



The German-Canadian Transatlantic Forum 2011
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***Energy and territoriality in Europe and North
America***

Call for Papers

Energy issues have moved to the forefront of political discussion in Germany, the EU, Canada and the rest of the world. In this workshop, we would like to address the issue of energy in its connections with territoriality, a second topic that is currently in the centre of debates in geography, political science and the wider social sciences. The issue of territoriality also links with the question of scale: while, for example, the question of energy has been shifted to a supranational level in many aspects – for example, the recent international attempts to deal with climate change or those transnational mechanisms for environmental impact assessments being established in the EU – the nation state still figures prominently in energy policy and energy debates, particularly in instances where the general public is engaged in the discourse. Yet a third level is the sub-national (or counter-national) discourse, of particular relevance in the Canadian context, which sees definitions of national sovereignty challenged from within (e.g. first nations' territorial and governance claims).

In this workshop, we would like to bring together approaches that address a number of the many diverse links between energy and territoriality. Possible areas of discussion include:

1. a comparison of a wide variety of cases from European, Canadian and international contexts;
2. theoretical approaches that address the energy/territoriality/state nexus;
3. contributions that allow to historically trace the development of energy and territoriality

Format: This year's Forum format begins with a welcome dinner on Friday, January 28th to be followed by a full working day on January 29th comprised of 3 panels and, potentially, a public round table.

How to apply

Attendance is open to all, however, CCGES is only able to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of participants who are faculty members at a Canadian university. Interested participants are invited to submit a proposal for a paper to be given at the Forum (200-300 words) to: ubest@yorku.ca

Please note that the deadline for applications is **December 1, 2010**.

The registration fee for the Transatlantic Forum is \$100.00, however, selected participants will be reimbursed the costs of round-trip economy transportation and ground transfers at either end of the trip as well as have their hotel and food expenses covered for duration of the event. We are particularly interested in attracting faculty from a wide range of universities and from a variety of disciplines. The Forum will be conducted in English.

If you know of colleagues who might like to be on our contact list of Canadian colleagues interested in Germany, other European countries, the European Union or transatlantic topics in general, please forward their contact information so that we may extend them an invitation.

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Thank you very much for your interest,

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