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New Scholars Forum
Call for Paper Proposals
Kapital Connections: Socialism, Nation, State

As part of its mandate to facilitate and encourage research and analysis in Canada with an emphasis on socialist, feminist, ecological and anti racist points of view, the Society for Socialist Studies is pleased to offer a venue to new scholars working in these areas who have not yet completed a Masters degree. Paper proposals could be in any of these areas, as well as on topics relating to the Society's theme, "Kapital Connections: Socialism, Nation, State," or the 2009 Congress theme, "Capital Connections: Nation, Terroir, Territoire."

Sessions at Carleton University 2009 mark 40 years of Socialist Studies at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences in Canada. The Society for Socialist Studies invites proposals that consider how being in Canada has influenced analyses from the left. Canadian political economy emerges with the metropolis-hinterland thesis, challenging the assumption that we are ordained to be hewers of wood and drawers of water while exploring our subject status in the global economy.

But Canada as a state has a very different existence vis-à-vis First Nations, their territories and their place in the world. Many forms of socialism employ an ongoing reliance on the state as a lever to exert power, a premise that has been undermined by post-modernist thought, and has since been promoted by the popular media in that vein. "Indeterminacy" could act as a dis-assembler of popular organizations and political thrusts - a fragmenter of groupings organized around state, nation and territory -- even around the abstract notion of "place".

Interested participants should send a paper abstract outlining the proposed paper (maximum 100 words) directly to the Chair of the Programme Committee no later than **31 January 2009**. The submission should include author name, affiliation, and contact information. Authors will be notified of decisions by 15 February 2009.

For further information, or to submit a proposal, please contact

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