

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference, “Identity in Motion: Literary Representations of Refugees, Exiles, and Immigrants”

Institute for the Humanities, University of Manitoba, February 5–6, 2026

The Institute for Humanities at the University of Manitoba invites proposals for papers and panel presentations for the international conference *Identity in Motion: Literary Representations of Refugees, Exiles, and Immigrants*. This conference seeks to explore the diverse literary portrayals of displacement, migration, exile, and the refugee experience across genres, languages, and cultures. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches, including but not limited to literary studies, cultural studies, history, and sociology.

Topics of interest may include, but are not limited to:

- Literary representations of forced migration and exile
- Diaspora and transnational identities
- Memory, nostalgia, and post-memory in migrant literature
- Intersection of migration with gender, race, and class
- Translation and reception of refugee and immigrant narratives
- Comparative studies of migrant experiences in literature

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts of up to 300 words, along with a short biography (100 words), should be submitted.
- **Deadline for submissions:** January 5, 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** January 10, 2026
- **Format:** hybrid conference (in person/Zoom)

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