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and permanently institutionalised
in the form of the
Centre for Canadian Studies in 1996,
Canadian Studies have a long-standing
tradition at Trier University.

Celebrating fifty years
of Canadian Studies,
this conference aims both to
provide an overview of Canadian Studies
today and to discuss current
Canadian perspectives on the world.



Convenors

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Canada, eh? Fifty Years of Canadian Studies at Trier University

Canadian and German Perspectives

Trier, 20-22 May 2026

Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Room: HS 9 | Building E

- 2 p.m. Registration
- 3 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
• Vice President or President of Trier University
• Sabine Arndt-Lappe (Dean)
• Florian Freitag (GKS)
• Ralf Hertel and Nele Sawallisch (Trier)
- 4 p.m. Fifty Years of Canadian Studies at Trier University
Wolfgang Kloob (Trier)
- 4:45 p.m. Break
- 5 p.m. Honorary Degree awarded to Prof. Dr. David Staines (Ottawa)

Keynote:
Fifty Years on: Canadian Fiction Then and Now
David Staines (Ottawa)
- 6:15 pm Reception

Thursday, 21 May 2026

Room: A8 | Building A/B

- 9 a.m. **Panel 1 | Indigenous Canada | Chair: Emiliano Castillo Jara**
- Reclaiming Rights:
The Legal and Policy Dimensions of the Métis Experience in the Sixties Scoop
Meagan Malcolm (Manitoba)
- “Let us face it, we are all here to stay”:
Coexistence and legal Pluralism on the Land currently called Canada, also known as Turtle Island
Heather Shay (Trier)

Looking Back, Walking Forward:
Re-viewing Reconciliation in an Indigenous Lens as Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Final Report Turns Ten
Ian Calliou (Manitoba)

The Role of Archives in Advancing Human Rights and Resisting Denialism
Greg Bak (Manitoba)

11 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. **Panel 2 | Literature & Arts in French | Chair: Diane Bélisle-Wolf**

Listening for Stories of Love amidst Histories of Violence: Virginia Pesemapeo Bordeleau’s *The Lover, the Lake*
Lianne Moyes (Montréal)

Contemporary Québec Literature
Alex Demeulenaere (Metz)
Gilles Dupuis (Montréal)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break and Poster Presentation Students

2 p.m. **Roundtable: Canadian Realities between Europe and the US**
(Chair: Nele Sawallisch)
Manuel Fröhlich (Trier), James Fergusson (Manitoba), Ursula Lehmkuhl (Trier), Adam Muller (Manitoba)

6 p.m. City Walking Tour (optional)

7 p.m. Conference Dinner

Friday, 22 May 2026

Room: C22 | Building C

9 a.m. **Roundtable: Teaching Canada**
Linda Weiland (Trier) in conversation with Albert Rau (Cologne) and Stefanie Schäfer (Mannheim)

10 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. **Panel 3 | Literature & Arts in English | Chair: Jennifer Leetsch**

Missing and Murdered:
Cold Case North as an Indigenous Research Model
Alison Calder (Manitoba)

Visions in the Land:
Indigenous Energy Intimacy and the Athabasca Tar Sands
Warren Cariou (Manitoba)

Seeing Canada Across Borders in Asian Canadian Graphic Novels
Lucas Tromly (Manitoba)

Ukrainian Canadian Writings in Times of Crisis: Storytelling, Survival, and Identity
Astrid Fellner, Svitlana Kot and Viktoriia Doroshko (Saarbrücken)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2 p.m. **Panel 4 | Outlooks | Chair: Ekaterina Lüdke**

Holocaust Memory in the Museum:
A Comparative Look at Canada and Germany
Stephan Jäger (Manitoba)

Canada and Human Rights: A Tale of Two Stories
Nathan Derejko (Manitoba)

From Myths to Factual Measures:
An Evidence-Based Strategy to Address Racism and Xenophobia
Lori Wilkinson (Manitoba)

3:30 pm Wrap-Up

6 p.m. **Public Reading**
Madeleine Thien: Do Not Say We Have Nothing
(Stadtbücherei Trier, Domfreihof 1b)