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Fall Conference

Expanding Minds: The Power of Diverse Perspectives in Canadian Post-Secondary Education

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HARBOUR CENTRE

Monday, October 27

9:00–9:10 _{AM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre Room 1700</i>	Welcome Andy Sellwood (Department of Project Management) <i>Vancouver Community College</i>
9:10–10:20 _{AM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre Room 1700</i>	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Diversity and Knowledge Production: Why It's Important, How It Often Goes Off the Rails Musa al-Gharbi (American Sociologist and Assistant Professor) <i>Stony Brook University</i>
10:20–10:35 _{AM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre Room 1700</i>	Morning Coffee Break
10:35–11:35 _{AM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre Room 1700</i>	Debate and Truth in Canadian Universities: A Q&A with Chief Aaron Pete, followed by Bob the Builder Meets the Academy: Why 'Decolonize Now' Misses the Mark Aaron Pete, <i>Chief of Chawathil First Nation and Host of Nuanced Podcast</i> Karen Restoule (Senior Fellow and Director of Indigenous Affairs) <i>MacDonald Laurier Institute</i>
11:40–12:00 _{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre Room 1700</i>	If Faculty Diversity is the Answer, What Was the Question? Azim Shariff (Professor of Psychology) <i>University of British Columbia</i>



12:00-1:30_{PM}	Break for Lunch
1:30-3:00_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	EDI in Higher Education: Reform, Reframe, or Retire? Stephen Reich (Phd Student in Educational Policy at OISE) <i>University of Toronto</i> Lilach Marom (Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education) <i>Simon Fraser University</i> Moderated by Rachel Altman (Associate Professor of Statistics) <i>Simon Fraser University</i>
3:00-3:15_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:15-4:15_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	PANEL DISCUSSION Viewpoint Diversity, Constructive Disagreement and the Academic Left Dennis Soron (Associate Professor of Sociology) <i>Brock University</i> Kevin Gosine (Associate Professor of Sociology) <i>Brock University</i> Neil McLaughlin (Professor of Sociology) <i>McMaster University</i> Moderated by Alexandra Lysova (Professor of Criminology) <i>Simon Fraser University</i>
4:15-4:35_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	Confronting Hegemonic Series Robinder Bedi (Professor of Psychology) <i>University of British Columbia</i>
4:35-4:55_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	DEI and Child Clinical Psychology Programs: Implications for Graduate Student Recruitment and Clinical Training Kelly Schwartz (Associate Professor of Applied Child Psychology) <i>University of Calgary</i>
4:55-5:00_{PM} <i>Labbatt Hall Theatre</i> <i>Room 1700</i>	Closing Remarks

