

## Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)

### Call for Papers for the 2016 Annual Conference

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC) is holding its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in conjunction with the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada at the University of Calgary May 28-30, 2016.

The Program Committee invites members of the Association and interested scholars to submit proposals for individual papers and panels of three papers. We especially encourage proposals that address the Congress theme “Energizing Communities” as it relates to Hungarian studies. According to the Congress call, the Congress theme “is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of Calgary,” and “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.”

Topics for papers and panels might include, but are certainly not limited to, the role that universities in Hungary (or Hungarians in universities) have played in creating, energizing, engaging, and/or sustaining “communities” of interest; the success and/or failure of Hungarian (or Canadian Hungarian) academics, educators, and leaders in creating communities of understanding rooted in shared values and respect for difference and diversity; or the contributions that individual Hungarians (artists, journalists, intellectuals, businesspeople, technicians, etc.) and Hungarian groups and institutions (theater groups, churches, cultural organizations, etc.) have made to “energizing” countries like Canada.

In addition, because 2016 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution, we also welcome proposals that address topics related in any way to the origins, events, aftermath, and legacy of 1956. We especially encourage papers that explore the “energizing” effect of Hungarian refugees in Canada (and other nations) in the wake of the Revolution, and papers that examine the impact of the 1956 refugee movement on Canadian immigration and refugee policy. Also of obvious interest are papers that examine the current refugee crisis in Hungary.

As always, we look for proposals in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences, including those that might address themes from a cross-disciplinary perspective and thus bring fresh or enriched insights. Papers that do not relate to the overall themes outlined above are, as usual, also welcome.

Submissions should include a **maximum 300 word abstract and a brief 100 word bio which 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 font 12. **Abstracts should be sent electronically both** to the Chair of the Program Committee, Steven Jobbitt ([sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca)) **and** to the Secretary of HSAC, Judy Young ([judyyoung@drache.ca](mailto:judyyoung@drache.ca)). Proposals are preferred in English or French but will also be accepted in Hungarian if an English language abstract is also provided. Please keep in mind that presentations at the conference

should be no longer than 20 minutes with an additional 5-10 minutes for discussion. The deadline for submission is November 30, 2015. We will notify authors of the Committee's decisions by January 1st 2016.

The HSAC Conference Program Committee for 2016 is chaired by Steve Jobbitt of Lakehead University.

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