

## **Program Summer School**

### *Diversity & Divergence: The Challenges of Multiculturalism in Canada*

June 22-27, 2014

University of Groningen

#### Participating Faculties

Faculty of Arts  
Faculty of Spatial Sciences  
Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies

#### Organizers

Dr. Jeanette den Toonder (academic coordinator)  
Dr. Bettina van Hoven  
Prof. dr. Kocku von Stuckrad

#### Coordinator

Fjære van der Stok (BA)

#### Invited speakers

Prof. dr. Lawrence Berg (University of British Columbia, Research Chair for Human Rights, Diversity and Identity)  
Prof. dr. Paul Bramadat (University of Victoria, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society)  
Dr. Kim van Dam (University of Groningen, Arctic Centre)  
Dr. Ira Wagman (Carleton University, Communication Studies program, School of Journalism and Communication)  
Dr. Erin Wilson (University of Groningen, Centre for Religion, Conflict and the Public Domain)

#### Practical information

Application deadline: 31 May 2014  
Fees: € 650 (including housing); € 400  
Credits/Certificate: 2 EC (+ certificate of attendance)  
More information and application: [www.rug.nl/summerschools](http://www.rug.nl/summerschools)  
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#### Description

Canada was the first country to adopt multiculturalism as an official government policy in 1971. It considers diversity a national asset and is proud of its cultural mosaic. Many minority groups however stress the double-edged politics of multiculturalism and various scholars have argued that multiculturalism has failed to address the structural inequalities inherited from Canada's colonial past, thus upholding white dominance.

From an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective, we will examine the effects of multicultural policy and the national mosaic and consider new concepts for a sustainable diverse society.

**DAY 1 – June 22**

Arrival and welcome

14.00-16.00: City Tour

16.00-17.30: Welcoming reception (Feithhuis, Martinikerkhof 10, Groningen)

**DAY 2 – June 23**

10.00-10.30

Welcome by representatives of the University of Groningen and the Canadian Embassy in The Hague

10.30-12.00

Introduction Diversity & Divergence: challenges of multiculturalism in Canada by members of the Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Groningen

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.00

Dr. Erin Wilson - Key concepts in political philosophy and religious studies on religion and public life

15.00-15.30

Tea / coffee break

15.30-17.00

Discussion of key concepts in political philosophy and religious studies on religion and public life based on literature prepared by the students / student presentations (Dr. Erin Wilson and Prof. dr. Paul Bramadat)

**DAY 3 – June 24**

9.00-10.30

Prof. dr. Kocku von Stuckrad – Comparative perspectives: Forms of cultural pluralism in Europe

10.30-11.00

Coffee / tea break

11.00-12.00

Prof. dr. Paul Bramadat – Religious diversity in Canada

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.00

Discussion of Religious diversity in Canada based on literature prepared by the students / student presentations (Prof. dr. Paul Bramadat and Dr. Erin Wilson)

15.00-15.30

Tea / coffee break

15.30-17.00

Documentary: Zarqa Nawaz, “Me and the Mosque”, 2005

**DAY 4 – June 25**

9.00-10.30

Dr. Kim van Dam – Nunavut culture and identity: The creation of Nunavut and the role of Inuit culture and identity

10.30-11.00

Coffee / tea break

11.00-12.00

Dr. Kim van Dam – Nunavut culture and identity. 15 Years after: issues and challenges

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.00

Discussion of Nunavut culture and identity based on literature prepared by the students / student presentations (Dr. Kim van Dam)

15.00-17.00  
Excursion (Groninger Museum)

**DAY 5 – June 26**

9.00-9.30

Prof. dr. Lawrence Berg and Dr. Bettina van Hoven: Introduction

9.30-10.30

Prof. dr. Lawrence Berg – “Geography, Neoliberalism, and White Supremacy”

10.30-11.00

Coffee / tea break

11.00-12.00

Dr. Bettina van Hoven – Place, Politics and Aboriginal People: The Northern Gateway Pipeline issue

Introduction and viewing of Video *SPOIL* (<http://vimeo.com/19582018>)

12.15-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-15.30

Students prepare and present case studies

15.30-16.00

Coffee / tea break

16.00-17.00

Prof. dr. Lawrence Berg – “Ethics, Hegemonic Whiteness, and the Contested Imagination of ‘Aboriginal Community’ in Social Science Research in Canada”

18.00

Dinner (and Case Study presentations)

**DAY 6 – June 27**

9.00-10.30

Dr. Ira Wagman – Canadian media industries in the digital age

10.30-11.00

Coffee / tea break

11.00-12.00

Dr. Ira Wagman – Media and Minorities

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-17.00

Multi media activities

17.00

Closure and departure (or departure on June 28)