



FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## THE HOCKEY CONFERENCE X: HOCKEY IN A CHANGING WORLD

June 5-7, 2020 | Saint Mary's University | Halifax, NS, Canada

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Since 2001, The Hockey Conference has been a driving force for academic research on ice hockey. It has also facilitated conversations among a diverse group of scholars, artists, athletes, coaches, administrators, members of sports media, and fans of the game. Through conference participation, attendees have raised significant questions about the sport, and importantly advanced our understanding of who plays the game, how they play it, and under what conditions. This conference has worked to enrich collaboration and cultivate a critical group of individuals who are pushing the boundaries of scholarship on hockey.

The upcoming conference will be hosted by the Centre for the Study of Sport and Health at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS. This is the tenth anniversary of The Hockey Conference, which was founded by Dr. Colin Howell at Saint Mary's. The 2020 Conference will occur in a meaningful place and at a meaningful time. Events occurring in Halifax around that time include the Women's World Hockey Championships, the North American Indigenous Games, and the opening of the new ice rink on campus, the Dauphinee Centre. Most importantly, we will be celebrating Dr. Howell's retirement and congratulating him on an impressive 50 years at Saint Mary's.

The Hockey Conference X organizing committee invites abstract submissions from scholars in all fields whose work engages with the sport of ice hockey in all of its forms, including those in the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. We also encourage submissions from those studying hockey from outside the academy, including arts practitioners such as filmmakers. The theme for 2020 is hockey in a changing world. This theme is meant to draw attention to the ways that hockey is (or was) confronting a varied amalgam of change that includes the increasing rationalization of health and, neo-liberal pressures on the public, climate change, immigration, changing normative understandings of gender and sexuality, and shifting ideological frameworks, including a rise in right-wing extremism — to name only a few. The aim of the Conference is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners to present and discuss a multitude of themes and topics. These include but are not limited to:

- Analytics
- Business, management, and economics
- Coaching
- Class/socio-economic status
- Community building and development
- Strength and conditioning
- Embodiment and dis/ability
- Gender and sexuality
- Geography and globalization
- History
- Literature
- Biomechanics
- Media
- Nationalism, race and ethnicity
- Popular culture
- Family
- Sustainability and the environment
- And more . . .

### Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be 150–250 words and include a presentation title
- Provide your name, institutional affiliation (if appropriate), and main contact information
- Each presenter may submit up to 3 abstracts (co-authors who are not presenting have no limitation)
- The deadline for the **first** call for abstracts is Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Send submissions and questions to Cheryl at [cheryl.macdonald@smu.ca](mailto:cheryl.macdonald@smu.ca)

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