

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)

Call for Papers for the 2023 Annual Conference

“Reckonings and Re-Imaginings: Hungary, Hungarians, and the Quest for Justice”

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada invites proposals for individual papers, posters, roundtable discussions, workshops, complete panels, and other innovative presentations and sessions for our annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities hosted by York University in Toronto, Ontario, from May 30–June 1, 2023. As the conference will follow a hybrid format, we invite proposals for both in-person and virtual presentations. Please indicate in your proposal which presentation format you wish to be considered for.

Building on the Congress theme of “Reckonings and Re-Imaginings” and its target emphasis on the achievement of social equity and environmental sustainability, this year’s HSAC conference seeks proposals that thematize efforts to challenge injustice, as well as social systems that thwart human and environmental flourishing. This complex of themes opens the door to a wide range of topics from historical events and movements, to political, economic, legal, ethical, literary, journalistic, artistic and scientific responses to injustice and inequity. We also encourage proposals that consider the ways in which a more just and equitable future has been envisioned and imagined, a future in which social and environmental concerns take centre stage. All constructive considerations of these themes within the field of Hungarian studies writ large will be considered.

Although we strongly encourage proposals that speak to the conference theme, we will also consider proposals on any topic related to Hungary and Hungarian Studies. The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada also supports and encourages both creative and critical scholarly engagement within and across disciplines.

We especially encourage proposals from graduate students. In addition to offering modest funding to offset the costs of participation in the conference, HSAC will choose one graduate student presenter to receive Congress’s Graduate Merit Award. The award winner will be recognized publicly by Congress, and will receive a \$500 award.

Proposals should include a **maximum 300-word abstract and a brief 100-word bio that can be used to introduce the speaker**. Since both the abstract and the bio will be published online, they should be prepared in Word format using Times New Roman, 12-point font. **Abstracts should be sent electronically both** to the Chair of the Program Committee, Ginny Lewis (Ginny.Lewis@northern.edu), and to Agatha Schwartz (Agatha.Schwartz@uottawa.ca). Proposals are preferred in English or French but will also be accepted in Hungarian if an English language abstract is also provided.

Presentations at the conference are no longer than 20 minutes with an additional 5-10 minutes for discussion. **The deadline for submission is Monday, January 16th, 2023.** We will notify presenters of the Committee's decisions no later than March 15, 2023.

The HSAC Conference Program Committee is chaired by Ginny Lewis of Northern State University (Ginny.Lewis@northern.edu). The other members are:

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Congress 2023 Theme: *Reckonings and Re-Imaginations*.

"Drawing on the lessons of Black Lives Matter, Idle No More, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Congress 2023 will focus on new reckonings for how to live in non-hierarchical relationships that respect our human differences, while protecting the environment we depend on. This theme also reflects the vision of Associate Professor Andrea Davis, Academic Convenor for Congress 2023, and her collaboration with members of the York University community. Under the theme *Reckonings and Re-Imaginations*, Congress will honour Black and Indigenous knowledges and cultures, and centre the diverse voices and ideas of scholars, graduate students, policymakers and community members in vital conversations about the most pressing issues facing our world."

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