



## *Call for Papers*

### **Annual Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies**

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### ***“Making Sense of Place: Geographies and Identity in Canada and Elsewhere”***

Place and identity are inextricably linked. Identities are inseparable from some sense of place: either real or imagined. With globalization and growing transnational ties, some believe that “place” matters less. "When the world is flat," New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman argued, "you can innovate without having to emigrate." Others have argued that local, regional and national ties have grown in importance, notwithstanding globalization. In multiethnic societies like Canada, there are multiple opportunities to experience multiple senses of place - some flat, some less so. Historians, geographers, sociologists, anthropologists and those doing urban studies continually examine the relationship between people and place. Stronger expressions of identity are often believed to be rooted in a sense of place. Place may be derived from a combination of one's natural and cultural environment, and the relationships with people who occupy a similarly defined space. The sense of place is also powerfully reflected in literature and in debates around the preservation of heritage sites.

This year the Association for Canadian Studies invites submissions that focus on various aspects of place and how it is defined by Canadians. How do we experience a sense of place in our nation? How are places constructed? What shape will Canadian identities take in the future? Will Canadian identity grow or flatter as Friedman suggests?

Please send abstracts of no more than 150 words to the following e-mail or mail address by September 25, 2009:

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