



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.

This year's theme "Northern Relations" explored the connections between peoples, communities, cultures, and ways of knowing. It invited northern peoples — Indigenous and non-Indigenous — to lead the conversation and offered the opportunity to engage in critical conversations about anti-Black racism and decolonization.

Programming at a glance

Partner university programming

The University of Alberta hosted an impressive 37 events, welcoming conversations on equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization, and bringing awareness to issues of national and global importance. Here's a snapshot:

MMIWG calls for justice - Indigenous women on rising up:

A series of talks addressing the findings of the 2019 Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) from Indigenous activists and community-centred scholars.

Virtual colloquium on Indigenous-engaged research:

Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars shared their journeys into or with Indigenous-engaged research and scholarship.

Choral singing in a confined pandemic world:

Uncovering the innovative ways that choral singing has been kept alive and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Snakes and ladders - mentoring sessions for IBPoC in the academy:

Academic members discussed the history, highlights and challenges faced in advancing their academic careers in Canadian institutions.

Big Thinking at Congress 2021

The *Big Thinking* 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.



Disability will (re)make the arts

Alice Sheppard



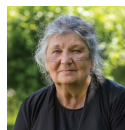
Everything is connected: Environment, economy, foreign policy, sustainability, human rights and leadership in the 21st century

Sheila Watt-Cloutier



How to be an antiracist

Ibram X. Kendi



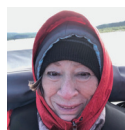
Ni'wahkomakanak: All my relations

Maria Campbell



Racism's touch: 'I can't quite put my finger on it'

Shirley Anne Tate



Yáázo Kéorat'ı (We see the daylight)

The Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew

Select recordings of *Big Thinking* lectures can be viewed at:

www.ideas-idees.ca/big-thinking-congress-2021

Canada's largest academic gathering goes virtual amidst pandemic

25 exhibitors

OVER 350 media stories

1 MILLION people reached across social and traditional media

1,750 Zoom sessions

28 scholarly associations

CLOSE TO 6,200 attendees joined from 72 countries

Congress in the news

14 Associations with Congress media coverage

14 Institutions with Congress media coverage

Breakdown of media coverage by association - top three:

Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
60 media hits

Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE)
56 media hits

Canadian Communication Association (CCA)
53 media hits

Breakdown of media coverage by institution - top three:

University of Alberta
91 media hits

University of Windsor
39 media hits

York University
34 media hits

Top media stories:

- To fight racism in Nunavut schools, hire more Inuit teachers, educator says - CBC/Radio-Canada
- "Turning a massive ship": U of A set to host massive virtual humanities conference next week - Edmonton Journal
- How the California Roll became the model maki sushi- 'so different from the Japanese original' - National Post
- Après une année 2020 complexe, une soif d'échanges au congrès des sciences humaines - CBC/Radio-Canada
- Red-pilling the Pink Pill: Why gendered vitamins have different priorities - National Post

"People think there are not that many disabled academics. I'm here to say there are not that many disabled academics because we keep acting this way." - @JayDolmage, Professor at @UWaterloo, challenging barriers to access at Congress and in academia.

@ideas_ideas - Jun 4



Grad students, thanks for sharing your work! At academic conferences I always learn the most from grad student presentations. Especially the research proposal presentations. The new perspectives on theory/method and fresh takes on literature is always 🧐

@allisonjardim - Jun 3



Hearing from session on antiracism: What is the opposite of denial? Being vulnerable. Being self-critical. The heart of being antiracist is being vulnerable. Being willing to admit when nations have been racist.

@_valeriei - May 31



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