

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
Call for Papers for the 2024 Annual Conference

“Interconnected Cultures: The Place of Hungary and Hungarians in a Sustainable World”

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 McGill University in beautiful and dynamic Montréal, Québec, from June 15-17, 2024. 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 “Sustaining Shared Futures” and its target emphasis on the achievement of environmental sustainability in a manner that assures global equity, this year’s HSAC conference seeks proposals that thematize efforts to engage in collaborative cultural change and exchange, as well as addressing human impact on the environment, both natural and human-made. This thematic focus invites consideration of a range of topics from cultural output to historical events, including political, economic, legal, ethical, literary, journalistic, artistic and scientific endeavors related to sustainability and mutual collaboration. All relevant 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 also welcome 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 limited 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, February 1st, 2024.** We will notify presenters of the Committee’s decisions no later than March 15, 2024.

TheHSAC 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 2024 theme: Sustaining Shared Futures

While alarming images of a warming planet infuse the concept with a critical sense of urgency, ‘sustainability’ transcends even the immense challenges posed by climate change, urging recognition of the interconnectedness of human existence and global action on the overlapping social, economic, environmental, and technological issues that threaten our future.

As members of the global community, we share the responsibility to take on this multi-faceted challenge of a lifetime by way of concerted action across disciplines, bringing into focus its unequal impact, the bounds of our planet, and in turn, our solutions.

For this 2024 edition, enmeshing the knowledges of diverse contexts, and amplifying Black and Indigenous perspectives, Congress invites scholars, students, policymakers and community members to reflect on what remains collectively attainable – and what must be done – in the face of this vast and complex imperative in order to bring forth solutions for today, and sustain systems of tomorrow.

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