The CASID 2027 Conference will take place at Dalhousie University in Kjipuktuk (Halifax), Canada, June 2-4.

Dreaming Global Development Futures

Sometimes it feels like the more things change, the more they stay the same. In 1827 and 2027, global elites believed that their new technologies might usher in a period of unfettered human development. But just as steam engines quickened the pace of nineteenth-century imperialism, today's AI data centres promise to improve the human condition while consuming precious water and mechanizing the means of intellectual production. We live in a world of cyclical contradictions, where anachronistic practices of imperialism materialize in continental European war for territory, greed prevents live-streamed genocides in Palestine and Sudan from provoking international interventions, and national self-interest defunds cosmopolitan ambitions. How can global development studies help us dream our way out of the recurring nightmares of the last few centuries?

We will meet in Kjiptuktuk (Halifax, NS, Canada) to consider the past, present, and future of global development studies at a time of global polycrises resulting from four decades of neoliberalism: climate emergency and environmental collapses, forced population displacement, and continued struggles against extractivism and authoritarianism amidst global coloniality.

In light of this broad thematic context, CASID invites proposals that address any of these priorities from a range of disciplinary, theoretical, and methodological perspectives, as well as general submissions. We welcome submissions (papers, panels, roundtables, workshops, art or posters) that consider pluriversality — diverse ways of knowing and struggling for political ecologies and economies that strive to value life over profits and those that help us understand why we stumble.

Possible themes for submissions include, but aren't limited to:

- **Political ecology, climate change, and adaptions**
- **Postcolonial, decolonial, anti-colonial, and Indigenous resurgence**
- **Decolonial, feminist, and participatory research methodologies and methods**
- **Governance and policy analysis and alternatives**
- **Resistance and alternatives to development projects**
- **Critical analysis of global elites' development projects and strategies**
- **International aid, humanitarianism, and migration**
- **Economic justice and reparations**
- **AI and technological change**
- **Freedom and movements for autonomy**
- **Social justice and social movement theory and praxis**
- **Extractivism and resistance in resource frontiers**
- **Feminisms and intersectional justice and theory**
- **Sustainable development, entrepreneurship, and finance**
- **Institutional transformation and global governance**
- **Art, storytelling, and prefigurative politics**
- **Transforming political geographies and ecologies**

Conference Format

CASID 2027 will be in person in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (UTC – 3)

Submission Types (All submissions will be reviewed)

- **Standalone Papers:** Single- or co-authored standalone papers will be assigned to a parallel session in the program. Parallel sessions will be assigned a chair/discussant. We envision a maximum of 4 papers per session. Paper submissions should have an abstract of no more than 250 words that highlights the main aim of the paper and key empirical findings or conceptual, paradigmatic, or methodological arguments. Empirical papers should also provide a short description of the research methods and/or datasets. Non-empirical papers should provide a summary of the key intellectual debates or context, literature, or antecedents to the argument being presented.
- **Panel or Roundtable:** Panels of papers on a specific issue or theme or roundtable discussions should have no more than 4 papers or presenters to allow adequate time for presentation and discussion. Proposals for panels should include a title and description of the panel theme and rationale (250-300 words), and include the names of presenters, titles, and short abstracts (250 words) for each paper. Proposals for roundtable discussions should include a title and description of the issue(s), theme, and aims (250-300 words), and list the panel presenters (maximum 8 participants). All panel and roundtable proposals should also include the name and contact information of the lead organizer, who will also act as chair.
- **Author-Meets-Critics Sessions:** We welcome roundtables or other discussion formats addressing recently published books or reports in the field. Proposals should include a description (300 words) listing the title of the published volume, its relevance for the debates in the field, and a list of participants including the author, a chair, and up to three "critics." Books published by early-career scholars and/or those critically examining development debates from interdisciplinary perspectives will be given priority.
- **Posters or Art:** We welcome poster presentations at any stage of the research process or practical project implementation. Poster proposal submissions should include a description (250 words) that summarizes the research or practice, literature or context, methodology or approach, and any outcomes or impacts. We welcome descriptions (250 words) of creative/artistic submissions including why they are being proposed for inclusion at CASID 2027. Please note: Only descriptions of the posters or art, and not the posters or art themselves, are required at this time.
- **Workshops:** Proposals should identify a lead organizer(s) and, in case there are additional facilitators, state the names of the entire workshop team. Organizers should be mindful that workshops are intended to involve active participation from attendees and are not the same as roundtable discussions or paper presentations. Standard workshops will be given a 90-minute slot. Should organizers feel they require a double slot (180-minutes), this may be accommodated *if space in the program permits*.

  Three categories of workshops are solicited:

  Action for Change Workshop: Intended to promote scholar-practitioner engagement on a range of critical development issues to share strengths, problem-solve challenges, and plan collaborative actions with a view on considering action for change. Examples include: presenting and soliciting participation for advocacy strategies and campaigns; seeking broader engagement on community and development programs; getting feedback on programmatic and policy initiatives; etc.

Research Workshop: Examples of workshops in this category include, but are not limited to: research and academic-related skills training for scholars (newer and established) and practitioners; presentation of research and evaluation tools for feedback; in-depth methodological considerations of community research, and development projects and programs; presentation of pilot projects and solicitation of commentary of future research design; etc.

Open Workshop: Proposals are welcome for workshops that fall outside of the other two categories.

Instructions for Submission

The deadline to receive submissions is **15 January, 2027.**

Submissions will be **accepted on the electronic conference submission system only**. **Emailed submissions will not be considered.** Please follow further instructions on the submission system. We anticipate completing the review of submissions by mid-February 2027.

All presenters are required to be members of CASID and pay the CASID 2027 conference registration fees.

For general inquiries email: conference.coordinator@casid-acedi.ca

Other Important Information:

CASID is pleased to announce the **student paper prizes for 2027**. Current students (any level of study) are invited to submit papers for consideration for one of two cash prizes each worth $1000. More information about the student paper prizes is forthcoming. See the CASID website https://casid-acedi.ca/ news for more information on submissions and deadlines. Winners will be announced at the CASID conference in Halifax.

We encourage you to also check your **CASID membership** status. If it is time to renew your CASID membership, you can do so here: https://casid-acedi.ca/membership