



## **The Young Scholars' Forum of the Association for Canadian Studies in German-Speaking Countries**

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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **YOUNG SCHOLARS' PANEL AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GKS**

**GRAINAU, 24-26 FEBRUARY 2012**

Dear Canadianists,

the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the GKS will again feature a panel for young scholars from all disciplines. Advanced graduate students, doctoral students, and post-docs who have not yet presented at Grainau are invited to present and discuss their research.

The overall theme of next year's conference is:

***Landscapes of Difference***  
***Espaces de différence***  
***Räume der Differenz***

The Young Scholars' Forum invites papers that address the conference theme (further details on the last page of this document), but also contributions on any other topic in Canadian Studies, and from any discipline. We are looking forward to your proposals.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is Monday, **October 31, 2011**. Please send 200-word abstracts for 20-minute papers and a short biographical note via email, to [nachwuchsforum@gmail.com](mailto:nachwuchsforum@gmail.com)

For further information on the annual conference, please also refer to the GKS website at [www.kanada-studien.de](http://www.kanada-studien.de)

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.



## **Le Réseau des Jeunes Chercheur(e)s en Études Canadiennes dans les Pays Germanophones**

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## **APPEL A COMMUNICATIONS**

### **FORUM DU RESEAU DES JEUNES CHERCHEUR(E)S AU COLLOQUE ANNUEL DE LA GKS**

**GRAINAU, DU 24 AU 26 FEVRIER 2012**

Cher(e)s Canadianistes,

comme chaque année, le Réseau des Jeunes Chercheur(e)s en Études Canadiennes dans les Pays Germanophones offrira un forum lors du 33<sup>e</sup> colloque annuel de la GKS à Grainau en Allemagne. Nous invitons les jeunes chercheur(e)s en études canadiennes – c'est-à-dire toutes celles et tous ceux qui finiront leurs études prochainement, les doctorant(e)s et 'post-docs' – de nous envoyer leurs propositions de communications.

Le thème du colloque annuel de 2012 est :

***Espaces de différence  
Landscapes of Difference  
Räume der Differenz***

Une description (en anglais) de la conférence se trouve à la fin de ce document, mais veuillez noter que pour le forum du Réseau des Jeunes Chercheur(e)s, le thème est ouvert. Toutes les propositions seront donc acceptées sans aucune limitation thématique.

Les propositions pour des communications de 20 minutes devront être limitées à 200 mots et accompagnées d'une notice biographique. Merci d'envoyer vos propositions avant lundi, le **31 octobre 2011** à [nachwuchsforum@gmail.com](mailto:nachwuchsforum@gmail.com)

Pour plus de renseignements sur le colloque annuel de la GKS, visitez [www.kanada-studien.de](http://www.kanada-studien.de)

Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter.



## Das Nachwuchsforum der Gesellschaft für Kanada-Studien in den Deutschsprachigen Ländern

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### PANEL DES NACHWUCHSFORUMS AUF DER JAHRESTAGUNG DER GKS

**GRAINAU, 24.-26. FEBRUAR 2012**

Liebe KanadistInnen,

traditionsgemäß wird es auch bei der 33. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Kanada-Studien wieder ein Panel des Nachwuchsforums geben. NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen aller Disziplinen – d.h. fortgeschrittene Studierende vor Studienabschluss, DoktorandInnen und junge promovierte WissenschaftlerInnen, die noch nicht in Grainau vorgetragen haben – sind herzlich eingeladen, sich mit einem Vortrag zu beteiligen und ihre Forschungsergebnisse zu diskutieren.

Das Rahmenthema der Jahrestagung lautet im nächsten Jahr:

***Räume der Differenz***  
***Landscapes of Difference***  
***Espaces de différence***

Die Vorträge im Panel des Nachwuchsforums können sich am Rahmenthema der Tagung orientieren (siehe Beschreibung am Ende des Dokuments); darüber hinaus sind aber auch Beiträge aus allen Disziplinen und zu den verschiedensten Fragestellungen im Rahmen der Kanadastudien willkommen.

Abstracts (ca. 200 Wörter) für 20-min. Vorträge und kurze biographische Angaben sind bitte bis Montag, **31. Oktober 2011** an [nachwuchsforum@gmail.com](mailto:nachwuchsforum@gmail.com) zu senden.

Weitere Informationen zur Jahrestagung finden sich unter: [www.kanadastudien.de](http://www.kanadastudien.de)

Für Fragen stehen wir selbstverständlich gerne zur Verfügung.

## **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the GKS (Grainau, 24.-26.02.2012)**

### **Conference description:**

*Landscapes of Difference – Espaces de différence – Räume der Differenz*

Space has become a highly politicized concept in our time. Theoreticians across the disciplines have made us aware that space is not natural or materially given but rather is the product of social practices, of power formations, and of ideologies. The topographical turn in cultural studies and the cultural turn in geography in the last decades of the 20th century have resulted in a higher awareness for how spatial structures not only represent but create and maintain differences. As the Canadian lawyer Sherene Razack has emphasized, racial difference does not only become inscribed into space, but spaces and spatial practices play an active part in making such difference, for instance when black youths are stopped in shopping malls simply for being the wrong race in the wrong place. To the same extent, gender and sexual differences coincide with spatial practices. If we regard gender, in the terms of Judith Butler, as a performance and a repeated act, then the gendered activities taking place in certain spaces contribute to stabilizing or destabilizing such performances. Differences in gender, sex, race, class, age, or ethnicity are created and maintained through spatial dichotomies such as natural versus cultural, rural versus urban, private versus public.

The conference topic invites broader discussions on Canadian spaces and places but also more specifically wants to focus on certain landscapes in Canadian history, politics, geography, and literature. As the cultural geographer James Duncan has put it, landscape is anything but natural or innocent, but rather is a discursive terrain which naturalizes or destabilizes meaning and social relations. Landscapes invoke power and ideology, and terms such as wilderness, nature, city or west and north often encode competing value systems. Furthermore, their form, function and description are dependent on aspects such as gender, class and race. Thus, a gendered perspective on landscapes of difference is important to avoid the gender blindness of many migration, urban or historical studies in a Canadian context. The different workshops of the conference seek to address material and imaginary landscapes in Canadian culture. All nations have symbolic landscapes (Meinig 1979) that are part of the iconography of the respective nation and that express and condense parameters and concepts of the self-definition of that nation. While such symbolic landscapes create an "imagined community," recent criticism in Canada has also focused on which groups have been excluded from certain definitions of region, nation, or landscape that contribute to a spatial national narrative.