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

HUNGARIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
38th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 15–17, 2024

Draft Conference Schedule
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
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 Landarbeiter 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 Mátré, 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?”
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  2:30-3:00pm 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 étem, a Bánk bán 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 Horváth, 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”