

The State of (In)Equality: Social Justice Under Siege

is the fourth annual interdisciplinary conference presented by Humber College's School of Liberal Arts and Sciences in association with the International Festival of Authors (IFOA).

Harbourfront Centre Toronto: October 28-29, 2017
Keynote Speaker: Susan N. Herman, President of the
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

CFP: The perceived orthodoxy of progressive politics has come under attack in recent years by individuals, groups, and institutions that believe their actions and speech are being policed. The term 'social justice warrior' (SJW) emerged in 2011. This attempted to switch the term 'social justice' (which has since 1840 been primarily a positive concept) into a mainstream pejorative to dismiss those who espoused views concerning social progressivism, civil rights, cultural inclusiveness, gay rights, or feminism. For those activists and researchers who have spent their lives trying to change society for the better, this is a troubling turn. Our conference will examine the current and past state(s) of inequality and social justice from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

To submit a proposal, please visit:

<http://www.humber.ca/liberalarts-ifoa/call-proposals>

Deadline for Proposals: May 30, 2017

We invite proposals based on (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Indigenous studies
- Democracy vs. capitalism
- Poverty & Economic inequality
- Civil rights
- Social movements
- Anti-globalisation
- Post-neoliberalism
- Past & future of labour
- Identity politics
- Racial inequality
- Retribalization
- Rule of law
- Neo-reactionary
- Post-humanism & social activism
- Decolonization
- Racialization
- Gender inequality, eco-feminism
- Social construction of difference
- Reparations/reconciliation
- Social democracy
- Social justice backlash
- Pluralistic identities
- Peace & Justice
- Health inequality
- Ableism
- Heterosexism
- Access to education
- Environmental Activism
- Abuse of state power