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# Fifty Years of Canadian Studies at Trier University

## Canadian and German Perspectives

**Trier, 20-22 May 2026**

# Wednesday, 20 May 2026

**Room: HS 9 | Building E**

2 p.m. Registration

3 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- *Vice President or President of Trier University*
- *Sabine Arndt-Lappe (Dean)*
- *Florian Freitag (GKS)*
- *Ralf Hertel and Nele Sawallisch (Trier)*

4 p.m. Fifty Years of Canadian Studies at Trier University
*Wolfgang Klooß (Trier)*

4:45 p.m. Break

5 p.m. Honorary Degree awarded to
Prof. Dr. David Staines (Ottawa)

Keynote:
Fifty Years on: Canadian Fiction Then and Now
*David Staines (Ottawa)*

6:15 pm Reception

# Thursday, 21 May 2026

**Room: A8 | Building A/B**

9 a.m. **Panel 1 | Indigenous Canada | Chair: Emiliano Castillo Jara**

Reclaiming Rights:
The Legal and Policy Dimensions of the Métis Experience in the Sixties Scoop
*Meagan Malcolm (Manitoba)*

"Let us face it, we are all here to stay":
Coexistence and legal Pluralism on the Land currently called Canada, also known as Turtle Island
*Heather Shay (Trier)*

Looking Back, Walking Forward:
Re-viewing Reconciliation in an Indigenous Lens as Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Final Report Turns Ten
*Ian Calliou (Manitoba)*

The Role of Archives in Advancing Human Rights and Resisting Denialism
*Greg Bak (Manitoba)*

11 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. **Panel 2 | Literature & Arts in French | Chair: Diane Bélisle-Wolf**

Listening for Stories of Love amidst Histories of Violence: Virginia Pesemapeo Bordeleau's ***The Lover, the Lake***
*Lianne Moyes (Montréal)*

Contemporary Québec Literature
*Alex Demeulenaere (Metz)*
*Gilles Dupuis (Montréal)*

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break and Poster Presentation Students

2 p.m. **Roundtable: Canadian Realities between Europe and the US**
(Chair: Nele Sawallisch)
*Manuel Fröhlich (Trier), James Fergusson (Manitoba), Ursula Lehmkuhl (Trier), Adam Muller (Manitoba)*

6 p.m. City Walking Tour (optional)

7 p.m. Conference Dinner

# Friday, 22 May 2026

**Room: C22 | Building C**

9 a.m. **Roundtable: Teaching Canada**
*Linda Weiland (Trier) in conversation with Albert Rau (Cologne) and Stefanie Schäfer (Mannheim)*

10 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. **Panel 3 | Literature & Arts in English | Chair: Jennifer Leetsch**

Missing and Murdered:
***Cold Case North*** as an Indigenous Research Model
*Alison Calder (Manitoba)*

Visions in the Land:
Indigenous Energy Intimacy and the Athabasca Tar Sands
*Warren Cariou (Manitoba)*

Seeing Canada Across Borders in Asian Canadian Graphic Novels
*Lucas Tromly (Manitoba)*

Ukrainian Canadian Writings in Times of Crisis: Storytelling, Survival, and Identity
*Astrid Fellner, Svitlana Kot and Viktoriia Doroshko (Saarbrücken)*

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2 p.m. **Panel 4 | Outlooks | Chair: Ekaterina Lüdke**

Holocaust Memory in the Museum:
A Comparative Look at Canada and Germany
*Stephan Jäger (Manitoba)*

Canada and Human Rights: A Tale of Two Stories
*Nathan Derejko (Manitoba)*

From Myths to Factual Measures:
An Evidence-Based Strategy to Address Racism and Xenophobia
*Lori Wilkinson (Manitoba)*

3:30 pm Wrap-Up

6 p.m. Public Reading
Madeleine Thien: Do Not Say We Have Nothing
(Stadtbücherei Trier, Domfreihof 1b)