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### 2018 Conference

Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, location: Senate House, London (England)

## LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY IN FRANCOPHONE CANADA

### Call for papers

When Justin Trudeau told the New York Times that ‘there is no core identity, no mainstream in Canada’, this caused little commotion among Canadians. With all of its cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity, Canada may well be the ‘first post-national state’ ([Foran, 2017](#)). Being Canadian can thus mean many things – and Canadians construct, express and perceive their various identities in a multitude of different ways. Based on a large body of research evidence, it has long been acknowledged that language is an important symbol of identity (e.g. [Grosjean, 1982](#)). The link between language and identity is an issue that continues to engage researchers from all disciplines in the Arts, Humanities, Education Studies and Social Sciences – and it is of particular interest where Francophones in Canada are concerned. A linguistic majority in Quebec but a minority in all other provinces and in the country as a whole, Francophone communities across Canada are highly heterogeneous. From British Columbia to Newfoundland, these communities have different histories and traditions, they vary in size and in ethnolinguistic vitality, and they differ in their composition of native-born Canadians and newcomers to the country. This heterogeneity of the Francophone communities is reflected in their identities. For this interdisciplinary conference, we invite contributions from researchers of all levels and from all disciplines, whose work focuses on any aspect of language and identity in any part of Francophone Canada.

Please send abstracts (250-300 words) in either English or French to this email address <[cqfcs2018conference@gmail.com](mailto:cqfcs2018conference@gmail.com)> by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, specifying a title, the name of the speaker(s) and their institutional affiliation(s).

### Confirmed keynote speakers:

Krista Byers-Heinlein, Concordia University

Matthew Hayday, University of Guelph

Leigh Oakes, Queen Mary University of London

Sherry Simon, Concordia University

### Conference organisers:

Ruth Kircher, Liverpool Hope University (lead organiser)

Craig Moyes, Kings College London

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