

Studying Canada

An informational resource for international Canadianists

THE ENVIRONMENT

BACKGROUND

Over the last 20 years, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has increasingly reported and issued warnings on the short and long-term effects of the climate emergency. However, government efforts in Canada have been inconsistent at best. While Canada purchased the Trans Mountain Pipeline system in 2018, it also developed a climate action and adaptation plan to reduce emissions by 2030.

In the meantime, many Canadian ecosystems are negatively impacted by climate change, notably in the North where the changes are felt two to three times faster than in the rest of the country. Moreover, various groups, such as poor, rural, racialized and Indigenous communities, are experiencing the effects of climate change more directly than other communities. This is in addition to various social processes which develop—alongside the climate emergency, from climate anxiety to environmental racism and environmental injustice.

RESEARCH INSIGHTS

The environment as a topic is increasingly present in the teaching and research agendas of international Canadianists. Whereas international Canadianists are generally from the fields of the arts, humanities, languages and social sciences, it is interesting to note the growing significance of a topic traditionally associated with fields outside of Canadian Studies, like the natural sciences.

As a teaching topic, the environment is not in the top three of the most popular or most relevant themes. It is also not seen as a difficult topic to teach. However, it is gaining importance, as the third teaching topic that has changed the most over the last 10 years.

As a research topic, the environment takes the first spot in terms of relevance, *ex aequo* with Canada's relationship to Indigenous Peoples. This is significant to the extent that Canada's relationship to Indigenous Peoples has consistently dominated the teaching and research agendas of international Canadianists. Interestingly, the environment intersects with this topic and many others when international Canadianists teach about and research Canada.

RESOURCES

[Canadian Climate Institute](#)

Bilingual resources containing data, analysis, and insight on Canada's climate policy progress.

[Government of Canada' Library of Climate Resources](#)

A collection of datasets, tools, and resources from all Canadian governments and more.

[Climate Atlas of Canada](#)

An interactive and interdisciplinary tool explaining and contextualizing climate change in Canada.

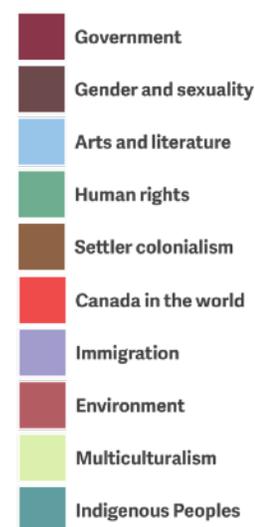
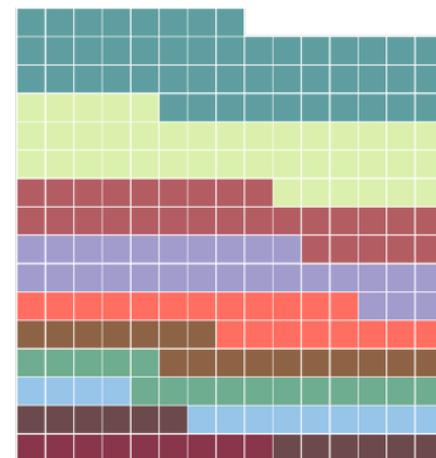
[Canada's Response to Environmental Racism](#)

Official source of information about environmental justice and racism in Canada.

[University of Alberta Course on the Arctic and Climate](#)

A free online course on Arctic environments and the implications of climate change.

TEACHING TOPICS CHANGED MOST OVER LAST 10 YEARS



RELEVANT RESEARCH TOPICS

