

80TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
May 25-27, 2001
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The 80th annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association will be held in Quebec City at Laval University, May 25 to May 27, 2001. The following themes have been selected for 2001:

1) Heritage and Culture: Yesterday and Today

With its annual meeting being held in Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Canadian Historical Association has the opportunity to reflect on the broad theme of heritage and its place in culture. Relevant subjects might include the history and evolution of the ever-changing notion of heritage, heritage-related actions, battles and policies past and present and the role of intellectuals in the construction of heritage.

2) Institutions, Power, and Society

This theme seeks to encourage examinations of the role of institutions in the distribution and exercise of power and in the configuration of different societies. Institutions are taken in their broadest sense and can be political, religious, judicial, educational, etc. Of particular interest will be the ways in which institutions can both stem from and maintain differentiation, within and between distinct societies. Examples of possible subjects include differential access to institutions or the importance of institutions for minority cultures.

3) Interdisciplinarity: Myths and Realities at the Beginning of the 21st century

There has been much talk of interdisciplinarity in recent decades. Some have practiced it actively while others have never turned to it. It is well-established, with well-known figures, but has yet to win unchallenged acceptance. What role has interdisciplinarity played in recent historical practice and historical theory? What critical assessment of interdisciplinarity can we make after all of these years?

4) Society and the Natural World

From the beginning, human societies have interacted with the natural world, which has been the source of great benefits and also of great dangers, and which has also been profoundly affected by human activity. This theme addresses the relationship between societies and nature, and especially the responses to and impact of natural dangers and disasters, such as epidemics and disease, long-term environmental changes or climatic accidents. Subjects might include scientific, technological and other responses from medicine, agronomy, government, etc.; the reciprocal effects of these responses on the natural world; impacts on social, economic, technological and cultural developments; as well as broader reflections on the interaction between society and nature.

These themes are not limited to Canadian history and the participation of non-Canadianists is encouraged. Proposals for papers and sessions on other topics are also welcomed.

Proposals for papers (maximum one page), or for entire sessions, with a one-page curriculum vitae for each presenter, should be sent **before October 30, 2000** to:

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