

# TRANSGRESSING THE NATION-STATE: CONSTRUCTS OF CANADIAN IDENTITY

2017 Robarts Centre Graduate Conference



**APRIL 20TH & 21ST at YORK UNIVERSITY**

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

As Canada approaches the 150th anniversary of Confederation, it is important to ask: how are systems of colonialism, racism, sexism, and other social and economic disparities that characterized the founding of this country still embedded in our society? The Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies welcomes exploration of these topics from multiple and competing perspectives at its annual conference on April 20th and 21st, 2017 at York University in Toronto. The conference will examine the dialogue surrounding Canadian identity by focusing on the current challenges to established forms of government, welfare policies and modes of participation in a radically changed globalized nation, where history, migration, and transnationalism play an important role.

Graduate students are invited to submit proposals for presentations that examine themes of inequality in Canada. The goal of this two-day conference is to provide a space for discussions of inequality in Canada broadly defined; we thus encourage students from a wide variety of disciplines to interpret this theme. Potential topics may include, but are not limited to, the legacies, experiences, or expressions of Canadians whose social locations vary on the basis of gender, sexuality, race, Indigeneity, ability, socioeconomic status, region, migration status, and difference. Papers on other related topics will also be considered. Reimbursement of some travel costs will be made available for students attending the entire conference from outside of the Greater Toronto Area. Please submit proposals (max. 250 words) for papers or panels [yorkrobertsgraduateconference.org](http://yorkrobertsgraduateconference.org) by **January 15th, 2017**.