

Interconnected Cultures: The Place of Hungary and Hungarians in a Sustainable World

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June 15–17, 2024

Draft Conference Schedule



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DAY 1 (Saturday, June 15)

Morning Coffee/Virtual Green Room 8:30-9:00am ET/2:30-3:00pm CET

Session 1 9:00-10:30am ET/3:00-4:30pm CET

President's Welcome

Keynote Address: Gina Csanyi-Robah, Executive Director, Canadian Romani Alliance, "Community Leadership: Sustaining Support and Allyship for Hungarian Roma Refugees in Canada"

Break 10:30-11:00am ET/4:30-5:00pm CET

Session 2 11:00am-12:30pm ET/5:00-6:30pm CET

Workshop: Hungarian Romani Canadians: Our Impact on Canadian Diversity, Refugee/Human Rights, Art, Music, Culture, Education, and Business

Facilitator: Gina Csanyi-Robah

Lunch Break 12:30-1:30pm ET/6:30-7:30pm CET

Session 3 1:30-3:00pm ET/7:30-9:00pm CET

Panel: Modern Hungarian Literature

Chair: Paul Birt

Ginny Lewis, Northern State University, "Franz Rehbein's *Das Leben eines Landarbeiters* and Zsigmond Móricz's *A boldog ember* in Light of Subaltern Theory"

Maya J. Lo Bello, Eötvös Loránd University, "Cultural Sustainability Under Threat: Intercultural Conflict and Assimilation in Sándor Bródy's *Lea Lyon* (1915)"

Anikó Zsuzsanna Antal, Independent Scholar, "Why put up with them?: Tragic Fates Behind God's Back or the *Angelmakers* of Tiszazug in Hungarian and World Literature"

Break 3:00-3:30pm ET/9:00-9:30pm CET

Session 4 3:30-5:00pm ET/9:30pm-11:00pm CET

Panel: Hungary and the Balkans

Chair: Ginny Lewis

Judit Gál, Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History (Budapest), "Hungarian Spheres of Interest in the Southwestern Balkans until the Ottoman Conquest"

Georg Michels, University of California, Riverside, "The Peregrinations of a Hungarian Noble in the Ottoman Empire"

Katalin Schrek, University of Debrecen, "The Hungarian Connections of Ferdinand Coburg and his Relations with the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy"

Evening Programme 6:00-7:00 pm

Reception and cultural programme organized by the Montreal General Consulate of Hungary, location TBA

DAY 2 (Sunday, June 16)

Morning Coffee/Virtual Green Room 8:30-9:00am ET/2:30-3:00pm CET

Session 1 9:00-10:30am ET/3:00-4:30pm CET

Panel: The Hungarian Diaspora: Canada and Beyond

Chair: Steve Jobbitt

Zsolt Máté, University of Pécs, “A Second Chance: The Canadian Reception of the 1956 Hungarian Refugees from Western Europe”

Balázs Venkovits, University of Debrecen, “100 Years of Immigration to Canada: Exploring (and Preserving) the Hungarian Heritage”

Erzsébet Árvay, Corvinus University of Budapest, “Engaging the Hungarian Diaspora: The Role of the State Office for Church Affairs during the Cold War”

Break 10:30-11:00am ET/4:30-5:00pm CET

Session 2 11:00am-12:30pm ET/5:00-6:30pm CET

Panel: Hungary, Hungarians, and the Question of Sustainability

Chair: Agatha Schwartz

András Göllner, Concordia University, “Bolsheviks vs. the Budapest School: Competing Pathways Towards Ecologically Sustainable Communal Well-Being?”

André Czeglédy, Wilfrid Laurier University, “The Triumph of Consumerism: 1989 and the Erosion of Sustainable Practices under State Socialism in Hungary”

Soma Rédey, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, “A Successful Woman in the United States of America: Mária Telkes’s Years at MIT (1939–1953)”

Lunch Break 12:30-1:30pm ET/6:30-7:30pm CET

Session 3 1:30-2:30pm ET/7:30-8:30pm CET

Panel: Dance and the Politics of Identity

Chair: Angela Chong

Gdalit Neuman, York University, “From Victimized to Victorious: Yehudit Arnon’s Zionist Dances in Post-Holocaust Hungary”

Steven Jobbitt, Lakehead University: “‘No Neutral Geography’: Regional Ukrainian Folk Dance and the Erasure of Kárpátalja Hungarians”

Break 2:30-3:00-pm ET/8:30-9:00pm CET

Session 4 3:00-4:00pm ET/9:00pm-10:00pm CET

Panel: Interculturality and Hungarianness

Chair: Ginny Lewis

Paul W. Birt, University of Ottawa, “Contemporary Welsh-Hungarian Intercultural Relations Seen Through the Lens of Arany János’ poem ‘A walesi bárdok’”

Katalin Kürtösi, University of Szeged, “A Mesemondó Szikla történeteit értem, a *Bánk bán*t meg nem – The Fate and Fights of North American Native Peoples as Parables in Contemporary Hungarian Writing”

Evening Programme: Dinner at a local restaurant (optional)

DAY 3 (Monday, June 17)

Morning Coffee/Virtual Green Room 8:30-9:00am ET/2:30-3:00pm CET

Session 1 9:00-10:30am ET/3:00-4:30pm CET

Hungarian Studies Association of Canada Annual General Meeting

Break 10:30-11:00am ET/4:30-5:00pm CET

Session 2 11:00am-12:30pm ET/5:00-6:30pm CET

Book Launch: *Cannibalizing the Canon: Dada Techniques in East-Central Europe*, by Oliver Botar, Irina Denischenko, Gábor Dobó, and Merse Pál Szeredi, eds.

Lunch Break 12:30-1:30pm ET/6:30-7:30pm CET

Session 3 1:30-3:00pm ET/7:30-9:00pm CET

Panel: Narratives of Food and Drink

Chair: Agatha Schwartz

Bonnie Horgos, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, “Hungarian Women and Alcohol Use: A Systematic Literature Review”

Gyorgyi Horvath, Independent Scholar, “Sustainability and Hungary's ‘Freedom Fight’ Through Masculine Food”

Mária Palla, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, “Food and Foodways in Hungarian-Canadian Narratives of Emigration”