

**The Lithuanian Association for Canadian Studies
and
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Vytautas Magnus University
Kaunas, Lithuania**

CALL for PAPERS

The 5th International Kaunas Conference on Canadian Studies
within the annual series of Baltic Canadian Studies conferences

**Ruptures and Remedies:
Rethinking Canada in Times of Crisis and Repair**

Saturday, October 17, 2026

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In his speech delivered at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting 2026 in Davos, Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney described the current moment as "a rupture in the world order" – "the end of a pleasant fiction and the beginning of a harsh reality, where geopolitics, where the large, main power, geopolitics, is submitted to no limits, no constraints." Nonetheless, PM Carney was equally insistent that this rupture is not a sentence to helplessness: he argued that intermediate powers such as Canada retain real agency to shape a new order grounded in human rights, sustainable development, solidarity, and respect for state sovereignty and territorial integrity. Months later, speaking in Ireland ahead of the June 2026 G7 summit, PM Carney extended this argument outward, emphasizing the importance of "forging new and powerful ties between Ireland and Canada and Europe," describing Canada's partnership with European countries as "a force for good" amid ongoing global disruption.

Canada is a country with much experience in helping those affected by crises and emergencies outside its borders and those seeking refuge. Canada has also been negotiating its own fault lines, e.g. between settler and Indigenous sovereignties, regions and center, official, Indigenous, and immigrant languages and cultures, and competing visions of what the nation is or ought to be.

- We invite scholars from across disciplines to examine both the fractures and ruptures, internal and external, that have influenced Canadian **society, culture, politics, and environment**, as well as the remedies – **political, artistic and literary, legal, communal**, or otherwise – proposed or enacted in response. We also welcome a **comparative approach**, looking at such issues in Canada and another country.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATIONS: 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for discussion.

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATIONS: the working language of the conference is English, but presentations in French are very welcome.

We prefer presentations done in person, but there will also be a possibility to present online via MsTeams.

As is a longstanding tradition of the Baltic Canadian Studies conferences, there is **no fee** to attend the conference.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Please submit your proposal (max. 200 words) for a 20-minute presentation, a brief bio, and contact information to both **Kristina Aurylaitė** and **Giedrius Janauskas** by **September 3, 2026**. Please also identify your preference for the format of your presentation: in person or online.

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