

**August 8-10, 2024**

**COCAL**  
**2024 XV**



**GATINEAU, QUEBEC, CANADA 2024**

At Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO)  
283, Alexandre-Taché blvd, Gatineau (Quebec) J8X 3X7

COCAL XV 2024 website: [www.cocal2024.org](http://www.cocal2024.org)

## REGISTRATIONS

**Conference — August 8-9 — \$375 CA**

(≈\$275 US or or 4750 MXN pesos\*)

Registration to the conference includes:

- Conferences, panels and workshops during the two days
- Simultaneous interpretation services (in French, Spanish and English)
- Breakfast, onsite planned lunches and coffee break snacks
- Public or group transportation between the hotel and the University
- Solidarity Evening and Supper (August 9)

**Regional Discovery and Networking Day — August 7 — \$85 CA**

Fees for participants to conference: **\$85 CA** (≈\$63 US or 1075 MXN pesos\*)

➤ Fees for spouses not registered for the conference: **\$110 CA** (≈\$80 US or 1395 MXN pesos\*)

Included :

- Transportation from hotels to visited sites
- Lunch meal
- All entry fees or activity fees

## LINKS FOR REGISTRATION:

English : <https://bit.ly/49jWMOR>

French : <https://bit.ly/3usQVYJ>

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# HOTELS AND BOOKINGS

## HOTELS LOCATION AND AMENITIES



### **COST: \$179 CA + Applicable taxes**

(Approximately \$130 US or 2250 MXN pesos. These amounts are subject to change depending on the exchange rate and banking charges for conversion at the time of payment.)

## TO BOOK A ROOM

Booking procedure for both hotels:

- **Email:** [reservations@chateaucartier.com](mailto:reservations@chateaucartier.com)
- **Phone:** 1 819 778-0000 or toll free number 1 800 807-1088
- **Mention that you are attending the COCAL conference.**

**IMPORTANT: Please book before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to benefit from the available rooms and the negotiated group rate.**

After this date, the hotel does not guarantee room availability or the group rate.

### **Château Cartier Hotel & Resort**

1170, chemin d'Aylmer, Gatineau (Quebec), Canada

- A few kilometers from downtown Gatineau and Ottawa
- Golf club, spa and restaurants on site
- 3.5 km (2.2 miles) from the UQO
- A 45-to-55-minute walk or 9 minutes by bus

### **Hotel Suites Victoria**

1 Rue Victoria, Gatineau (Quebec), Canada

- Located in downtown Gatineau
- Near several restaurants and downtown Ottawa
- 3 km (1.9 mile) from the UQO
- A 30-to-45-minute walk or 12 minutes by bus.

#### **Inclusions :**

- Free parking
- High speed internet
- Access to the Château Cartier Hotel & Resort gym
- Access discounts to the Koena Spa at the Château Cartier Hotel & Resort
- Preferential taxi service rates

## HOTEL PREFERENCE

These two hotels will host attendees for COCAL XV. A limited number of rooms are available at each location. If you have a preference, please mention it. The hotel staff will be happy to honour your request as long as the number of available rooms allows it.

## EXTENDED STAYS

If you wish to extend your stay at the same rate – **2 nights before or after the conference: nights of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 2024** – proceed as follows:

1. Reserve your room for the conference (from August 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2024).
2. Then send your request to extend your stay by email to [reservations@chateaucartier.com](mailto:reservations@chateaucartier.com) indicating:
  - a) the number from your previous reservation,
  - b) the first and last name that you provided,
  - c) the extra nights that you wish to book.

## TO CONTACT US

To contact the local organizing committee of the conference: [cocal2024gatineau@gmail.com](mailto:cocal2024gatineau@gmail.com)

## PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7



NETWORKING AND DISCOVERY OF THE GATINEAU-OTTAWA  
REGION DAY

THURSDAY AUGUST 8 – OPENING OF THE XV<sup>th</sup> COCAL CONFERENCE

9:30– Opening remarks

**THEME 1: Collegiality, Academic Freedom  
and Political Voice of Contingent Academic  
Labour: Putting an End to Sidelining**

11:05– MAIN PLENARY – The  
Managerialization of Universities:  
The Source of All Ills

12:30– Lunch

2:00– Precarity, Representation,  
Academic Freedom and Abuse of  
Power in Universities

3:30– Break

**THEME 2: Enriching Rather Than  
Fragmenting the Work of Contingent  
Faculty: Analysis and Solutions**

3:50– WORKSHOPS – Analysis of the  
Work and Conditions of Contingent  
Faculty: Challenges and Opportunities

5:30– Group and delegation photos

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

9:00– PLENARY SESSION – Solutions for  
Better Working Conditions and a Greater  
Recognition of Contingent Faculty

10:30– Break

**THEME 3: The Fundamental Mission of  
Universities Under Attack: For a Free,  
Egalitarian, and Pluralistic Education**

10:50– ROUND TABLE – The  
Commodification of Education in the  
Context of AI, Remote Learning, and  
the Deregulation of Tuition

PLENARY SESSION – Exchange of  
Experiences in Defending Against  
These Threats

12:30– Lunch

**THEME 4: National and International  
Solidarity, Local Mobilisation: Effective  
Action to Counter Job Insecurity for  
Contingent Faculty**

14:00– ROUND TABLE – Key Elements  
For a Historic Union Mobilisation

15:30– Break

15:50– CONFERENCE – Pursuing  
Mobilisation

PLENARY SESSION – For a North  
American Mobilisation Day

AN EVENING OF SOLIDARITY AT 6:30



SATURDAY AUGUST 10

10:00– COCAL XV 2024 Organizing Committee and COCAL International Committee meeting

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO GATINEAU!

# CALL FOR COMMUNICATION

## CONTEXT

The XV<sup>th</sup> COCAL conference will focus on the many challenges facing contingent faculty that are attacks against our:

- Profession
- Academic potential
- Representation at the university
- Academic freedom
- Working conditions

It will also focus on the means we can use to mobilise and address them.



COCAL participants are invited to discuss and debate these various themes. In fact, these obstacles encountered by teachers find their origin in a university system eaten away by capitalist and managerial values, which contribute to reinforcing precariousness rather than combating it. This capitalist system also has impacts on collegiality and academic freedom.

## YOUR COMMUNICATION

You are invited to submit a 10 minute communication.

- **Proposal: 200 words**    ➤ **Deadline: 2024-04-15**

Proposed THEMES are:

- Enriching rather than fragmenting the work of contingent faculty: Analysis and solutions
- Analysis of the working conditions of contingent faculty: Between hardship and potential
- Intellectuals in precarity rather than « teaching professionals ».
- Ambitions and research potential for contingent faculty: A reality!
- Precarity in the university and the impact on mental health
- The meaning of work for contingent academic labour: Lack of recognition, loss of meaning, lack of support and networks
- How do we end the siloing of work to achieve true solidarity among the unions in higher education?

## SEND YOUR PROPOSAL

- Send your communication proposal to [cocal2024gatineau@gmail.com](mailto:cocal2024gatineau@gmail.com) indicating in the subject line "Call for communication".

## TO MAKE A DONATION

To financially support COCAL XV 2024:

<https://bit.ly/3SHU7cd> (French) or <https://bit.ly/4902IJ> (English)

