

Call for Papers

The 1907 Race Riots and Beyond: A Century of TransPacific Canada

Friday-Saturday, September 7-8, 2007

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

On September 7, 1907, thousands of people in Vancouver marched to demand the exclusion of Asian peoples and a 'White Canada'. Many proceeded to violently assault Asian communities in Chinatown and Japan town. The Vancouver race riots prompted the federal government to consolidate its anti-Asian policies, reinforcing and redefining the white supremacist state. This conference aims to give voice to Asian Canadian communities and their inter-relationships with other racialized groups, highlighting the foundational nature of transpacific migration in Canadian history.

We invite researchers and scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals for papers, panel sessions or cultural exhibits related to the race riots, transpacific migration, Asian Canadian cultural representations, and transformation of the racist state. Transnational and critical proposals related to race, class, gender, and culture are particularly welcome. This is a joint community-academic project and open to researchers and artists from all fields.

Accepted proposals will be presented at the conference academic session on Friday, September 7 or at the research-community exchange session on Saturday, September 8 at the Vancouver Public Library. Conference attendees are invited to participate in the Race Riots Reconciliation Dinner on Friday evening, September 07.

E-mail panel or presentation proposals to: raceriot@uvic.ca

Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 31, 2007

Conference Site: SFU Harbourside, Vancouver Public Library

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