

Preliminary Program (as of August 15, 2025)

**University of Manitoba – University of Trier Biennial Partnership Conference,  
September 17-19, 2025, Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Canada**

**Resistance: Transnational Perspectives**

**Conveners:**

- **Stephan Jaeger** (German & Slavic Studies, University of Manitoba)
- **Adam Muller** (Peace & Conflict Studies, University of Manitoba)
- **James Fergusson** (Political Science, University of Manitoba)
- **Lori Wilkinson** (Sociology, University of Manitoba)

**Location:**

All events take place in **Hanley Hall (Room 220), St. Paul's College (University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus)**, unless noted otherwise. Catering

Breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch in 225 St. Paul's College, unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, September 17**

**15:30: Informal get-together** of conference presenters (Arts Faculty Lounge, 600 Fletcher Argue Building)

**16:30: Dinner** of conference presenters (Arts Faculty Lounge, 600 Fletcher Argue Building)

**19:00-20:30: Shefrin Dialogues / Public Keynote Roundtable “Resisting the Perceived Limits of Dialogue”** in cooperation with the Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice

Special opening guest **Colin Robertson** (Vice President at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute / former Canadian Diplomat)

Further roundtable participants:

- **Ursula Lehmkuhl** (International History & Area Studies North America, University of Trier)
- **Manuel Fröhlich** (Political Science, University of Trier)
- **James Fergusson** (Political Science, University of Manitoba)
- **Stephan Jaeger** (German Studies, University of Manitoba)

Moderator: **Andrea Charron** (Political Science, University of Manitoba)

Followed by **Public Reception** (hosted by the Shefrin Dialogues and the Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice)

**Thursday, September 18**

8:00-8:45: **Breakfast**

8:45-9:15: **Introduction to Conference** (conference organizers)

- **Opening**

- Dr. Mario Pinto (Vice President Research and International, University of Manitoba)
- Dr. Heidi Marx (Dean of Arts, University of Manitoba)
- Dr. Christopher Adams (Rector, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba)

9.15-10:45: **Roundtable: Resistance, Resilience, Dialogue – Europe, Canada & the US**

Participants:

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  - **Manuel Fröhlich** (Political Science, University of Trier)
  - **James Fergusson** (Political Science, University of Manitoba)
- Moderation (Conference organizers)

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 **Session 1: The Power of Literature to Resist**

- **Ralf Hertel** (English/Canadian Studies, University of Trier): Reading / Resistance
- **Elena Baraban** (Slavic Studies, University of Manitoba): 'Quelle belle mort!' or the Question of Resistance to Napoleon in Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* (1869)
- **Lars Richter** (German, University of Manitoba): Writing as Resistance: Fatma Aydemir

Chair: tba.

12:45-13:45: Lunch

13:45-15:30 **Session 2: The Indigenous – Resistance in Law, History, and Culture**

- **Heather Shay** (English Studies, University of Trier): "Epistemic Resistance on the Stand: Reconciliation, Public Interest, and the Sacred Approach to Indigenous Rights in Canada"
- **Wolfgang Kloß** (Canadian Studies, University of Trier): "From Seven Oaks to Batoche: 19th Century Métis Resistance in History and Narrative"
- **Alexandra Heberger** (German, University of Manitoba): "Bridging Fantasy and Authenticity: Reframing the 'Indianer' Myth in German Children's Literature as Cultural Resistance"

Chair: tba.

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-17:30: **Keynote lecture by Nathan Derejko**, Mauro Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba): "The Right to Resist"

Moderation (Conference organizers)

19:00: **Dinner for conference presenters tba.**

## Friday, September 19

8:00-9:00: **Breakfast**

9:00-10:45: **Session 3: Oppression and Resistance in Social and Political Systems**

- **Jennifer Turner** (Cultural and Political Geography, University of Trier): Resisting with Numbness: Carceral Anaesthesia and the Limits of Feeling in Oppressive Systems
- **Nele Sawallisch** (American Studies, University of Trier): Transnational Resistance to Slavery in North America: Rochester—Chatham—Harper's Ferry

- **Laleema Senanayake** (Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Manitoba): Rise of a Struggle: 'Aragalaya' in Sri Lanka

Chair: tba.

10:45-11:15: Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 **Session 3: Survival, Endurance, Resistance in Authoritarian and Xenophobic Societies**

- **Lori Wilkinson, et al.** (Sociology, University of Manitoba): How Can We Actively Resist Xenophobic Political Discourse against Newcomers and Refugees? Strategies for Addressing Hate in the Twenty-First Century
- **Katarzyna A. Przybyła** (University of Manitoba, Peace and Conflict Studies): Who is to blame when citizens are not resisting the authoritarian regime and its crimes? A case study of Russia" [PhD student]
- **Ekaterina Lüdke** (Slavic Studies, University of Trier,): Old Believers during the Soviet Era: Ways of Survival"

Chair: tba.

13:00-14:30: **Lunch & Student Poster Session, entrance hallway St. Paul's College** (organized by Lori Wilkinson, Sociology, University of Manitoba):

14:30-15:40 **Session 5: Resistance in Art and Media**

- **Shep Steiner** (School of Art, University of Manitoba): Resistance: Transnational Perspectives: Two-Fold Resistance in David Smith's Sculpture, c. 1950
- **Mykola Zhurba** (Slavic Studies, University of Manitoba): Virtual Culture as a Space of Resistance: Philosophical Aspect

Chair: tba.

15:40-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-17:00: Music Performance by Laura Loewen (Faculty of Music, University of Manitoba): and Allen Harrington (Faculty of Music, University of Manitoba), **St. Paul's College Chapel** tbc.

17:00-17:30: **Final Discussion & Closing Remarks** (Moderation Conference organizers)

19:30: **Dinner for conference presenters tba.**

## **Saturday, September 20**

Exploring Winnipeg & Manitoba, tba.