

The 24th International Baltic Canadian Studies Conference

**CANADA: SOCIOCULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

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Canada, with its expansive natural landscapes and diverse ecosystems, faces significant environmental challenges in the 21st century. As the world grapples with climate change, resource depletion, and ecological degradation, it is crucial to understand how cultural and societal factors influence environmental stewardship and sustainability practices.

Environmental stewardship is not solely a scientific or technical issue; it is deeply embedded in cultural beliefs, values, and practices. Understanding how Canadian culture and society influence and are influenced by environmental issues is essential for developing effective sustainability strategies.

Indigenous communities in Canada have long-standing traditions and knowledge systems that promote sustainable interaction with the environment. This conference will highlight the role of Indigenous knowledge in contemporary environmental stewardship and explore how it can be integrated into broader sustainability efforts.

Likewise, the ways in which environmental issues are portrayed in Canadian literature, media, and public discourse significantly impact public perception and behaviour. Analysing these cultural narratives can provide insights into the societal drivers of environmental attitudes and actions.

Additionally, the conference will explore the convergence and divergence of environmental narratives in Canada, Europe, and other regions.

The conference aims to foster a holistic understanding of sustainability and environmental stewardship by bringing together scholars, researchers, and practitioners from various disciplines, including environmental studies, cultural studies, linguistics, media, film and literature studies, sociology, anthropology, political science, and others.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATIONS: 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for Q&A.

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATIONS: while the working language of the conference is English, presentations in French are equally welcome.

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We look forward to receiving your contributions and welcoming you to a stimulating and insightful conference on the sociocultural dimensions of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

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