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.

Congress 2022’s theme of “Transitions” came at an extraordinary time, as we hope to finally emerge from a global pandemic that has stolen millions of lives and disrupted the world as we knew it. Congress invited participants to reflect on the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to lead challenging new conversations that can help us understand and shape our changing reality.

**Big Thinking at Congress 2022**

The Big Thinking lecture series featured six leading scholars and public figures who presented forward-looking research, thought-provoking ideas, and solutions to the critical issues of our time.

- **NETOlNEW “one mind, one people”: Radical reclamation of Indigenous languages**
  Onowa McIvor and Kahtehrón:ni Iris Stacey

- **Beyond “crimes of insolidarity”: Considerations for a transition based on economic and social rights**
  Christine Vézina

- **Shift in thinking: It all begins with decolonization**
  Denise Ferreira da Silva

- **Petrocultures: Reflections on 10 years of research and advocacy for a world in crisis**
  Imre Szeman and Sheena Wilson

**Programming at a glance**

From events discussing the role of HSS disciplines in promoting social justice, to settler colonial history in Canada, to workshops on academic podcasting and engaging with policy-makers, the Congress 2022 program had something for everyone.

Canada’s largest academic gathering returned virtually for its second year

- **5,252 attendees from 81 countries**
- **1,624 zoom sessions over 9 days**
- **23 exhibitors**
- **37 scholarly associations**
- **780 media stories over 215 team members behind the scenes bringing it all together**
Congress in the news

Breakdown of media coverage by association - top three:

Canadian Society of Church History (CSCH) 205 media hits
Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) 175 media hits
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS) 101 media hits

Breakdown of media coverage by institution - top three:

Western University 147 media hits
University of Toronto 108 media hits
UBC & York University 96 media hits

Top ten media stories

1. To italicize or not to italicize? For an expert on religious creeds, that is a question – National Post
3. Go-getter Grandmas and reluctant Grandpas: A typology of senior smartphone users – National Post
4. How do you feel on a scale of 1-10? Why this scientist thinks she has a better way to quantify pain – National Post
5. Black alienation in academic life begins in high school: study – Toronto Star
6. Digital methods used to stay in touch during pandemic here to stay: Western researchers – National Post
7. Q+A: Sask. researcher says service dogs prevent suicides – National Post
8. SFU student wins national award for research into city sounds – Toronto Sun
9. Struggle against “violent erasure” of Indigenous languages continues today – National Post
10. Brampton man wins award for creating social media simulation tool to study online misinformation – National Post

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