

heterodox academy | *October 27, 2025* | HxCanada Fall Conference

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

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

HARBOUR CENTRE

Monday, October 27

9:00–9:10AM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Welcome Andy Sellwood (Department of Project Management) *Vancouver Community College*
9:10–10:20AM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	*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) *Stony Brook University*
10:20–10:35AM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Morning Coffee Break
10:35–11:35AM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	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, *Chief of Chawathil First Nation and Host of Nuanced Podcast* Karen Restoule (Senior Fellow and Director of Indigenous Affairs) *MacDonald Laurier Institute*
11:40–12:00PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	If Faculty Diversity is the Answer, What Was the Question? Azim Shariff (Professor of Psychology) *Univerity of British Columbia*

12:00–1:30PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Break for Lunch
1:30–3:00PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	EDI in Higher Education: Reform, Reframe, or Retire? Stephen Reich (Phd Student in Educational Policy at OISE) *University of Toronto* Lilach Marom (Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education) *Simon Fraser University*
3:00–3:15PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Afternoon Coffee Break
3:15–4:15PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	PANEL DISCUSSION Viewpoint Diversity, Constructive Disagreement and the Academic Left Dennis Soron (Associate Professor of Sociology) *Brock University* Kevin Gosine (Associate Professor of Sociology) *Brock University* Neil McLaughlin (Professor of Sociology) *McMaster University* Moderated by Alexandra Lysova (Professor of Criminology) *Simon Fraser University*
4:15–4:35PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Confronting Hegemonic Series ROBINDER BEDI, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, *UNIVERITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA*
4:35–4:55PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	DEI and Child Clinical Psychology Programs: Implications for Graduate Student Recruitment and Clinical Training KELLY SCHWARTZ, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF APPLIED CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, *UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY*
4:55–5:00PM *Labbatt Hall Theatre* *Room 1700*	Closing Remarks