

Report of Programme Co-Chairs for CPSA Annual Conference 2025
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We are pleased to submit our report to the CPSA board for the Annual General Meeting. Since our last report in November 2023, we have worked hard to populate our team with section heads (more on this below!). On May 14, 2024, the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences announced the location (George Brown College, Toronto) and dates (May 30-June 6, 2025) for next year's Congress. This was a most frustrating process waiting to hear this news as it prevented us from making decisions regarding the program for the 2025 Annual Conference. We thank Silvina Danesi for her persistence in trying to secure information regarding the 2025 conference.

As we noted in our last report, the uncertainty surrounding the location somewhat limited our ability regarding conference planning as we felt the selection of our conference theme, keynotes, etc. may be partly shaped by the destination. Now that we have received this information, we intend to march ahead with our plans to finalize the above logistics over the coming months.

Conference Theme

As we note above, we were somewhat reluctant to commit to an official conference theme before the announcement of the location of the 2025 Conference. This is because we felt that the destination itself may inform our thinking about a theme and our ability to potentially secure commitments from particular keynotes, plenaries, roundtables, etc. With the announcement of George Brown College in Toronto, we are now in the process of firming up the conference theme.

As we stated in our last report, our theme is likely to focus on the 'politics of belonging', a theme that we hope will resonate with conference participants who work on local, national or global politics. This theme should allow scholars to feel at home at the 2025 CPSA Conference, as it clearly connects with a diversity of topics of interest to political scientists including citizenship, conflict, democracy, federalism, immigration, Indigenous politics, International Relations, multiculturalism, etc.

Programme Committee

We are very pleased with the composition of our 2025 Conference team. While we, of course, have yet to select a Local Arrangements Coordinator (LAC) given the recent announcement of the conference location, we have filled all of the sections with superb and diverse committee

members. We are excited to work with our team (see below) and look forward to our first team meeting at the CPSA 2024 annual conference. Note that we will be working with the Federation and George Brown College to secure an LAC as we understand that we are entering uncharted waters here given that there is no political science program at the host institution. We have also held off on selecting a head to serve on the Practitioner section as we felt that it was important to first know the location/dates before seeking out an individual to perform this function.

Below is a list of confirmed section heads as of May 28, 2024:

- A. Canadian Politics: Luc Turgeon (University of Ottawa)
- B. Comparative Politics: Alexandre Pelletier (Université Laval)
- C. CPSA/ISA-Canada section on International Relations: Aaron Ettinger (Carleton University) and ISA-Canada rep: Caroline Dunton (Queen's University))
- D. Law and Public Policy: Heather Millar (University of New Brunswick) and Minh Do (University of Guelph)
- E. Local and Urban Politics: Sophie Borwein (University of British Columbia)
- F. Political Behaviour/Sociology: Evelyne Brie (Western University)
- G. Political Economy: Antulio Rosales (York University)
- H. Political Theory: Éléna Choquette (Université du Québec en Outaouais) and Didier Zúñiga (University of Alberta)
- J. Provincial and Territorial Politics in Canada and Beyond: Catherine Xhardez (Université de Montréal)
- K. CPSA/CAPPA section on Public Administration: Brendan Boyd (MacEwan University)
- L. Race, Ethnicity, Indigenous Peoples and Politics: Célia Romulus (University of Ottawa)
- M. Teaching: Kristi Heather Kenyon (University of Winnipeg)
- N. Women, Gender, and Politics: Bailey Gerrits (St. Francis Xavier) and Gabrielle Daoust (University of Northern British Columbia)
- P. Posters: Alana Cattapan (University of Waterloo)
- 3MT: Samantha Twietmeyer (Queen's University/Carleton University)
- Q. Practitioners: TBD
- Local Arrangements Coordinator: TBD

Keynote Speakers, Plenary Panels, Workshops and Other Events

As we noted in our last report, we will work with our section heads to develop a program that includes numerous and engaging keynotes, plenary panels, roundtables, etc. In so doing, we will endeavor to create a program that connects with the idea of the politics of belonging (where and whenever possible). We will also work with our team and the newly-appointed LAC to develop a range of other events and activities that will serve to foster opportunities for networking, professional development and socializing. Stay tuned for more!

Concluding Remarks

We would like to thank Silvina and Jonathan Malloy for their assistance as we continue our journey working toward developing a program for the 2025 CPSA Conference.

We welcome feedback from the CPSA board!