

Sustaining shared futures

The annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences is a place to hold critical conversations of our time, hear from a diverse set of voices, share findings, refine ideas, and build partnerships to help shape the Canada of tomorrow.

Congress 2024 took place in Montréal and online from June 12 to 21.

Under the theme Sustaining shared futures, Congress focused on the transcending nature of 'sustainability' and 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.

Thank you to the 8,700 participants, 56 associations, partners, and facilitators who gathered to make the voice of the humanities and social sciences (HSS) heard. Join us in recognizing the exceptional research, dialogues, and perspectives at Congress 2024.

Congress Programming

Over the course of ten days, programming at Congress amplified the brightest voices from across the country.



Where diverse perspectives joined together for inspiring discussion under our theme.

- Sustainable AI
- Sustaining culture
- Sustaining nature
- Sustaining political community



The Federation and its partners presented workshops for its participants at all stages of their careers.

- Navigating your career transition
- TRaCE talks
- Publishing your scholarly book
- Fighting the trolls
- Student and Postdoc Drop-In
- Reimagining and reinventing arts graduate programs in Canada
- Disseminating Your Research to Make an Impact
- Ask The Editors

Featured events

High-profile interdisciplinary events hosted in close collaboration with partner organizations.

- Canadians who innovate - *Canada Foundation for Innovation*
- Dispatches from the backbenches - *Parliamentary Internship Programme*
- The several futures of higher education in the Anthropocene - *Bryan Alexander*
- Weaving together past, present and future - *National Endowment for the Humanities and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*

Plus, dozens of events hosted by participating associations that invited the HSS community to explore their research and engage in cross-disciplinary dialogues.

8,702
participants

80
events
over 10 days

56
scholarly
associations

over 500
media stories

Congress in the news

5 member associations
with Congress media
coverage

17 institutions with
Congress media
coverage

seen by
650 million+
worldwide

Breakdown of media coverage by association - top three:

Canadian Sociological
Association (CSA)

358 media
hits

Canadian Communication
Association (CCA)

119 media
hits

Canadian Society for the
Study of Education (CSSE)

13 media
hits

Breakdown of media coverage by institution - top three:

University of Victoria

239 media
hits

Western University

109 media
hits

Queen's University

95 media
hits

Top ten media stories

1. [B.C. researcher says people coping with wildfires not receiving enough mental health support](#)
2. [Mental health tracking is growing in popularity, but don't believe everything your phone tells you, researcher cautions](#)
3. [Queen's researcher examines how larger bodies can find 'joy in movement'](#)
4. [First-of-its-kind Montreal study examines safety of dating apps](#)
5. [Trent professor presents homelessness research at national conference](#)
6. [Nova Scotia profs say ditching troublesome friends can be risky](#)
7. [McMaster researcher warns AI could discriminate against people with disabilities instead of help them](#)
8. [New lessons to help kids think differently about people with disabilities](#)
9. [Memorial University researcher says e-health solutions aren't enough to reduce emergency room wait times](#)
10. [AI Tool for Teachers](#)

Featured social media

"How do we both preserve our culture and move it forward? It's a critical question in the humanities. [...] [The humanities] allow a flexibility of thoughts, they're about taking complex ideas and understanding them deeply and fully." - **Chair Shelly C. Lowe**
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"When I interview people in my home community [...] I often end the interview by asking people what are your hopes for the future. Two common responses: hope for Indigenous sovereignty and hopes for future generations." - **Angele Alook**
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"AI can be used in other ways also, we can use them to predict where we can plant more trees, where it's more likely to have fires in forests, to map and monitor endangered species [...] it's all good application but not at the scale we want it to be." - **Dr. Jocelyn Maclure** [#congressh](#)

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