

**CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION/  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE POUR L'ÉTUDE DE LA RELIGION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / RÉUNION DU CONSEIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 18, 2021; 14:00–16:00 EST**

*Minutes prepared and presented by Diana Dimitrova, recording secretary of the CSSR,  
June 5th, 2021*

**Present:** Alyshea Cummins, Diana Dimitrova, Michelle Folk, Paul Gareau, Heather Shipley, Qamer Hameed, Ruby Ramji, Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, Jeanine Leblanc, Ted Malcolmson, Yasaman Samiksa Munro

**Regrets:** Sana Patel

**1. Welcome/Bienvenue**

Start time: 14:00 EST

**2. Agenda/ ordre du jour**

**MOTION :** *Accept the agenda*

Moved: Diana

Seconded: Samiksa

*Motion carried unanimously*

**3. Minutes/rendu d'une réunion – Novembre 1, 2020**

**MOTION:** *Accept the minutes.*

Moved: Heather

Seconded: Sarah

*Motion carried unanimously*

**4. Reports/ Rapports**

**Programme Chair/Présidence pour le programme (Michelle Folk/Qamer Hameed (LAC))**

- Update  
During this global pandemic, CSSR withdrew from Congress 2021 proceedings to hold our annual conference separately from the

Humanities and Social Sciences Congress 2021, hosted by the University of Alberta. We will be organizing and hosting our own CSSR conference completely online at the same time — to be held from May 29 to June 2, 2021.

This year we did not seek a LAC as there was no physical location for the conference. The theme is **“Why We Shouldn’t Return to “Normal:” Working Towards Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization.”**

The CFP closed March 1, 2021. There was no deadline extension this year, instead we ran the CFP later and the closing date was later. The draft program includes the following:

10 individual papers from grouped into 4 panels.

1 panels with 3 participants.

4 roundtables including 2 Author Meets Critics and one on “Bridging Divides beyond Borders and Personal Anecdotes: Teaching in Religious Studies and Thinking about Positionality through Sharing Experiences”. The fourth is potentially ready to be situated as the Conference Plenary an is title “Decolonizing Urgency” where four authors, reflect on how the pandemic “moment” has reinforced the need to prioritize decolonization in their respective areas.

1 special paper by Clara AB Joseph from the University of Calgary on Decolonising the Study of Colonialism in the Face of Eastern Christians

The graduate student luncheon will be replaced this year by 3 30 minutes sessions held in between the regular sessions: 1) Jobs after graduate School, 2) Q&A about managing graduate school during the pandemic, and 3) an informal networking session.

We propose several CSSR organized Panels that are not yet confirmed, if the Committee agrees we can begin reaching out to potential participants:

- **Religion and Culture at the University of Alberta**  
Abstract: TBD  
Moderator:  
Proposed Speakers: TBD
- **Religious Literacy/Competency**

Abstract: TBD  
 Moderator:  
 Proposed Speakers: TBD

2-Part Series

- **CSSR 50 Years Later**  
 Abstract: TBD  
 Moderator:  
 Proposed Speakers: TBD
  
- **CSSR 50 years forward**  
 Abstract: TBD  
 Moderator:  
 Proposed Speakers: TBD

Last year we were set to host the Craigie/International Speaker. Amir Hussein, Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, agreed deliver the International Joint Speaker lecture and when the we deferred the Meeting he offered to defer it to next year if we should need it. The title of his presentation was *Muslims Challenging and Changing Images of Muslims on Film and Television*. We are not scheduled to host in 2021 but if there is interest we could approach him to participate this year.

**Discussion:** Sarah offers to create a registration platform for the conference. Michelle asks whether we she should list people's affiliation, given the situation with St. Lawrence University. Ruby says that the program looks great and it is good for students to show university affiliation. For professors, we could have a statement not to affiliate to show solidarity. Alyshea thinks that it is a good idea to put a statement that in solidarity with recent event at St. Lawrence university, we have decided not to show university affiliations. Qamer and Heather suggest keeping the affiliation. Sarah adds that we could leave out the title. Michelle says that we could give people the choice to leave out or not their university affiliation. Diana suggest to leave the presenters' email addresses, if colleagues want to stay in touch, but remove the title and affiliation. Samiksa adds that it is important to protect people's identity, so sharing emails might not be a good idea. Sarah says that emails are important and that maybe we should leave the institutions after all. Ruby suggests making a statement and expressing our solidarity, but give the university affiliation of each presenter. Sarah, Qamer and Diana think that we should shorten the lunch break. One hour of lunch break would be enough. Sarah adds that the registration is by google form and that her Zoom account has good capacity – it can support up to 100 participants at a time.

**MOTION:** *To have a statement in the programme expressing our solidarity with our colleagues at St. Lawrence University, but leave the affiliation of each presenter in the programme.*

Moved: Ruby

Seconded: Diana

Paul thinks that it is a good idea to put a statement of solidarity. There have been similar developments at the University of Sherbrooke, at St. Andrew's college and there have been similar attempts also at the University of Regina.

**Vote:** All in favour.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Membership Secretary/Secrétaire des membres (Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme)**

- Update

CSSR Membership Details for 2021: Renewed: 80%, new: 20%

Associate member: 23%

Regular member: 53%

Student member: 24%

-Receiving Studies in Religion to CSSR: 85%

- Total Number of Paid CSSR Members, in May of Each Year

2010	126
2011	133
2012	138
2013	150
2014	140
2015	136
2016	144
2017	134
2018	133
2019	113
2020	94
2021 (April 5 <sup>th</sup> )	98

### Other measures taken to encourage CSSR membership

- 2020-2021 CSSR webinar series
- 2021 CSSR conference
- I'm following up by e-mail with conference presenters who have not yet paid their 2021 membership
- Anyone who registers to attend the conference will need to be a 2021 paid CSSR member
- I'll follow up with them by e-mail
- Activities seem to be the best way to encourage new/renewed membership, as well as people's sense of service to the society.
- Piece that Paul wrote for the SIR might help with this ▪ Other ideas to promote membership?

### Other CSSR Membership Business

- *Studies in Religion* is now e-access only for our members
- Accessed via the CCSR's new website
- I'm sending the CCSR our updated list of 2021 members to grant them e-access to the journal on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- Instructions for e-access can be found at: <http://www.cssrscer.ca/?q=node/64>

### CSSR webinars -1

- New initiative, to give back to our membership this academic year, since the 2020 conference was cancelled.
- Six webinars in all, the recordings of which are now all up on our CSSR Youtube channel

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3UdDKhWDgEzdnWujG8luag> ■ I consider it a success:
- Relatively good attendance, and good viewership on Youtube afterwards
- Produced some great new content for research and teaching
- Kept us engaged with our membership
- Did bring in a few new members

#### CSSR webinars-2

- A big thank you to all who helped organize and promote the webinars, and who took part. A special thank you to:
- Samiksa
- Alyshea
- Qamer
- Paul
- Diana
- Jeanine
- Michelle

#### 2021-2022 CSSR Webinar Planning (1)

I was thinking of organizing a 2021-2022 “Meet the Author” CSSR webinar series for September 2021 – April 2022

- Would dovetail nicely with my new role as *Advancing Studies in Religion* book series editor with McGill-Queen’s
- Could do a couple of 1-hour webinars for the new 2021 and 2022 books from the series in partnership with the CSSR + cross-promotion with McGillQueen’s; open to all CCSR societies’ members
- Also do a webinar for the 2020 CSSR book prize winner

## 2021-2022 CSSR Webinar Planning (2)

- If there are any other books that come out in 2021/2022 that you would like to see a webinar on, then I can help you organize a webinar in this format for this series ▪ Record the webinars and post them on our Youtube channel afterwards ▪ Thoughts? Good or bad idea?
- If someone else wants to do a different 2021-2022 series of virtual activities instead, I'm totally ok with that.

## 2021 CSSR Conference (1)

- If no one else is in charge yet of CSSR conference registration, I'm happy to create and manage a Google Form for it:
- Simple form to collect attendees' names, institutional affiliations, Zoom user IDs and contact emails
- Presenters would automatically be registered, so no need for them to fill out the Google Form
- I'd create the form and send the link to Michelle and Qamer to put in the preliminary programme
- We would then promote registration on the CSSR's website, newsletter and Twitter by sharing the Google Form
- Set a deadline just before the conference for registration
- I could then monitor registration, and check registered attendees' membership status (attendees must be paid 2021 CSSR members), as well as send conference information to presenters and attendees via e-mail

## Membership

### 2021 CSSR Conference (2)

- As previously discussed, during the actual conference I'm happy to use my Zoom account for one of the conference 'rooms' where sessions will take place for all the conference days and times
- I'd create a recurring meeting, and send Qamer and Michelle the Zoom meeting ID and password

- All the Zoom meeting IDs and passwords could then be included in a final version of the programme we e-mail only to conference presenters and registered attendees a couple of weeks before the conference starts
- My Zoom account allows a maximum of 100 people/meeting ▪ Also need to act as session chair?
- Thoughts about this?

## Appendix A: How CSSR Membership Works

There are three categories of membership: Regular, Associate (retired or parttime), and Student. Membership is on an annual basis, from January 1 to December 31.

When payment for membership is received, the Treasurer sends the file to the Membership Secretary, who enters the data online on the CSSR website

### **Communications Officer/Agente des communications (Samīkṣā Munro)**

- Update
- WEBSITE AND SERVER:
- Everything is running just fine now that we switched to Bluehost web hosting provider. The website is regularly maintained and backed up. Ongoing issue: we need to continue renewing our domain name with Hostpapa since Bluehost does not support .ca domain names. Our Bluehost site nameservers are simply pointing at the Hostpapa domain name now. We still have some credit on our account through Hostpapa so we will use the remaining amount to continue renewing our domain there every year. One thing for me to continue to watch out for is that Bluehost seems to like updating specific features on its own (e.g. index.php file) which makes our website not show up properly. It is a matter of reuploading the correct file into the website and is not difficult. So if the website goes down in the future this is the first place to check.
- We were forced to upgrade to the “SiteLock Essential” feature on Bluehost and this was done successfully in February and will expire in February 2022. Thank you to Ted, our Treasurer, for reimbursing me.
- Website appearance was in early March 2021 to create more consistency between website and newsletter colours (yellow and black). A new banner was created consisting of the old logo and a sunflower image, an unofficial



design until we perhaps decide we want a more official logo or banner (see image at top of this report).

- Shall we remove the media menu item on the website, since it is no longer relevant and is outdated?
- We need to update the [Book Prize Winners](#) section of the website since the most recent entry is from 2018.
- We are also missing some entries on the [AGM Minutes](#) page on the website, specifically for years 2012, 2017-2020.
- SUNFLOWER:
- SUNFLOWER (our automated paper submission system) ran smoothly during autumn 2020.
- Section in SUNFLOWER instructions on [special papers](#) needs editing to remove the requirement for the submission of a complete version of the paper (at least clarify that it would not be submitted via SUNFLOWER).

- ▶ [About CSSR](#)
- ▶ [Annual Meeting](#)
- ▶ [Resources & News](#)
- ▶ [Essay Contests](#)
- ▶ [Book Prize](#)
- ▶ [Connect](#)
- ▼ [Media](#)
  - [Image Gallery | Galerie d'images](#)
- ▶ [Our Members](#)
- ▶ [Membership](#)
- [My Account](#)
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### **Submissions for the CSSR Annual Meeting may be of six types:**

#### **a. Special Papers**

In order to effect a more full discussion of complete studies by Society members, blocks of time may be set aside for the presentation of, responses to, and discussion of “special” or “major” papers. A special paper may be grounded in a special field, but it should address matters important to all students of religion. In order to be considered, a complete version of the paper together with an abstract is to be submitted by the CFP deadline.

La conférence

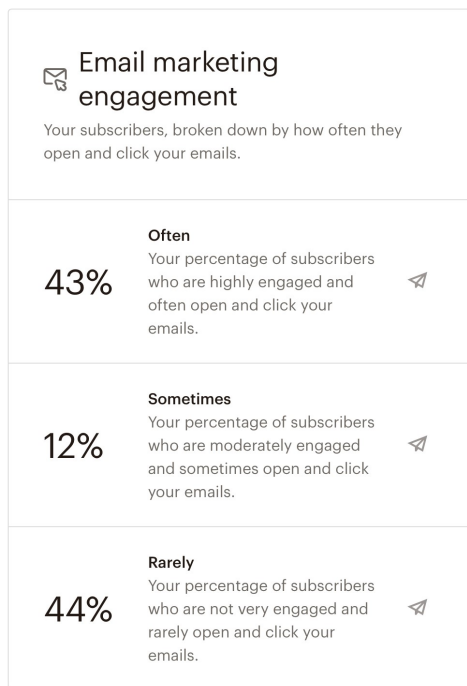
Afin de permettre un débat plus en profondeur concernant des recherches d'envergure réalisées par nos membres, des périodes peuvent être réservées à la présentation de communications plus longues avec répondants et discussion. Bien qu'appuyé sur une expertise précise, ce type de communication devrait éviter une trop grande spécialisation et déboucher sur des questions générales susceptibles d'intéresser un plus grand public. Pour qu'une telle conférence puisse être organisée, il faut que le texte complet de la conférence nous soit soumis avant le 1 décembre 2016, de même qu'un résumé de cette conférence.

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- NEW MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT SYSTEM:
- We had switched from a PayPal payment system to Interac E-Transfer, which we began implementing in November, 2019. It seems to be running smoothly at least on the website side of things. No changes.

- MEMBERSHIP DATABASE:
- There are roughly 750 members within our website’s database as of April 14, 2021 (minus a few duplicates).
- Thank you to our Membership Secretary Dr. Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme for diligently updating members’ membership status on the database as she receives notice of their payments from our Treasurer, and creating new profiles for them if they are new members. The website database is usually consistent with the list we send to SAGE.
- We also started to more vigorously promote membership renewal during autumn 2019 with a poster and included it all over the website and in our weekly newsletter consistently into the new year. We have continued this habit into winter 2021.

- CSSR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:

- Our Mailchimp newsletter service is still working great for us. As of April 14, 2021, we have 524 subscribers to our Mailchimp mailing list (it fluctuates as people subscribe and unsubscribe). Here are the latest stats from Mailchimp for our newsletter:



- “SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER” option is still on our website’s home page as well as under the “Connect” menu.
- Thank you to other CSSR Executive members who also send news to post onto the website and include in our newsletter each week.

- NEW CSSR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
- Due to covid-19, CSSR is now running online webinars starting in Autumn 2020, and our Membership Secretary, Dr. Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme has kindly recorded these and has uploaded them to youtube for members. The CSSR Youtube channel is listed on our website under the “Connect” menu (<http://cssrscer.ca/?q=node/1515>)
- CSSR FACEBOOK PAGE:
- The only Admin for the CSSR FB page is Aldea Mulhern. Facebook page is unofficial and not regularly maintained by anyone.
- CSSR TWITTER ACCOUNT:
- Kindly run by Alyshea Cummins (former Recording Secretary), and she makes regular updates there. Thank you Alyshea!
- THANK YOU!
- As always, I find it a pleasure to work alongside each of you for the CSSR. Thank you for all your amazing individual and team work throughout the year! Especially so during the pandemic with all its extra challenges. Way to go team CSSR.

**Treasurer/Trésorier (Ted Malcolmson)**

- Update
- **Travel Funds**
- No claims
- **Account Status**
- Current
- Community Account: 32,167.89
- BMO Mutual Funds Investment **October 28**: 68,361.89
- Paypal: 0\$
- Total: 100,529.78
- **BMO Mutual Funds**
- Because of Ottawa lockdown restrictions I have been unable to go in again to get the most recent mutual fund total – the stock market has been volatile but the mutual funds appear to be fairly stable – expect that the actual total will be very near that.
- I have in the past advocated a change to BMO Aggregate bond index ETF (ZAG) and BMO Discount bond index (ZDB) – While I still think this is a good long-term strategy I again would not suggest a change to that mid-pandemic. For full transparency – in the past six months, ZAG is down 5.39% and ZDB is down 4.77%. I maintain that as a long- term strategy they

should be considered, but I am definitely glad we had not decided to make the pivot, as the markets have been unstable.

- **Paypal**
- Trying to close the paypal account has been an exercise in frustration and negotiations are ongoing on that front. In the mean time – I pulled all of the remaining capital out of that account, so at present it exists as an account in the CSSR name but holds no assets.
- **Etransfer**
- Etransfer appears to be continuing to proceed as expected with no major problems. Barring any objections – I am of the opinion this should continue to be the norm going forward.
- **Outgoing Expenses**
- IAHR dues are 2.40 euro per member as before but have not been paid yet because of issues of access to the bank due to lockdown. I have advised the IAHR of the situation.
- Website dues for sitelock website security were 94.80. Other DNS and hosting expenses were covered by a credit on our account because of the turnover in 2020, so that is expected to be covered through 2022.
- **Incorporation**
- I still hold the position that the CSSR should consider incorporation but recognize that with the present pandemic it is perhaps not the moment to strike on that front. Mentioning it here because I bring it up each meeting, but I do not think it is an apt moment to pursue this.
- **Online Conference Expenses**
- At the last meeting, the sentiment was that we were to use the zoom license of CSSR execs for the online conference. I wanted to mention that we should be open-minded if there are expenses, which might benefit either the conference or membership. I recognize that there is a balancing act between keeping the coffers healthy using money to promote the society's interests – but it does feel like we have a great deal of capital.

**Discussion:** Ted suggests mobilizing the funds, which we have. Sarah thinks that we should increase the amount for the awards and the number of the awards. Diana suggests consulting the treasurer of the CSSR to see how they invest their surplus. Ruby adds that we should be more conservative. Michelle asks whether we could have research grants instead of a travel grant. Diana thinks that it is important to remain conservative on principle, but also adds that we could rename some of the grants as “awards” to students. Heather says that we could temporarily have more grants for students and that we could lower the number of grants and the amount of the awards after that.

**President/Président (Paul Gareau)**

- Update

- Executive advisory position

It has been a long semester and I hope that you are surviving and taking time for self-care. That said, thank you for taking the time to meet on a Sunday to help organize our first ever, independent conference for CSSR.
- Congress Organization

I have been in contact with Qamer and Michelle in organizing this year's annual meeting. It has been exciting to see how this is going to roll out as a small conference, the details of which will be covered in their portion of today's meeting. For my part, I organized a roundtable with professors, administrators, and students at the University of Alberta where we will be interrogating the importance of religious studies in a time of austerity and major institutional change.

I am also gathering undergraduate and graduate student essays for this year's competition. Once the deadline has been met on April 20, 2021, I will be forwarding these for blind review to MAL review committee. Hoping for a few more before Tuesday's deadline.
- CCSR Meeting in Montreal

Participated in the annual CCSR board meeting with other member societies on Saturday January 30. It was our first conference by Zoom, which had been proposed before the pandemic by past President Mathieu Boisvert as a cost-cutting decision. With regards to the CSSR, we discussed on new methods of reporting society members and membership and access to SR publications through the CCSR new website: [link](#).

I volunteered to join a working group for the CCSR on equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID). This committee is chaired by Mona Tokarek LaFosse and includes Nestor Medina and Diana Dimitrova. Our focus is to continue writing sexual harassment policy for the CCSR and to focus on decolonization in the study of religion more broadly. We had an initial meeting in March and it extremely well. I look forward to working across societies.
- BCSA Response and Congress

In February 2021, we wrote a letter of support for the Black Canadian Studies Association (BCSA) regarding the inadequate response from the Federation to issues of longstanding structural racism. You can access the letter here: [link](#). This was written on behalf of the CSSR and signed by me and past president Heather Shipley. Our goal is to draw light on structural racism in our disciplines and gather momentum in generating change in terms of EDID.

- **CCSR Reflection Piece (50-year anniversary)**  
For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CCSR, I organized, edited, and wrote a 3,500-word summary of the CSSR history and reflections on the future of Religious Studies in Canada. It was a difficult but rewarding process of gathering 14 respondents to questions on the past, present, and future of the CSSR. I am very grateful for the information, institutional memory, and insight from profs and students across the country. I hope it will be a good resource in understanding our work in the CSSR for the continued development of Religious Studies in Canada.
  
- **CSSR Webinar Presentation on Decolonizing Religious Studies with Jeanine LeBlanc**  
Jeanine LeBlanc (MAL) and I presented at the third and final CSSR Webinar #3 on April 1, 2021. Our presentation was entitled, *Decolonizing Religious Studies: Approaches and Insights from Native Studies*. Our main goal was to centre forms of indigenization and relationality in how we can decolonize Religious Studies and the academy at large. It was well attended and ran smoothly with engaging questions. I am grateful to Jeanine for doing this work together in good relations and to Sarah for this incredible webinar series. I hope it will continue well into the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022.
  
- **Future Plans**  
In the flurry of activities, I am still progressing in speaking to a lawyer in Edmonton regarding CSSR incorporation. It is a slow process, but I think this will happen by midsummer after the CSSR conference. This will help our membership drive into the new year.  
I also intend to write a letter of support from the CSSR in opposition to the shuttering of St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan and the elimination of all current faculty positions by 2023. I want to share our society's support of our crossdisciplinary colleagues in the study of religion in these times of extreme austerity and institutional attrition. This institutional restructuring affects us all.

### **Past President (Heather Shipley)**

- **Update**
- **Nominations**

### **Nominations**

This year the following positions are reaching the end of their term

- Treasurer (Ted Malcolmson)
- Programme Co-Chair (Michelle Folk)

- Graduate Student Member-at-Large (Sana Patel)

Ted has agreed to stand for another term as Treasurer – thank you Ted!

Sana is unable to continue in her role this year, so we will seek out a Graduate Student MAL. Thanks so much Sana for all you have contributed to the CSSR and to our students especially.

Michelle is still deciding whether she will continue to serve as Programme Co-Chair, understandably reserving her decision to give her a chance to reflect on the conference planning this year and with all that is on her plate during COVID.

Looking forward to connecting with you all very soon.

### **Past-Past President (Rubina Ramji)**

#### **CSSR Book Prize:**

Last year eighteen books were submitted to the CSSR book club. This year we have received twenty books. The committee was meant to be comprised of myself, the prior book prize winner, Nicholas Shrubsole, and Qamer Hameed. Unfortunately, I have been unable to send out the book packages from my university and I truly apologize for this delay but I have been housebound for personal reasons. Also, my university only provided faculty and staff with limited campus access, therefore the mailroom was not open regularly and books were arriving late into March, especially those packages arriving from the States. Therefore, I have not been able to actually send out the books to the other two readers (and Nicholas didn't think he'd be the normal deadline if I had been able to get the books to him in February).

This delay has led me to contemplate the book prize that we award. I believe it is great that we present the physical award at the CSSR President's Reception because we get to celebrate the author, but I have always felt we could do more for the winner in terms of recognizing their work in a more scholarly way. Instead of having the readers quickly whip through a lot of books by May, why don't we hold a special event at a later time, perhaps in October, where Paul, as President, presents the book award at that time, and the winner actually gives a presentation on their book for our members (much like we did in the fall). It could be a panel with respondents to the book, or just a keynote speaker event. Again, I deeply apologize for my delay in getting the job done.

**Recording Secretary/Secrétaire archiviste (Diana Dimitrova)**

- Update

Documents

We had a great fall meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, which was very productive and went very smoothly. The minutes were submitted to Paul in January 2021.

Diana has received from Paul the notes for the additional conference-planning meeting, which was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The minutes of that meeting were verified, archived and submitted to Paul.

Spring meeting

I would like to thank Paul for organizing the doodle survey regarding our spring meeting, this is much appreciated!

I have received everyone's reports, thank you very much to all!

Other items

I attended almost all our webinars – I think that this has been truly a success! I gave a talk on “Otherness, Difference and Marginality in Western thought and South Asian Thought” at one of our webinars. It was very well-attended and the discussion was very stimulating. I think that this has been a great initiative! Thanks, Sara for moderating and thanks, Michelle for chairing!

I am looking forward to our online conference, where I will be presenting as well.

Paul and I are members of the EDID committee of the CCSR and we hope to contribute to the creation and implementation of important policies on equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonizing.

**Graduate Students/Étudiants des études supérieures (Sana Patel)**

- Update

**Updates**

No major updates on the Student Ambassador program. Currently, we have 9 Student Ambassadors.



Qamer has been helping me in regard to planning a student session for the upcoming conference. I propose that the 1.5 hour we have set aside for the student session be divided into three parts: 1) Jobs after graduate school (30mins), 2) Q&A on managing grad school amidst a pandemic (30mins), and 3) informal networking (30mins). We could invite senior PhD students/post-grads/recent graduates who have experience with job hunting.

### **Student Ambassadors**

This is the fifth year of the Student Ambassador program, initiated by the CSSR/SCÉR's former graduate student member-at-large Saliha Chattoo. Student Ambassadors act as local liasons between their home institutions and the CSSR/SCÉR, ensuring that their student body is kept up-to-date on all academic, funding, and professionalization opportunities we offer throughout the year. Student Ambassadors receive emails from the graduate student member-at-large regarding calls for papers, funding opportunities, job postings, paper competitions, etc. and ensure that the student bodies in their departments receive the information by forwarding these emails via administrative assistants or through appropriate listservs.

### **Student Ambassadors for the 2019-2020 Academic Year:**

Sonia Benchaib	University of Montreal
Morad Bkhait	University of Quebec Montreal
Chris Miller	University of Waterloo
Zaheeda Alibhai	University of Ottawa
Lindsay Mayhew	Laurentian University
Durga Kale	University of Calgary
Prasenjit Debnath	MUN
Heather Patrick	University of Manitoba
Holmes	Queen's University

### **5. Additional items/ Des articles supplémentaires**

No additional items.

### **6. Next teleconference/ Prochaine teleconference**

Diana will send out a doodle survey to find suitable dates for the June executive meeting and for the next AGM meeting.

### **7. Adjournment/ Adjournement**

**MOTION:** *Adjourn the meeting.*

Moved: Ruby

Seconded: Heather