

Connections, Capitalism, Control

Call for Session Organizers

Society for Socialist Studies (SSS)
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The theme of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Montréal in 2010 is “Connected Understandings,” offering an opportunity for the Society for Socialist Studies to consider what “connected understandings” might mean for the left today.

We are pulled into a celebration of digital media and its implications for education, community involvement, and social change. Issues of concern to those on the left remain: issues of access, ownership, and control.

We face dis-connections, as a combination of academics and activists, meeting at a university as part of a congress of scholarly associations.

What are the implications of being part of the largest gathering of anglophone academics, meeting in the largest city in a francophone province? We are meeting twenty years on and forty kilometres away from the confrontation between the Canadian military and the Mohawks of Kanésatake. Connections and understandings seem particularly tested in these contexts.

What do these possibilities of connections and disconnections mean in terms of projects on the left, within Canada and around the world? The Society for Socialist Studies invites proposals for sessions addressing any aspect of the theme of “Connections, Capitalism, Control.”

Proposals may also be submitted for any and all topics in which you have an interest and are willing to chair. Please remember that all SSS sessions must be open to paper proposals from SSS members and others. Sessions cannot be closed or already full at the time the Programme Committee receives the session proposal. If you wish to organise an invited roundtable, please contact the Programme Committee chair directly.

A note on joint sessions: you are encouraged to coordinate sessions that could be run jointly with other organizations. Please make sure that you submit the full information to both (them and us) and meet the deadline of each. Also, please make it clear to all parties which organization will be in charge of scheduling your joint session.

If you are interested in organizing a session at the 2010 SSS Annual Meetings, please submit your proposal through the Open Conference System <<http://ocs.sfu.ca/fedcan/index.php/sss2010/>>. We will begin posting sessions available in a call for papers on 15 December 2009. Early submissions will be much appreciated.

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