

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC)
Call for Papers for the 2026 Annual Conference
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**“Memories and Memoirs of Hungary, Hungarians, and the HSAC:
Reflecting on the Past, Imagining the Future”**

The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada invites proposals for individual papers, roundtable discussions, workshops, complete panels, and innovative presentations **including posters** for our 40th anniversary conference to be held entirely online June 10–11, 2026.

In keeping with our conference theme, and in light of our association’s 40th anniversary, this year’s HSAC Conference Programme Committee seeks a wide range of proposals that examine past, present, and future issues related to Hungary, Hungarians, and the Hungarian Studies Association of Canada. We strongly encourage papers and sessions dealing with memoirs and life writing and are also interested in presentations that foreground the projects and achievements of HSAC over the last four decades. **Given the fact that 2026 also marks the 70th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian revolution, we also welcome papers that explore the memory of this watershed event, both in Hungary and beyond.**

In addition to proposals that speak to the conference theme, we also welcome presentations on any topic related to Hungary, Hungarian diasporas, and Hungarian Studies. The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada also invites creative and critical scholarly engagement within and across disciplines, as well as presentations that explore Hungary in a comparative or regional context. Online conference participants are also invited to join us for our in-person event in Toronto (June 13–14) dedicated to celebrating HSAC’s past achievements and reflecting on our future.

We especially encourage proposals from graduate students.

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 bio will be published online, they should be prepared in Word format using Times New Roman, 12-point font. Abstracts should be sent electronically to the co-chairs of the Conference Programme Committee, both Angela Chong (aachong@usc.edu) and Steve Jobbitt (sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca). Proposals are preferred in English or French but will also be accepted in Hungarian if an English language abstract is also provided.

Conference presentations are no longer than 20 minutes with an additional 5–10 minutes for discussion. The deadline for submission is February 1st, 2026. We will notify presenters of the Committee’s decision no later than March 15, 2026.

Conference fees will be \$50 for participants in fulltime employment and \$40 for all others.

The HSAC Conference Programme Committee is co-chaired by Angela Chong (aachong@usc.edu) and Steve Jobbitt (sjobbitt@lakeheadu.ca). The other committee members are Ginny Lewis (Ginny.Lewis@northern.edu) and Sonya Di Sclafani (sdisclafani@gmail.com).

HSAC kindly requests that you express your level of interest in attending the In-person 40th Anniversary Celebration in Toronto June 13-14, 2026, in addition to the virtual conference June 10-11, 2026 at <https://bit.ly/hsacinperson>. Those who attend are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. We recommend booking as early as January or February with a service that offers free cancellation such as booking.com.