



Northern Dialogues: Remoteness and Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural and Northern Canada

Where: Yukon University, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada & Online

When: May 21 – 24, 2024

Format: Hybrid – the event will be held in person, with opportunities to attend and participate in some of the conference sessions online. We will also be hosting pre-conference sessions (e.g., a new researcher/practitioner forum), for those attending in person.

The conference will bring together multiple perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing rural, northern, and Indigenous communities in Canada. Specifically, the event will highlight the implications of “*remoteness*” across several themes including innovation, education, health, social systems, culture, heritage, and wellbeing. Presentations may be in the form of oral presentations, posters, or workshop/panel discussions. Presentations can be related to research, case studies, policy or programming, or stories of ongoing work. Works-in-progress are certainly welcome. The event will also include a series of field trips to local organizations and time for networking.

Please check the [conference website](#) for details as they become available.

We invite researchers, educators, leaders, community members, policymakers, and practitioners to submit proposals for oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and panel discussions that focus on the following themes:

Theme 1 – Innovation and Community Development

Contributions will focus on sustainable social and economic development, strategies tested in rural/remote/northern communities, technological applications in resource management, leveraging cultural heritage in tourism, and more.

Theme 2 – Education, Health, and Social Systems

Contributions will explore the interconnections between community, health, education, and the sustainability of rural, remote, and northern communities. Discussions on social networks, community organizations, institutions, governance, and resilience are particularly welcomed.

Theme 3 – Culture, Heritage, and Wellbeing

Contributions will examine the relationships between culture, heritage, sport, leisure, and the

wellbeing of rural, remote, and northern communities, and how practices influence community cohesion, sense of community, and quality of life.

Theme 4 – Open Call

Contributions on any other themes related to rural, remote, northern, and Indigenous communities are welcome.

Presentation Formats:

- 15-minute Oral Presentation (in person)
- 15-minute Oral Presentation (virtual)
- Poster Presentation
- Workshop or Panel Presentation (approx. 90 minutes)

Submission Guidelines:

Presentation proposal (200 word maximum) should be submitted using the form [here](#).

Deadline for Proposals	Notification of Outcome
First Call: December 1st, 2023	December 15th, 2023
Second Call: February 1st, 2024	February 15th, 2024

The submission should include:

- Title
- Presentation format
- Conference theme
- Name of the presenter(s), affiliation(s), and contact information
- Proposal (200 words)

Further information about the conference, including fees, accommodation, and more, will soon be available on the [conference website](#).

Financial support will be available for students, practitioners, community members wishing to attend and present at the event. Presenters who are students or affiliated with communities and organizations in Northern Canada will be prioritized. The request for support is included in the submission form. Please provide detailed information there. Note

that limited funding is available, and requests will be considered as they are received. Therefore, we encourage those requesting support to submit their proposals in the first call.

Participants are welcome to submit more than one proposal, or to collaborate on multiple presentations at the event.

For any enquiries regarding the Call for Presentations or general enquiries about the conference, please email: vu22va@brocku.ca

Please share this call widely with your colleagues, collaborators, and any other relevant networks.

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