20th Anniversary Research Fest

Kanada in Wien/ Wien in Kanada
Canada in Vienna/ Vienna in Canada
Le Canada à Vienne/ Vienne au Canada

Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16, 2018
Dept. of Romance Studies
University of Vienna
canada.univie.ac.at/anniversary

Founded in 1998, the University of Vienna’s Centre for Canadian Studies/Centre d’Études Canadiennes (Zentrum für Kanada-Studien) fosters dialogue between researchers in many fields in which Canadian Studies have found a home, from Anglophone and Francophone literary and cultural studies to German Studies, media studies, Cultural Anthropology, Indigenous, and Gender Studies. As part of our mission, we facilitate professional networks in the humanities between Canada and Austria, support teaching mobility with our renowned partner universities across Canada, and study abroad exchanges, and we are continually organizing a variety of lectures, conferences, and other academic as well as cultural events.

In 2018, as part of the University’s 20th Campus Anniversary, we are celebrating our achievements in a research fest, reviewing the past and presenting current research in Canadian Studies by both Austrian and Canadian students and scholars. The Place du Canada/Canada Square in courtyard 8, connecting the Departments of English and American Studies and Romance Studies and proudly showcasing the only Inuksuk figure in Austrian public space, will become a lively site for presenting Canada as an area of research and an exciting place of cultural production in and beyond Vienna.
Friday, June 15

2:00 Opening & Welcome
Jörg TÜRSCHMANN (ZKS)
Jean-Robert TYRAN (Vizerektor für Internationales)
Melanie MALZAHN (Dean)
Klaus-Dieter ERTLER (former President, GKS)
Nikolaus RITT (HoD, English and American Studies)

2:30 Chad GAFFIELD (President, Royal Society of Canada):
“Counting Canadians at the Dawn of the Digital Age:
Transatlantic Perspectives on Languages and Identities since 1900”
Chairs: Jörg TÜRSCHMANN und Waldemar ZACHARASIEWICZ

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 Workshop I: Canadian Studies in Austria
Waldemar ZACHARASIEWICZ (Austrian Academy of Sciences): “Looking Backward and Thinking Forward”
Yvonne VÖLKLI (Graz): “Responsible Science in Canadian Studies: Austria’s Canadian Studies Centres as Bridge Builders”
Catherine PARAYRE (St. Catharines): “Écrivaines canadiennes en Autriche: partages de cultures/Canadian Women Writers in Austria: Shared Cultures”
Chair: Eugen BANAUCH

6:00 Conference Party (courtyard 8)
Poetry Reading: Renée VON PASCHEN
Concert: Wendy MCNEILL und Mika VEMBER

Saturday, June 16

10:00 3rd VIENNA LECTURE IN CANADIAN STUDIES (VLCS)
Tegan ZIMMERMAN (Käthe Leichter Visiting Professor in Gender Studies): “Between the Specters: Caribbean Neo-Slave Novels by Canadian Women”
Chair: Alexandra GANSER

11:00 Emerging Canadianists in Vienna: Poster Exhibition & Q&A
Anna-Leena KULICH
Stefan HAIDERER
Magdalena STOCKHAMMER
Susanna GARTLER
Lisa EDER
Chair: Helena OBERZAUCHER

1:30 Workshop II: Canadian Literatures, Canadian Writing
Catherine LEMIEUX (Vienna): “Le féminisme pessimiste de France Théorêt”
Helena OBERZAUCHER (Vienna): “The Circulation of Labor in Dionne Brand’s At the Full and Change of the Moon”
Nora Foster STOVEL (Edmonton): “Carol Shields’s Poetry: Metaphor and Miracle”
Chair: Marc CHALIER

3:00 Coffee Break

3:30 Workshop III: Canada on Screen
Doris POSCH (Vienna): “Creolized Montreal: Post-Black Cinema à la québécoise?”
Alexandra HAUKE (Passau): “Aabiziingwashi (Wide Awake): Locating Trans-Indigenous Cinema”
Sylvia MIESZKOWSKI (Vienna): “Atwood’s Dystopia meets Alt-Right Politics: The (North) American Echo Chamber of The Handmaid’s Tale”

6:00 Reception
Sponsored by the Embassy of Canada in Austria