

Call for Papers of the Canadian Association of Hispanists (CAH)

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Session Title: Ecological Conversations in Hispanic Studies in Canada

Last year, 188 governments passed a landmark agreement at the UN Biodiversity Conference COP 15 in Montreal. The agreement promises to protect 30% of the planet from further development by 2030. This move indicates an increasing need to think about the interrelationships between the human and other-than-human world, signaling a shift in conversations concerning humanity's place on the planet. The field of ecocriticism provides a perfect critical space to develop these ideas as well as a discourse concerning the interconnection between life in all its forms and how literary and cultural studies can contribute to this conversation. The aim of this panel is to provide a space for ecocritics in Hispanism or associated with it to share their work and inspire other scholars to join in the conversation as the need for ecological dialogue becomes increasingly urgent and necessary in the face of the current climate crisis. The panel welcomes proposals on any theme related to a discussion of Peninsular or Latin American literatures and cultures through an ecocritical perspective. The duration of each presentation will be 15-20 minutes. Abstracts may be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

These themes may include:

1. Animal and plant studies
2. Biodiversity
3. Ecofeminism
4. Ecopoetry
5. Ecopolitics
6. Material ecocriticism
7. The global and the local

Proposal submission process:

1. Abstracts of 150-250 words should be sent as an email attachment (word or PDF format) akolijn@uottawa.ca
2. Proposals should include "ecocriticism" or "ecocritica" in the subject line of the email.
3. All submissions must include an abstract title, the full name(s) of the author(s), the author affiliation, mailing address and email address in the body of the abstract.

4. DEADLINE: Proposals must be received by February 6th, 2023.
5. Contributors selected for the sessions must be members of ACH in order to present their papers.
6. Abstracts may be submitted in English, French or Spanish.