



Lesbian ARTivisms in the Age of Globalization Conference

Hello,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the conference, “Lesbian ARTivisms in the Age of Globalization”, which will take place from September 22 to 24, 2016 at the University of Ottawa. The presentations will be accessible in French and in English, and it will take place in an accessible space.

This international interdisciplinary conference will bring together over thirty artists, activists and researchers from a dozen countries. It will address contemporary lesbian (women-who-love-women, lesbian and queer-identified women) issues and respond the following question: how, why and in which struggles do lesbians currently invest?

As the titles in the attached program demonstrate, they are very active on many fronts. In addition to their denouncements of the injustices committed against des LG2B2TQIA+ peoples (discriminations, punitive rape, murder) and their involvement with these groups, they also work to sensitize governments and populations regarding human rights, decolonization and anti-racism, and to welcome people seeking asylum, real security and international adoption. At the same time, they are alarmed by neoliberalism’s devastation of the labour market and health system as well as the boundaries of individual (stereotypes and unrealistic representations, labelling, the invisibility of certain groups and hyper-visibility of others, commodification and enslavement, return to the polarization of sex-specific occupations, etc.).

In an era when the superficiality of images takes precedence over social justice, appearances over political action, art becomes a possible means of intervention with which to reach, sensitize and call for action, a tool that is used by many lesbians everywhere on the planet. Working in the shadows¹, like fireflies, they shed a little light on the surrounding darkness. With this conference, we hope to bring to light your concerns or your social projects and encourage dialogue and connections between you, as well as with the audience.

The interventions will take diverse forms: presentations, round-table discussions, exhibits, films, theatre pieces and music and dance performances. It will therefore be a unique opportunity to meet lesbians from diverse horizons in order to discuss the big challenges of our era.

¹. In North America, their spaces and cultural projects have disappeared one after the other since the 1980s (*The Disappearing L - Erasure of Lesbian Spaces and Culture*, B. Morris, 2016).

In this package you will find information on registration, accommodation and volunteering possibilities. A list of participants, their proposals and short biographies are also included. We are counting on you to distribute our invitation widely. For any additional information, do not hesitate to write to us at the following address: lecolloqueartivismeslesbiens@gmail.com.

The even is open to all people who are interested by any of the themes of the conference.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the conference,

Johanne Coulombe

Member of *Amazones d'Hier, lesbiennes d'Aujourd'hui* and the Never-ending Press,
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Required Registration

Your official registration must be completed soon as possible on line at the following address:

<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/feminist-gender-studies/about-institute/events/lesbian-artivisms-global-age>

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you are unable to register, please contact us at lecolloqueartivismeslesbiens@gmail.com or call us at the following number: 613-562-5800, poste 1651.

Payment of Registration Fees (for those with funding)

Payment can be made in two ways, either on-line (with 5% for administration fees) or by check (without administration fees).

Registration fees on-line (this price includes 5% for administration)

Professors: 420 \$

Part-Time Lecturers and Students: 105 \$

Link for on-line payment:

https://web4.uottawa.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?catalogId=10153&storeId=10153&productId=148139&langId=-1&parent_category_rn=22486

Registration fees by cheque or money order (without administration fees)

Professors: 400 \$
Part-Time Lecturers and Students: 100 \$

Please write your cheque to the order of **University of Ottawa** and send it to the following address:

Ginette Peterson
Financial Officer, Research and Trust
University of Ottawa, FSS, Room 5039
120 University Street, Ottawa, Canada K1R 6N5

Accommodation

Below we provide two suggestions of hotels for your stay in Ottawa. If you chose the first of these hotels, please let us know the dates of your stay as soon as possible so that we can adjust our estimate of the number of rooms we need to reserve (nights of September 21, 22 and 23, 2016).

For most of those whom we have made commitments to accommodate, you will be staying in one of the few rooms with two beds that are available in the student residences at the University of Ottawa.

EXTENDED STAY CANADA - <http://extendedstaycanada.ca/>

Address: 141 Cooper Street, Ottawa
Information: Suites with a king-sized bed in a separate bedroom, with a sofa bed, desk and complete kitchen. Breakfast and Internet access included.
Price: 156 \$ per night (tax included)
Parking: 15 \$
Distance (in car): 1.6 kms, but you must pay for University parking
Distance: 0.8 kms, beautiful promenade above the Rideau Canal
Reservation: Indicate that you are attending the Artivismes conference at U of O.

HI OTTAWA JAIL HOSTEL - <http://www.hihostels.ca/Ontario/1166/Hi-Ottawa-Jail.hostel>

Address: 75, Nicholas Street, Ottawa
Information: Former prison, claustrophobics should avoid
Distance: 1.3 kms
Price: From 34 \$ to 113 \$ per night (tax included)

Accommodating Visitors from Other Countries

If you live in Ottawa, Montreal or Quebec City and would like to welcome a conference participant into your home before or after the conference, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can put you in contact with those who would like to visit these cities. If, on the other hand, you would like to visit one of these cities, please let us know. We thank in advance those whom can offer their hospitality.

Reimbursement

For all of those who will be reimbursed, you must absolutely submit your boarding pass, whether for the plane, train or bus, upon your arrival at the conference. You must also send us, by mail or by e-mail (digitized) a boarding pass that provides proof of your return. You must also submit your meal receipts (50 \$/day) before you leave Ottawa. Please note that wine cannot be reimbursed.

Ecological Space

The University of Ottawa is concerned about the environment. Anyone using its facilities must use the recycling bins that it provides and behave in an ecologically responsible manner. Please consider bringing your own water bottle so that you can provide yourself with water using its many fountains.

Correspondence

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