

Call for Proposals – Civilian Internment in Canada: Histories and Legacies  
Winnipeg, June 17-19, 2015

Over the past four decades, the topic of wartime civilian internment in Canada has received considerable attention from scholars, activists, former internees, their descendants, and a host of others concerned with raising awareness and, in many instances, seeking redress. The result has been, among other outcomes, a dynamic body of information – both scholarly and popular.

In an effort to expand the civilian internment conversation in important and exciting new critical directions, the Canadian Society for Ukrainian Labour Research is organizing a national workshop on civilian internment in Canada for next June in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The majority of workshop events will take place at the historic Ukrainian Labour Temple. The intention of the workshop is to bring together scholars, community members, activists, public history professionals, educators, artists, and others with an interest in or experience with internment (including, for example, former internees, their descendants, and redress activists, among others).

Facilitating dialogue from participants from a variety of perspectives, the workshop will raise greater – and more nuanced – public awareness of the processes and consequences of civilian internment during real and perceived wartime contexts. It will likewise examine the connections, comparisons, contrasts, and continuities between the various civilian internment ‘episodes’ in Canada, historically and into the present. Typically these events have been considered primarily in isolation from one another; the workshop will help to encourage more comparative conversations. As part of this, the workshop also seeks to expand the parameters of the civilian internment conversation to include topics related to the experiences of Conscientious Objectors (Mennonites and others), the October Crisis, the War on Terror, and the detention of people without charge around events such as the APEC protests at UBC, the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, and the G20 in Toronto.

The workshop will act as the foundation of an edited collection of personal reminiscences, original academic articles, and primary source materials (such as letters, photographs, newspaper articles, government documents, oral histories) that together would offer a broad, multiethnic, comparative, and accessible perspective on Canada’s diverse history with civilian internment.

The organizers are presently exploring funding opportunities to help offset travel costs and other costs associated with the workshop. It is hoped – though not guaranteed – that some of the costs of participation may be covered.

Community members, former internees, internee descendants, activists, public historians, graduate students, emerging and established scholars, and others with an interest in civilian internment history are encouraged to put in a presentation proposal. All proposals **must include** the following information:

1. Presentation Title
2. A 100-150-word outline of the presentation.
3. A 100-150-word biography **or** one-page CV. These **must** include (if applicable) a list of publications **and** a list of positions (paid and/or voluntary) relevant to this event. This information is essential to assisting the organizers in soliciting funding to support travel and other workshop costs.

Please email these materials to the program committee at [internmentworkshop2015@gmail.com](mailto:internmentworkshop2015@gmail.com). The deadline for the receipt of proposals is **December 1, 2014**.

For more information, please visit <http://internmentworkshop2015.wordpress.com> or contact:

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