



## Reckonings & Re-Imaginings

The annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences is Canada's largest gathering of academics, and one of the largest in the world. It's a place to hold critical conversations of our time, hear from a diverse set of voices, share findings, refine ideas, and build partnerships to help shape the Canada of tomorrow.

Congress 2023 took place at York's Keele and Glendon Campuses in Toronto from May 27 to June 2. Sixty-seven scholarly associations and over 10,000 scholars, graduate students, and practitioners in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) gathered together and shared their research.

Under the theme *Reckonings and Re-Imaginings*, Congress honoured Black and Indigenous knowledges and cultures, and centred the diverse voices and ideas of scholars, graduate students, policymakers and community members in vital conversations about the most pressing issues facing our world.

### Programming at Congress

This Congress was one of the biggest scholarly events in Canadian history and the biggest Fair Trade Event in Canadian history. In the course of seven days, over 300 remarkable events inspired and challenged us, amplifying some of the brightest voices from across the country.

### BIG THINKING



The annual Big Thinking lecture series featured leading scholars and public figures in two thought-provoking and moving keynotes, and two panels where diverse perspectives joined together for inspiring discussions.

#### **Seeds of the future: Climate justice, racial justice, and Indigenous resurgence**

Alanis Obomsawin  
 Moderated by Eve Tuck & Susan Blight



#### **Thinking across differences: Queer, Two-Spirit, and critical disability perspectives**

Therí Pickens  
 SA Smythe  
 Alex Wilson  
 Moderated by Sean Hillier



#### **Re-imagining Black Futures**

The Right Honourable  
 Michaëlle Jean, 27th Governor General,  
 Commander-In-Chief of Canada  
 Respondent Adelle Blackett



#### **Thinking across differences: Decolonial, anti-racism, and feminist perspectives**

Joyce Green  
 Gina Starblanket  
 Rinaldo Walcott  
 Moderated by Christina Sharpe

Congress 2023 was one of the largest scholarly events in Canadian history.

**48**  
 exhibitors

**over 800**  
 media stories

**10,300**  
 attendees

**300**  
 events  
 over 7 days

**67**  
 scholarly  
 associations

**over 484**  
 team members  
 behind the scenes making  
 Congress incredible

# Congress in the news

**10** member associations  
with Congress media  
coverage

**19** institutions with  
Congress media  
coverage

## Breakdown of media coverage by association - top three:

Canadian Sociological  
Association (CSA)

**131** media  
hits

Canadian Society for the History and  
Philosophy of Science (CSHPS)

**104** media  
hits

Canadian Society of  
Church History (CSC)

**96** media  
hits

## Breakdown of media coverage by institution - top three:

Queen's University

**183** media  
hits

University of Calgary

**176** media  
hits

Concordia University

**167** media  
hits

## Top ten media stories

1. [Les jeunes sont-ils protégés face à la violence sexuelle en ligne? - Le Devoir](#)
2. [Why Michaëlle Jean argues that Haiti's past holds answers to Black future in Canada - Toronto Star](#)
3. [Post-migration stress, lack of employment, detrimental to the long-term mental health of immigrants: study - CTV News](#)
4. [SSHRC Storytellers Challenge winner - Queen's PhD student researching impact of spousal separation in long-term care homes - CBC Radio](#)
5. [Sask. research shows therapy dogs provide 'comfort' and 'connection' for emergency room patients - CTV News](#)
6. [We need to talk about online sexual harassment of young people: Expert - National Post](#)
7. [Trent University PhD student examines link between social media, mental health - The Peterborough Examiner](#)
8. [A chatbot is no good in a crisis. Why you can't trust AI psychotherapy - National Post](#)
9. [How hockey nicknames and heavy metal band names are chosen, according to linguistic algorithms - National Post](#)
10. [Married people accumulate more wealth than unmarrieds — except in Quebec - National Post](#)

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## Featured social media

"The profound crisis of our moment, it's a crisis of meaning. If you leave here hearing me say one thing today, please let it be this: even inside the university, the crisis of meaning is most acute."  
@blacklikewho #congressh #bigthinking

Today, our Congress 2023 attendees community reached 10,000! We're so glad you're here on the @YorkUniversity campus. Celebrate with us by sharing your #Congressh stories!

"My dear sisters and brothers, you must know that your life is sacred... Take time to breathe, to breathe nice and long. Breath brings a feeling of love in your heart. Once you feel that share it with others. Your eyes will fill with kindness..." - Alanis Obomsawin #congressh