native Peoples, and to Canada's intervention in Afghanistan. For example, the Association for Canadian Studies in United States (ACSUS) offered as usual a number of significant undertakings for Canada such as the [Fulbright-Enders Visiting Research Chair](#) designed to increase mutual understanding between Canada and United States, focusing mainly in the areas of energy and natural resources, trade and economic policy and provincial and economic development. Another important event was the *Canadian Leadership Orientation: Five Day Seminar in Canada for U.S. & Mexican MBA Students*, which took place in June in Montreal and resulted from a collaborative effort between University of Ottawa, the HEC (École des hautes études commerciales) in Montreal and the Canadian Embassies in Washington and Mexico.

Other projects from Canadianists that may be of relevance for Canada must be mentioned such as Mr. Grégoire Gayard Master's thesis entitled « *Le Canada et le passage du Nord-Ouest. La revendication de souveraineté canadienne: enjeux, contraintes et options d'Ottawa* » (Canada and the North West Passage. Canada's Claim to Sovereignty: Issues, Constraints and Options), which won a 2008 « Association française d'études canadiennes » (AFEC) award, as well as a number of conferences and panel discussions that targeted Canada's contribution in Afghanistan. On this latter, three events on Afghanistan took place last year; a conference was organized by the Russian Association for Canadian Studies on the economic, political and social dimensions of the reconstruction in Afghanistan; another conference was set up in Netherlands to compare the Canadian and Deutsch participations in Afghanistan, and a roundtable took place in Spain organized by the Spanish Association for Canadian Studies. These three events allowed a number of Canadianists to express their points of views on Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

Canada's multiethnic and cultural diversity were also examined in detail, since sixteen congresses, conferences and seminars from ICCS' members targeted that subject last year. Other activities went beyond than Social Sciences and tackled subjects such as health and environment; twelve Associations of Canadian Studies selected Canada's environment policy as the subject of various congresses, research programs and awards, conferences and seminars.

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