



**CALL FOR PAPERS**



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***The Vines of Diaspora:  
Italian Canadian Literary and Artistic Cultures***

**19th Biennial Conference of the Association of Italian-Canadian Writers (AICW)**

**TORONTO 2024**

**York University - Friday, September 27th  
Columbus Centre - Saturday, September 28th**

The Association of Italian-Canadian Writers (AICW), in collaboration with the Department of History and the Mariano A. Elia Chair York University is accepting proposals for its 19th Biennial Conference to be held in Toronto, 2024. The conference invites academics papers, literary readings (poetry, prose or plays) and artistic works in Italian-Canadian literature and culture that engage with the following possible topics:

- Contemporary life writing
- Literary, cultural and linguistic memory writing
- Representations of place, space, and (dis)location
- Current trends in contemporary media
- Food culture
- Visual culture
- Representations of queerness
- Gender and sexuality
- Urban landscapes
- Translation and self-translation
- Intersections of cultures

**Other topics not mentioned above will also be taken into consideration.**

Writers, artists, academics and researchers from all disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals to present new (or posthumous) creative or critical works in Italian, English or French. Graduate students and emerging writers are encouraged to participate.

Each presenter will be allotted 20 minutes. Please send a 200-word abstract and short bio (60 words). For panels, three papers at 20 minutes each, send a 200-word abstract for each paper as well as a short bio (60 words) and contact information for all panelists.

Preference will be given to readings and presentations of new works.

Please note that students who wish to present their work at the conference do not have to pay a fee.

**The deadline for all proposals is January 31, 2024.** Please note that once a proposal has been accepted, a conference registration fee (\$100.00) will be requested for presenters who are not full members of the AICW in good standing.

Please send submissions and queries to:

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