



***Gandhi in a Canadian Context: An Interdisciplinary
Conference under the Auspices of the Canadian
Society for the Study of Religion (ca. May 26-May 29, 2012)***
**Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities
Waterloo, Ontario**

Call for Papers

In May of 2012, at the forthcoming Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) has generously sponsored a special conference on the interface of Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948) with Canada. This conference is entitled *Gandhi in a Canadian Context*. Its place within the program of the CSSR is highly appropriate, for Gandhi understood his thinking to be thoroughly religious in character, and hoped that others might examine, emulate and build upon his fundamentally religious concerns for Truth, Non-violence and social uplift. We are announcing a call for papers that address the intersection of this religious thinker with currents of life in Canada.

“Canadian” in its scope and also in its participants, many of whom are Canadian or call Canada their home, the conference seeks to bring Canadian expertise and awareness to the exploration of ways in which Gandhi and his religious thought interface with Canada. Paper topics might include:

- The relevance of Gandhi’s thought to a particular issue in Canada
- The relevance of Canada in Gandhian thought
- A comparative analysis (events, issues or ideas)
- A historical analysis (for instance, the diffusion of Gandhian traditions in Canada)
- Traditions of peace and non-violence in Canada and their relationship to Gandhi’s thought
- Gandhi’s legacy in Canada

Papers will ideally be no longer than 20 pages (5000 words) and presentations will be approximately 25 minutes long. All papers accepted will be considered for review in a peer-reviewed collection of essays. If interested, please submit a 150-word abstract to Alex Damm (adamm@wlu.ca). The deadline for submission of abstracts is **December 1, 2011**. We look forward to hearing from you.