

CALL FOR PAPERS

Canadian Association of University Teachers of German (CAUTG) (www.cautg.org)

University of Calgary, Canada, 28-31 May 2016

You are invited to submit proposals for papers to be given at the CAUTG annual meeting at the University of Calgary. Papers presenting original, unpublished research on any topic or period of German-language literature, cinema, cultural studies, German language and language pedagogy are welcome, in English, French or German.

You may submit a single paper or panel proposal:

- 1) Single paper proposals: maximum 400 words.
- 2) Panel proposals: panels of three papers on a related theme are welcome. The panel organizer should submit a proposal explaining the theme as well as the proposals for the individual papers as a package. Maximum 1,500 words. The panel proposals will be assessed on their merits as a panel separately from the single paper proposals.

We especially encourage the submission of papers and panel sessions related to this year's **special theme** of "**Energizing Communities**" (see below).

A copy of your proposal should be in the hands of the program co-chairs no later than **30 November 2015**; late proposals will not be considered. Proposals are to be submitted electronically as a Word document or .rtf file. Because the proposals are refereed blind by an adjudication committee, the authors' names should not appear on the proposal itself. Please include your university affiliation and contact information in the e-mail with which you send your proposal. Decisions will be announced by early January.

Presentation time at the conference is limited to 20 minutes per paper. Primary sources in German should be quoted in the original language.

The CAUTG meets as part of the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada, organized by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (www.fedcan.ca). The largest multidisciplinary meeting in Canada, the Congress hosts the meetings of dozens of scholarly associations during an 8-day period, bringing together scholars from across Canada and around the world.

The overall theme of the 2016 Congress is "Energizing Communities." Due to recent changes at the federal funding body, CAUTG may not be able to offer travel assistance to those reading papers. Therefore, we strongly encourage presenters to seek funding at their institution.

Seminar Graduate Students Travel Award: Graduate students selected for presentation are eligible to receive a Travel Award generously provided by the journal "Seminar."

Please note that presenters must be paid-up CAUTG members at the time of their presentation. Presenters on joint panels with other organizations must be paid-up members of either the CAUTG or the co-sponsoring organization.

Submissions and inquiries should be addressed to:

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Congress Special Theme for 2016: “Energizing Communities”

Official Congress Description of the 2016 Theme:

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of Calgary, the Congress 2016 theme “Energizing communities” reflects the university’s commitment to community engagement at local, regional, national and transnational levels. This commitment is rooted in the belief that knowledge and understanding are created through associations of shared values, grounded in respect for difference and diversity among all peoples, from First Nations to new Canadians.

Universities serve not only their educational communities, but also those that support and drive fundamental questions beyond academia. As part of the host university’s leadership in connectivity, Congress 2016 will be a stimulating forum for scholarly engagement and will energize relationships across communities, leading to new connections, engagements and ultimately new ways of thinking.

Ranked the fifth most livable city in the world by The Economist in 2014, Calgary is the centre of Canada’s energy economy. A city dedicated to sustainability, Calgary has the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America, as well as its second busiest light rail system. Calgarians enjoy easy access to vast areas of protected nature reserves—local, provincial and federal—and to world-class art, architecture and cultural events.

The conference theme invites us to reflect on the power of communities: How do our communities reflect our own energy and power? What are the advantages and disadvantages of community organization and identification? How does one identify with a community, or how is one defined by a community?

We invite paper and panel proposals that integrate the Congress theme of “Energizing Communities” in their approach to German Studies, including but not limited to:

- Which communities have been a part of defining and/or delivering German culture/language, both inside and outside German-speaking countries?
- How have artists (authors, filmmakers, visual artists, musicians, et al.) used their work to inspire communal identification in German-speaking countries?
- How did German-speaking or German-identified immigrant communities, especially in Canada, “energize” themselves?

Please send inquiries and submissions to Barbara Schmenk (bschmenk@uwaterloo.ca).