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CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for proposals: February 16, 2007

The Canadian Association of Cultural Studies invites submissions for its national conference to be held at the University of Alberta, October 25-28, 2007. Submissions may be addressed to either cultural studies in general or to the embedded conference theme for 2007: “What’s the Matter? Cultural Studies and The Question of Urgency”.

For those interested in submitting to the embedded conference theme, we particularly seek submissions that turn themselves toward issues of intellectual and political urgency both outside and inside the university. Broad questions that might be considered include, but are not limited to: how do theoretical, political, methodological, pedagogical, ethical, you-fill-in-the-ical insights of cultural studies assist us in facing what is urgent, what presses on us for thinking otherwise? How are such insights productive for thinking about who and what matters (and drawing attention to who and what is constituted as not-mattering)? What is the now that matters? Where is the here? Who speaks “as” cultural studies, making claims on whom, about whom, and with what effects? What might be urgent for cultural studies to face, in this moment of its institutionalized histories? Organizers particularly encourage submissions that approach such questions in a creative, unorthodox and/or provocative manner.

In addition to papers that speak to the embedded theme, we invite submissions that more broadly take-up cultural studies modes of inquiry and relevance.

For both the open call and the embedded theme, please provide:

1. A 250 word abstract and paper title
2. An indication as to whether you are submitting to the open call or embedded theme

And, on a separate sheet:

3. Your paper title (again)
4. Your name and contact information (email, mailing address and phone number)
5. Institutional affiliation, if any
6. Specific AV needs, if any

*** Please separate your abstract from the other required information to ensure a blind review process ***

Please note:

- Submissions can be made only to the open call OR the embedded theme. Submissions to both will not be accepted; nor will multiple submissions be accepted to either call.
- Pre-constituted panels of no more than three presenters per panel and alternative format sessions will be considered by the conference organizers, on their merits and according to the restrictions of time and space. If you are submitting a pre-constituted panel, please provide: a panel title with a 100 word panel abstract, and individual paper titles each with a 250 word abstract. Ensure that contact etc information is provided for all participants on the panel and that one person is designated as the chair and key contact person for conference organizers.
- Les soumissions en français sont bienvenues.
- Submissions from outside of Canada are welcome.
- Sessions will be organized to allow for 20 minutes per paper.
- **All submissions will be subject to a blind, peer review process.**

Submissions may be sent via mail (please send 2 copies) to:

CACS - Conference 2007
Department of Educational Policy Studies
7-104 Education North
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
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Or, submissions may be sent by email attachment (WORD only please) to cacs@ualberta.ca; please ensure your subject line indicates Conference Submission.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: FEBRUARY 16, 2007.

Please address any inquiries to the above or email us at cacs@ualberta.ca or call (Canada) 780-492-0773.

In order to present at the conference, presenters need to be fully-paid members of CACS and registered at the conference. Please check our website for information concerning membership forms and, as the conference approaches, the registration process.

Further information about keynotes, local tours, book tables and other enticing conference events will be circulated as they become available. Please ensure you are on the CACS listserv to receive updates (check the website for details).

CACS website: <http://www.culturalstudies.ca/index.html>

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