



MANECCS Call for Papers Building Bridges / Construire des ponts

22-24 October 2026

Lake Placid, NY

[Abstract Submission Link](#)

Conference Languages: English with select French panels

Conference Email: maneccscanadianstudies@gmail.com

Instagram: [@maneccs](https://www.instagram.com/maneccs)

Select hybrid panels available. This is not a hybrid conference.

Theme

Canada and the United States share one of the world's closest, most complex relationships - marked by cooperation and competition, friendship and rivalry, common projects and contested borders.

The 2026 MANECCS Conference invites scholars, students, and practitioners to reflect on these lines of contact, the cycles of collaboration and conflict, and the cultural, political, and economic bridges that connect the two countries.

The conference will feature the first French-language panel(s) in MANECCS history, expanding opportunities for bilingual and Francophone dialogue.

A limited number of hybrid presentation slots will be available. This is not a hybrid conference, and these panels are to ensure equity for early career scholars and students who would like to present their work, but are unable to attend in-person due to financial constraints.

Topics of Interest

We welcome proposals from across disciplines that engage with the past, present, and future of Canada–U.S. relations. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Political, economic, and cultural exchanges
- Cycles of cooperation and competition: historical patterns and contemporary challenges
- Cross-border and regional networks
- Indigenous perspectives on the Canada–U.S. relationship
- America 250: Canadian connections to the 250th anniversary of the United States
- The Olympic movement and international sport as cultural bridge
- Comparing local and regional connections with the Ottawa-Washington relationship
- Transnational perspectives on border communities and mobility
- Creative and public-facing approaches (literature, film, media, art)
- Canadian Studies today and tomorrow
- Pedagogical innovations in teaching Canadian–U.S. studies

Submission Guidelines

Formats accepted: Individual papers, panels, roundtables, workshops, student posters, and creative/public-facing proposals

Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2026

Submission platform: <https://tinyurl.com/maneccs>

Notification of acceptance: May 2026

Proposals should include:

- Title of paper/panel/workshop
- Abstract (250 words)
- Short bio (150 words) for each participant
- Contact information

Practical Information

Location & Lodging

The conference will take place in Lake Placid, NY, hosted at the Olympic Conference Center. A special lodging rate is available at the **Bluebird Hotel Lake Placid**, just steps from Main Street. [More information](#)

Registration Fees & Support

- Student and early-career presenters may apply for travel support
- Sulzner Award winners receive complimentary MANECCS membership and waived conference fee
- Registration details forthcoming

Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** March/April 2026 (TBD)
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Spring 2026
- **Conference Dates:** October 22–24, 2026

Contact

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