

Transatlantic Dreams: *Understanding Central European Emigration to Canada*

October 27th - 30th, 2019

An International Conference organized by the Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies,
University of Alberta at the Canadian Immigration Museum at Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Transatlantic Dreams is a conference organized by the Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies at the University of Alberta. The principal aim of this conference is to gain a better understanding of Central European migration to Canada and to contribute to scholarship in this field. We encourage a dialogue between scholars, both Central European and international, to explore as broadly as possible this expansive topic. We particularly wish to explore this theme from an inter-/transdisciplinary and comparative perspective. For the purpose of this conference and due to our funding restrictions Central Europe shall be defined as the countries of: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. The conference will provide an expansive update on research, such as the 1996 studies on Austrian migration to Canada (Szabo, Engelmann, Prokop).

Examples of topics of presentation may include, while not being limited to, the following:

- Immigration Waves
- Central European Emigration to Canada
- Social and Economic Factors Driving Central European Migration
- Canadian Immigration Policy and Central Europe
- Immigrants and Refugees
- Settlement Challenges
- Language and Education in the Immigrant Community
- Emigration Routes and Protocols
- Religious Communities and Their Influence on Migration
- Cultural Integration, Assimilation vs. Preservation of Cultural Identity
- Inter-provincial and Territorial Settlement and Preferences
- Diaspora Communities
- Stereotypes of Central European Immigrants
- Identity and Central European Communities in Canada
- Urban vs. Rural immigration

We encourage presentations from all disciplines and fields of scholarship, including history, anthropology, sociology, literature, pedagogy, art history, political science, religious studies, cultural studies, philology, linguistics, etc.

We are inviting submissions for both individual papers and panels for presentations. Abstracts, [in PDF](#), should be **a maximum of 300** words in length and must include a short biographical note (approximately 100 words). Presentations should be no more than 20 min in length. Papers will have the opportunity to be published in a peer-reviewed volume. We welcome submissions from graduate students and early career scholars.

Please note that travel and accommodation subsidies are available to participants of this conference. Please notify us of your intention to request a travel subsidy in your submission.

Deadline for abstracts: **[April 30th, 2019](#)**

Notification of acceptance: May 31st, 2019 www.wirth.ualberta.ca

Send in your submissions to: CentralEuropeanImmigration@gmail.com

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