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**Gesellschaft für Kanada-Studien in den deutschsprachigen Ländern e.V.
(GKS)
Association for Canadian Studies in German-speaking Countries
Association d'Études Canadiennes dans les Pays de Langue Allemande**

Website / site web : <http://www.kanada-studien.org>

Website of the GKS Teacher's Forum : <https://www.education-canada.de/education.php>

President / president : Florian Freitag

Association members / Membres de l'association : 423

Canadian Studies Centres and/or universities that belong to the Association / Centres d'études canadiennes ou universités liées à l'Association : 18 ([more information at this link](#))

Graduates in 2024–25/ le nombre d'étudiants membres qui ont obtenu leur diplôme, 2024–25 : N/A, 70% of new members are graduate students

Activities / Activités

- “Europäisch-kanadische Herbstakademie 2024: Minorités et relations interculturelles en contexte canadien.” Fall School, 2–10 October 2024, Montréal; supported by GKS
- “Territory, Tension, and Taboo: Canada in Crisis/Territoire, tension et tabou : le Canada en crise.” 21st Annual Conference of the GKS Emerging Scholars Forum, 10–11 October 2024, University of Bremen. Keynote: David Austin (McGill University/John Abbott College): “Narratives and Power: Competing Nationalisms in Quebec and Canada”
- “Repenser les Études québécoises dans les pays germanophones et en Europe : relève et nouvelles synergies.” Workshop, 22 November 2024, University of Jena; supported by GKS
- “The North: Changes, Challenges, Opportunities/Le Nord : changements, défis, opportunités.” 46th Annual Conference of the GKS, 26 February to 01 March 2024, Embassy of Canada to Germany, Berlin. Keynotes: Arn Keeling (Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador): “Pollution, Colonialism, Repair, Reparation/Pollution, colonialisme, rénovation, réparation”; Crystal Fraser (University of Alberta): “By Strength, We Are Still Here: Indigenous Peoples and Colonialism in the Canadian North during the Twentieth Century/Par la force, nous sommes toujours là : les peuples autochtones et le colonialisme dans le Nord canadien au cours du vingtième siècle”; Michel Jean: “La littérature comme outil de



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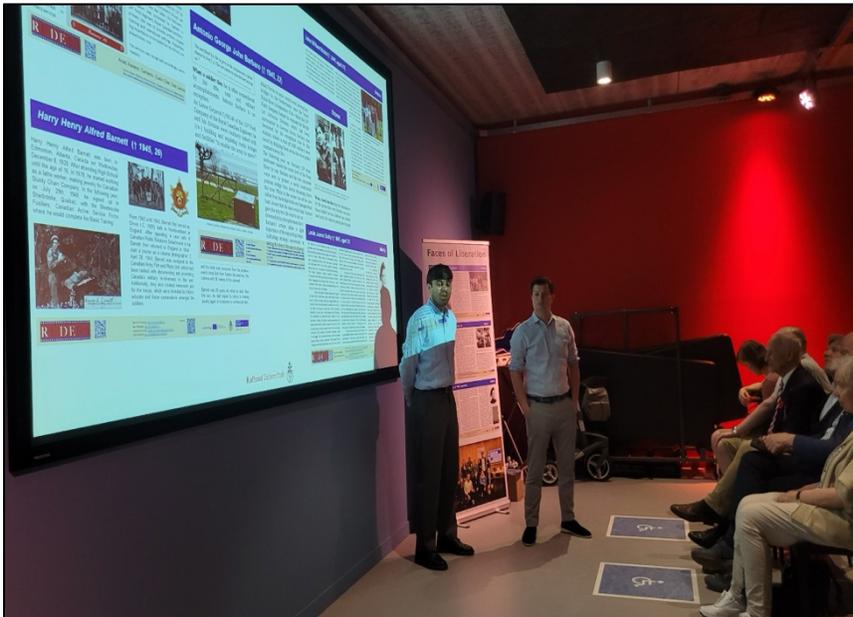
compréhension du territoire innu/Literature as a Tool for Understanding Inuit Territory”; Artistic Programme: PIQSIQ

- [3. Quebec-Bayern Forum 2025: Nachhaltigkeit und soziale Verantwortung – interkulturelle Perspektiven.](#) Workshop, 20 May 2025, University of Passau; supported by GKS

[A detailed list of all activities can be found at this link.](#)



During the 21st Annual Conference of the GKS Emerging Scholars Forum (10–11 October 2024, University of Bremen), organizers and participants sat down with Professor Dr. Karen Struve and Dr. Paula von Gleich to talk career strategies. Photo © Jody Danard



Shortly before the start of the Commemorative Ceremony at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery for the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands on 02 May 2025, MA students from the University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany) and Radboud University (Netherlands) gathered at the nearby Freedom Museum to present their poster exhibit "Faces of Liberation," which tells the stories of Canadian soldiers who died during the liberation of the Netherlands. Photo ©: Frank Mehring



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Publications by members of the Association / Publications par des membres de l'association

- Löschnigg, Maria et al. (2024). *Zeitschrift für Kanada-Studien* (ZKS) 75, 194pp.
- Völkl, Yvonne (ed.) (2025). *Annual Bulletin of the GKS*, 113pp.
- Mohr, Dunja M. and Kirsten Sandrock (eds.) (2024). The Politics of Literature in Margaret Atwood's Works. Special issue of *Margaret Atwood Studies* 17, 449pp.
- Lüsebrink, Hans-Jürgen (2024). *Paul-Marc Sauvalle : Journaliste engagé et intellectuel cosmopolite canadien-français*. Montréal : Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 407pp.
- Alter, Grit and Geneviève Susemihl (2025). *Teaching Canada II: Identities, Cultures, Regions*. Heidelberg: Winter, 220pp.

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Grants/Prizes awarded and received / Bourses/Prix décernés et reçus

Grants awarded:

- GKS travel grant for Eylul Ozmen (FU Berlin) for a Master thesis on “Evaluating Canada’s Refugee Resettlement”
- Prix d’Excellence du Gouvernement du Québec (awarded in collaboration with the Association Internationale des Etudes Québécoises (AIEQ)) for Julia Kersting (Friedrich-Schiller-U Jena) for a PhD dissertation on “It’s the same difference. Literarische Übersetzung als Medium des Kulturkontakts in Kanada, dargestellt am Beispiel der englischen Übersetzungen von Réjean Ducharme L’hiver de force” (“It’s the same difference. Literary translation as a medium of cultural contact in Canada, illustrated by English translations of Réjean Ducharme's L’hiver de force”)
- GKS grant for the Fall School “Europäisch-kanadische Herbstakademie 2024: Minorités et relations interculturelles en contexte canadien” (02 to 10 October 2024, Montréal)
- GKS grant for the workshop “Repenser les Études québécoises dans les pays germanophones et en Europe : relève et nouvelles synergies” (22 November 2024, University of Jena)
- GKS grant for the workshop, 3. Quebec-Bayern Forum 2025 (20 May 2025, University of Passau)
- GKS grant for the workshop, Wapikoni mobile. Chemins vers la souveraineté narrative du cinéma autochtone. Champs de tensions – mouvances – équilibres. International conference (25–27 June 2025; University of Regensburg)



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Grants Received:

- ICCS/CIEC Graduate Student Scholarship 2024 for Markus Schwarz (U Salzburg) for a research project on “Black Indigenous Futurism and Speculative Writing at the Intersection of Climate Change and Outer Space Colonization Discourses”
- Pierre Savard Award 2024 for Maria Löschnigg (U Graz) for *The Routledge Introduction to the Canadian Short Story* (2023)
- In addition, the [Foundation for Canadian Studies](#) awards scholarships to
- doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers as well as established researchers pursuing projects in Canadian Studies.

Upcoming activities and events / Activités et événements à venir

- [Wapikoni mobile. Chemins vers la souveraineté narrative du cinéma autochtone. Champs de tensions – mouvances – équilibres.](#) International conference (25–27 June 2025; University of Regensburg)
- Climate Change, Climate Crisis: Canadian Perspectives/Changement climatique, crise climatique : Perspectives canadiennes.” 47th Annual Conference of the GKS (20–22 February 2026, Tutzing)
- The Association’s journal, *Zeitschrift für Kanada-Studien* (ZKS), will henceforth be published exclusively online and by Universitätsverlag Winter (Heidelberg).