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Communities and Knowledges: Toward a Situated, Participatory and Decolonial Academic Praxis

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the international conference *Communities and Knowledge: Toward a Situated, Participatory and Decolonial Academic Praxis*. This interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together a diverse group of scholars, students, activists, artists, and professionals from various fields of knowledge to collectively approach the interplay between communities and academia in Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

We invite potential participants from any fields, including environmental studies, social sciences, humanities, arts, education, health, library and information science, as well as artists, professionals, activists and collectives outside of academia, to submit proposals related to the general conference theme. The conference thematic axes include the following topics, among others:

- Participatory research, teaching, and methodologies
- Race relations and decolonization in intellectual praxis
- Pluriversal literacies, narratives, and approaches
- Descentered spaces of knowledge production and engagement
- Collaborative storytelling, narrative, and artistic approaches linking academia and communities
- Artistic and cultural approaches to linking academia and communities
- Linguistic and discourse- and translation-related issues linked to the interplay between academia and communities
- Public and decentered arts, social sciences, and humanities
- Structural and power asymmetries of knowledge production and access and strategies to countering them
- Relations between digital media and spaces and community knowledges and practices
- Collaborative production, circulation and dissemination of knowledges
- Decentered archival and curatorial practices
- Open access and situated and decolonial knowledge mobilization
- Bibliodiversity and epistemic diversity
- Collaborations between academics and community organizations

By focusing on these themes, we aim to critically engage and challenge dominant epistemologies and promote alternative frameworks that decenter hegemonic practices.

Co-organized by the Universidad de Costa Rica and York University, the conference will be on site at the UCR campus in San José. Proposals for individual and group presentations, panels, workshops, art exhibits and performances, and other, should be submitted via [this form](#) by **February 15, 2026** (the presentations may be in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese). Acceptance or proposals will be notified to participants by February 5. For information and updates about the conference, please visit our [website](#) or contact us at congresoucr.york@ucr.ac.cr.