



# Environmental Studies Association of Canada - l'Association canadienne d'études environnementales

## CALL FOR PAPERS – 2017 Annual Conference

Ryerson University  
May 30<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Toronto, ON

The **Environmental Studies Association of Canada** ([ESAC.ca](http://www.esac.ca)) is pleased to invite you to participate in our Annual Conference at Ryerson University (<http://www.ryerson.ca>) as part of the 2017 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (<http://congress2017.ca>).

### Confirmed Keynote Speakers!



**Michael Shellenberger**,  
President of  
Environmental Progress  
and co-founder, Senior  
Fellow and former  
President of the  
Breakthrough Institute.



**Dr. Debra McGregor**,  
Canada Research Chair in  
Indigenous Environmental  
Justice, York University's  
Faculty of Environmental  
Studies.



**Sarah Common** of  
**HivesForHumanity.com** will  
be speaking at ESAC's  
Annual ECO-Award Winner  
Lecture – delivered each  
year by the winner of the  
previous year's ECO Award  
(<http://esac.ca/eco-award/>).

**PLUS:** A Special Roundtable on the Future Relationship Between Growth and Environment!

This year's conference theme, *From Far & Wide: The Next 150*, invites reflection on Canada's past as we look to the future. As the Congress organizers have noted, the conference theme "is inclusive of different ideas, geographies, cultures, countries, schools of thought and disciplines, encouraging cross-collaboration and an interdisciplinary approach." Reflecting this theme, ESAC keenly invites submissions of scholarship and practice to engage with, address, and energize the vital environmental opportunities and challenges facing the world today. We invite proposals for paper presentations, pre-organized panel sessions, poster presentations, or—new this year—short 10-minute thesis presentations by graduate students.

As Canada's leading association of interdisciplinary researchers and practitioners involved in a diversity of environmental fields, ESAC facilitates networking and dialogue across environment-related fields and practices. Our 2017 conference is an excellent opportunity for delegates to take part in a lively exchange of ideas relating to the environment among academics, students, researchers, members of NGOs, policy-makers and activists. All are encouraged to make submissions on a broad range of issues, themes and case studies, including (but not limited to):

Environmental knowledge	Sustainable livelihoods	Climate change
Environmental education	Resilience	Community sustainability
Environmental politics	Sustainable development	Ecological economics
Environmental policy	Sustainable food systems	Gender and environment
Marketing sustainability	Resource management	Environmental psychology
Consumption/production	Political ecology	Environmental justice

### Submission instructions

All proposals must be submitted by email to [ESACconference2017@gmail.com](mailto:ESACconference2017@gmail.com), by **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (acceptance e-mails will be sent out in February 2017). The conference organizing committee is accepting four distinct types of proposals:

1. Individual paper presentations of 15-20 minutes. Presenters will be placed in the most appropriate session available based on the topic or method. Please note: The aim of this submission type is to present a stand-alone *paper*; as such we ask that graduate students aiming to present on their broader thesis research to submit a proposal for a '10-minute thesis presentation' instead (see below).
2. Pre-organized panel sessions of 1.5 hours. Sessions may include a series of papers (each 15–20 minutes long) on a single issue or a 'Roundtable' workshop addressing a specific topic. Sessions must have a coordinator. The coordinator organizes the session, ensures their contributors are registered to the conference and are members of ESAC, and informs them of scheduling, etc. As part of the session proposal the coordinator should submit an abstract for the session along with the names of all contributors.
3. Conference poster (and discussion): the **ESAC Poster Competition** is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. Posters will be displayed and authors will be available for *informal discussion* during ESAC's wine and cheese event on **May 30th**.
4. 10-minute thesis presentations are open to graduate students who are in the process of researching or writing their Master's or Doctoral theses. We ask for shortened presentations for a few to encourage those early in their scholarly careers to convey their research succinctly and to maximize time for peer feedback.

All submissions must state the type of submission (ie. individual paper, pre-organized session, conference poster, or 10-minute thesis) and include an **abstract of 300 words max**, including:

- The object of study or theme of session, in addition to proposed paper/presentation titles;
- Theoretical and methodological framework, concept or research question/objective;
- Main conclusions or hypotheses;
- At least three keywords to assist the conference organizing committee;
- The institutional affiliation and contact email of the contributor(s) in addition to a short bio (maximum 150 words) for each contributor.

**Membership and registration**

You must be an ESAC member in good standing to present at the conference. Presenters not possessing membership will be removed from the program. Please visit <http://www.esac.ca/join-esac/> for details on joining ESAC. All delegates must also register for both ESAC and Congress through the Congress registration website, at <http://congress2017.ca/>.

**May 30:** ESAC opening plenary and program, poster competition, wine and cheese, Eco-Award

**May 31:** ESAC program, Banquet

**June 1:** ESAC program, Field Trip

**Program Chair and ESAC President:** Veronica Wahl

**Local Area Coordinators:** Cheryl Teelucksingh and Alex Wellington

Please visit [www.esac.ca](http://www.esac.ca) for further information and announcements or contact:

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