



## People, Place and Possibility: Cities and the Humanities and Social Sciences

2016 Annual Conference | Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences  
November 9, 2016 | University of Toronto Hart House

**8:30-9:00**    **Registration**    *Lower Gallery*

**9:00-9:15**    **Welcoming remarks and review of day's agenda**    *Great Hall*

- **Stephen Toope**, President, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Introduction by **Christine Tausig Ford**, Interim Executive Director, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

**9:15-10:15**    **Big Thinking lecture**    *Great Hall*

“Just sustainabilities in cities: Re-imagining e/quality, living within limits” by **Julian Agyeman**, Professor, Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University

- Introduction by **Meric Gertler**, President, University of Toronto

**10:15-10:45**    **Coffee and networking break**    *Lower Gallery*

**10:45-12:00**    **Response panel**    *Great Hall*

What unique contributions have the humanities and social sciences made to building pluralistic and democratic cities, and what can be done in the future?

- Moderator: **Guy Laforest**, Incoming President of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Speakers:
  - **Michèle Dagenais**, Professor, Department of History, Université de Montréal
  - **Cyndy Baskin**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Ryerson University
  - **Pamela Klassen**, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Education, Faculty of Arts & Science; Professor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
  - **Shauna Sylvester**, Professor, Professional Practice; Director, Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University

**12:00-12:45 Keynote lecture** *Great Hall*

“Human-centred cities: co-designing systems with citizens” by **Zahra Ebrahim**, Co- Director, Doblin Canada; Lecturer, University of Toronto

- Introduction by **Stephen Toope**, President, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

**12:45-1:30 Lunch** *Great Hall*

**1:45-3:15 Concurrent workshops**

**1 Strengthening innovation through scholarship and community** *Great Hall*

Cities fulfil an important role in supporting innovation, acting as hubs for ideas and exchange. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the contributions to innovation made by post-secondary institutions and scholars in the humanities and social sciences in an urban context, and to discuss the federal government’s new Innovation Agenda and the Federation’s recommendations to this process.

- Chair: **Lisa Philipps**, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University; Director, Research Policy, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- **Richard Hawkins**, Professor, Science, Technology and Society Program, University of Calgary
- **David Wolfe**, Professor, Political Science, University of Toronto Mississauga; Co-Director, Innovation Policy Lab

**2 Reconciliation in the city: The role of the humanities and social sciences**

*East Common Room*

According to the 2011 Census, nearly 60 percent of Indigenous Canadians live in cities. This workshop will explore some of the unique opportunities and challenges in working towards reconciliation in an urban context. How are post-secondary institutions and scholars in the humanities and social sciences responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and how can we improve our collective efforts?

- Chair: **Cyndy Baskin**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Ryerson University
- **Chris Andersen**, Interim Dean of Native Studies, University of Alberta
- **Donna Patrick**, Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University; President, Canadian Anthropology Society
- **Karyn Recollet**, Women & Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto



The morning discussion explored the contributions that the humanities and social sciences can make to building vibrant, inclusive and democratic cities. How can we track and demonstrate these contributions? This workshop will explore the issues of research impact through an urban lens, with reference to the ongoing impacts work being developed by the Federation and its members.

- Chair: **David Phipps**, Director, Research Services and Knowledge Exchange, York University
- **Tim Kenyon**, Professor, Philosophy, Associate Dean of Arts, University of Waterloo
- **Annalee Yassi**, School of Population and Public Health, The University of British Columbia; Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Health and Capacity Building
- **Michelynn Lafleche**, Director, Research, Public Policy & Evaluation, United Way Toronto

**3:15-3:45**    **Coffee and networking break**    *Lower Gallery*

**3:45-4:45**    **Federal review of ‘Fundamental Science’**    *Great Hall*

A discussion of this year’s federal Fundamental Science Review, including a look into priority issues identified in the Federation’s consultations with the humanities and social sciences community.

- Chair: **Christine Tausig Ford**, Interim Executive Director, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- **Stephen Toope**, President, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- **Vivek Goel**, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, University of Toronto

**4:45-5:00**    **Closing remarks**    *Great Hall*

- **David Cameron**, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto
- Introduction by **Christine Tausig Ford**, Interim Executive Director, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

**5:00-6:00 pm**    **Reception**    *East Common Room*

*Simultaneous interpretation will be available for plenary sessions — from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm, and again from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm.*

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