

SSHRC Partnership: Quality in Canada's Built Environment

Calgary 2023: Quality through the lens of lived experience

May 1 + 2, 2023 Annual In-Person Convention [**PROGRAM – V27**]
(Committee Meetings on May 3)

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The SSHRC Partnership initiative, Quality in Canada's Built Environment, engages citizens, decision-makers and researchers across the country in collaborative efforts to reimagine how Canadians consider, create and inhabit urban spaces, buildings and landscapes. It responds to the growing expectations for more democratic, equitable and sustainable built environments.

Building upon the success of community mobilization and engagement showcased at the Montreal 2022 convention, where 'Barriers to Quality in the Built Environment' were collectively addressed, the second annual gathering, held in Calgary, focuses on lived experiences in interacting with the built environment and related insights, which will inform the development of a vision for reimagined quality, as well as the roadmaps for getting there.

Through keynote presentations, site-specific updates, and critical reflection, together with moderated roundtable dialogues, participants will be inspired by the imaginative ideas and practices, learn from the initiatives championed by the teams across the country, and assert their experiences and ideas for change.

Yet our personal experience of architecture, landscape and the city is what constitutes meaning, what shapes who we are and what weaves into our memory. How might we give an account of a lived experience? What words could be used to describe it? What images would be the most appropriate to take us beyond the clichés of travel to and leisure in quality places? In the end, what matters most about the environments we build and occupy?

Leading up to, and during, the Calgary convention at the University of Calgary on May 1-2, 2023, we invite you to reflect on your experience of quality in the built environment, and explore many important questions on how best to proceed. We also ask you to begin to share your ideas that extend the current conceptualization of quality, and that might effectively inform the strategies and processes that will facilitate positive change.

Our search must move beyond the formal and aesthetic aspects of our spaces and places. We are called to heighten awareness – to celebrate our senses, emotions, thoughts, aspirations, and actions – as we design and dwell. We are pleased to have you in Calgary for important explorations and conversations addressing quality through the lens of lived experience!

<https://livingatlasofquality.ca>

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Hosted by the University of Calgary in Cooperation with Athabasca University

School of Architecture, Planning + Landscape (SAPL), University of Calgary (UC)

Link for Registration: <https://livingatlasofquality.ca/calgary>

Monday, May 1, 2023

8:00-8:30 (Local Time)

Registration, Reception + Coffee | Murray Fraser Hall 162, Main Campus, UC

8:30-9:00

Welcome and Introduction by Jean-Pierre Chupin & Brian R. Sinclair
Jyoti Gondek – Mayor, City of Calgary
Penny Pexman – Associate Vice-President Research, University of Calgary
Douglas MacLeod – Athabasca University
Nooshin Esmaeili – Canadian Student Researchers

9:00-9:30

Indigenous Ceremony [Sandra Sutter | Lee Crowchild | Josie C. Auger]

9:30-10:30

7 Summary reports from the 14 research sites:

What has been done since the December Online Convention (7 x 7 min)

- Designing Inclusive, Sustainable and Healthy Cities (led by UCalgary)
- Regenerative Communities (led by AthabascaU)
- Community-Led Pathways to Affordable & Sustainable First Nation Housing (led by UManitoba)
- Material Culture & Social Prosperity (led by LaurentianU)
- Re-evaluating Inclusivity and Well-Being on Toronto's Evolving Waterfront (Led by Toronto Met)
- Equitable Resilience in Toronto's Open Spaces (led by UToronto)
- The Long-Term Cost of Low-Quality Buildings (led by UWaterloo)

10:45-12:15

Roundtables #1 | SAPL Professional Faculties Building, Main Campus, UC
Sharing positive lived experiences of quality

12:15-13:30 – Lunch | Mathison Hall – Event Space, Main Campus, UC

13:30-14:30

Open discussion #1 | Murray Fraser Hall 162, Main Campus, UC
Members of the Steering Committee - Doramy Ehling, Josie C. Auger, Lyne Parent.
"How do we come to know Quality through lived-experience?"

14:30-15:30

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- Adaptive Reuse for a Sustainable Future (led by CarletonU)
- Material Innovation in Spaces for Special Needs (led by UMontréal)
- Retrofitting Spaces for Health and Aging in the City (led by ConcordiaU)
- Night-time Design for Marginalized Communities (led by McGillU)
- Processes & Policies Supporting the Reinvention of Built Environment (led by ULaval)
- Mapping Quality and Belonging through Experiences of Space (led by DalhousieU)
- Right to Land (led by UBC)

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:15

5 student roundtable reports (5 x 4 min)

16:15-16 :45

2 x 15 min – Presentations by Partners

- Thom Mahler, City of Calgary
- Melissa Bowman, Yes in My Backyard Waterloo Region

16:45

Train to City Center | Depart from CTrain Station, Main Campus UC

17:30

Site Visit 1 Landscapes & Urban Design - Riverwalk & East Village [Optional – Registration Required]

18:00-21:00 City Building Design Laboratory, SAPL Downtown [Optional Registration Required]

“Complexity, Uncertainty, Cities + Society: Design Education at a Crossroads” Co-Hosted by Athabasca University (AU) + University of Calgary (UC)

- 18:00-19:00 Reception (cash bar, hot & cold food, student exhibition)
- 19:00-21:00 Keynote | Panel | Conversations
 - Welcome by Josh Taron (UC), Brian R. Sinclair (UC) + Douglas MacLeod (AU)
 - Readings of the Landscape: Douglas Macleod (AU) + Brian R. Sinclair (UC)
 - Julio Bermudez -Keynote Address | Introduction by Veronica Madonna (AU)
 - Panel | Moderated by Matt Patterson (UC)
 - Julio Bermudez (Catholic University of America)
 - Henry Tsang (AU)
 - Enrica Dall’Ara (UC)
 - Bushra Hashim (UC)
 - Open Conversation

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

8:00-8:30 (Local Time)

Registration, Reception + Coffee | Murray Fraser Hall 162, Main Campus, UC

8:30-9:00

Welcome and Introduction to Day 2 by Jean-Pierre Chupin + Brian R. Sinclair

Gian-Carlo Carra – Councilor Ward 9, City of Calgary

John Brown – Dean, School of Architecture, Planning + Landscape, University of Calgary

9:00-9:45

3 x 15 min - Presentations by Partners

- Matt Nomura, Calgary Homeless Foundation
- Sonia Blank, Architecture Sans Frontières Québec
- Pinar Guvenc, Sour Studio

10:00-11:30

Roundtables #2 | SAPL Professional Faculties Building, Main Campus, UC

What are the best ways to disseminate lived experiences of Quality?

11:45-noon

Stantec Gallery | SAPL Professional Faculties Building, Main Campus, UC

Student Views – Student Visions

noon-13:15 Lunch | Mathison Hall – Event Space, Main Campus, UC

13:15-13:45 **Next steps in the partnership process.** Murray Fraser Hall 162, Main Campus, UC

Steering Committee and Project Director

13:45-15:00

Open Discussion #2

Co-facilitated by Jean-Pierre Chupin + Shauna Mallory-Hill

How do we begin to better understand, measure and shape experiences of quality in our places and spaces?

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17:15-18:00

Site Visit 2 Architecture - Calgary Public Library | Welcome Gallery **[Registration Required]**

Closing of the Calgary Convention

David Down – City of Calgary

Rob Adamson, Dialog

Jean-Pierre Chupin + Brian R. Sinclair

Announcement of Site & Dates for 2024 In-Person Convention

Group Photograph | Tours of the Library

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:30 (Local Time) | CBDL, Downtown
Reception + Coffee

9:00 – 11:00
Governance Board (GB) | HYBRID

11:00 – 12:00
Lunch for Members of 3 SSHRC PG Committees

11:00 – 13:00
Graduate Student Committee (GSC) | HYBRID

12:00 – 14:00
Dissemination and Outreach Committee (DOC) | HYBRID

Roundtable Composition Calgary 2023

1. Spatial justice & heightened quality of life

Mapping Quality & Belonging through Experiences of Space
(DalhousieU)

Re-evaluating Inclusivity & Well-Being on Toronto's Evolving Waterfront
(Toronto Met)

Night-time Design for Marginalized Communities
(McGillU)

Right to Land (UBC)

2. Integrated resilience, material culture & adaptative reuse

Equitable Resilience in Toronto's Open Spaces (UToronto)

Adaptative Reuse for Sustainable Future
(CarletonU)

Material Culture & Social Prosperity
(LaurentianU)

The Long-Term Cost of Low-Quality Buildings
(UWaterloo)

3A. Inclusive design for health, wellness, aging & special needs

Retrofitting Buildings and Spaces for Health and Aging in the City (ConcordiaU)

Designing Inclusive, Sustainable & Healthy Cities
(UCalgary)

3B. Inclusive design for health, wellness, aging & special needs

Material Innovation in Spaces for Special Needs (UMontreal)

Designing Inclusive, Sustainable & Healthy Cities
(UCalgary)

4. Processes & policies supporting the re-invention of built environments

Improved Processes for Quality Assessment (ULaval)

Community-Led Affordable Housing Design Process
(UManitoba)

Regenerative Communities
(AthabascaU)