



Congress: a place to hold critical conversations

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.

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.

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

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

23
exhibitors

over 780
media stories

5,252
attendees from
81 countries

1,624
zoom sessions
over **9 days**

37
scholarly
associations

over 215
team members
behind the scenes
bringing it all together

Congress in the news

6 member associations with Congress media coverage

16 institutions with Congress media coverage

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
2. [The Cult of Lorenzo Dow: What a 19th-century rebel preacher owes an Anglo-Saxon monk](#) – 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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Swift and serious Indigenous language revival in Canada is needed – it simply cannot wait,” says @MclvorO (@UVic).

If you are Canadian, these are your languages too. #BigThinking #Congressh @netolnew

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Canisia Lubrin, keynote speaker for the @BlkCdnSA, has given a powerful and moving address on freedom, the daring of Black thought, and the need to move past our current conditions to a transformed world. Thank you to @canisialu and the BCSA. #congressh

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@DrDLStewart challenges us to ask, “What are we here for? And what more must we desire in order to achieve these changes? We must think of an otherwise beyond what we already have been given.

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#BookmarkIt during #Congressh, spotlighting great books by Black authors 📖 ‘Race on Trial: Black Defendants in Ontario’s Criminal Courts, 1858-1958’ was written by @ProfWlkr and published by @utpress. ‘While slavery in Canada was abolished in 1834, discrimination remained...’

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