The annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences has been the Federation’s flagship event for over 90 years, bringing together a community of scholars under one umbrella to share findings, refine ideas, and build partnerships to help shape the Canada of tomorrow.

This year’s theme “Northern Relations” explored the connections between peoples, communities, cultures, and ways of knowing. It invited northern peoples — Indigenous and non-Indigenous — to lead the conversation and offered the opportunity to engage in critical conversations about anti-Black racism and decolonization.

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**Programming at a glance**

** MMIWG calls for justice - Indigenous women on rising up:** A series of talks addressing the findings of the 2019 Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) from Indigenous activists and community-centred scholars.

**Virtual colloquium on Indigenous-engaged research:** Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars shared their journeys into or with Indigenous-engaged research and scholarship.

**Choral singing in a confined pandemic world:** Uncovering the innovative ways that choral singing has been kept alive and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Snakes and ladders - mentoring sessions for IBPoC in the academy:** Academic members discussed the history, highlights and challenges faced in advancing their academic careers in Canadian institutions.

Select recordings of *Big Thinking* lectures can be viewed at: [www.federationhss.ca/en/resources/resource-hub](http://www.federationhss.ca/en/resources/resource-hub)
Canada’s largest academic gathering goes virtual amidst pandemic

1 MILLION people reached across social and traditional media

1,750 Zoom sessions

25 exhibitors

OVER 350 media stories

CLOSE TO 6,200 attendees joined from 72 countries

Congress in the news

Breakdown of media coverage by association - top three:

- Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
  60 media hits
- Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE)
  56 media hits
- Canadian Communication Association (CCA)
  53 media hits

Breakdown of media coverage by institution - top three:

- University of Alberta
  91 media hits
- University of Windsor
  39 media hits
- York University
  34 media hits

Top media stories:

- To fight racism in Nunavut schools, hire more Inuit teachers, educator says - CBC/Radio-Canada
- “Turning a massive ship”: U of A set to host massive virtual humanities conference next week - Edmonton Journal
- How the California Roll became the model maki sushi- ‘so different from the Japanese original’ - National Post
- Après une année 2020 complexe, une soif d’échanges au congrès des scienceshumaines - CBC/Radio-Canada
- Red-pilling the Pink Pill: Why gendered vitamins have different priorities - National Post

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