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Call for Papers

CAANS 2026
11 – 12 June 2026

Hybrid Conference

University of Windsor
Windsor, Ontario
Canada

Call for Papers for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the
Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies (CAANS) /
Association canadienne pour l'avancement des études néerlandaises (ACAEN)
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The 2026 annual conference of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies will take place at the University of Windsor (Windsor, Ontario). The University of Windsor is situated in southwestern Ontario, a region which was a centre of Flemish and Dutch immigration from the early 20th century until the end of the 1960s. The University of Windsor and members of southwestern Ontario's Dutch-speaking community have played an active role in the activities of CAANS, since the association's founding in the 1970s. This year's conference on the campus of the University of Windsor also aims to celebrate the lasting contributions of Windsor's local CAANS chapter to the promotion of Dutch language and culture in Canada.

We invite proposals in English, French, or Dutch for research presentations or roundtable discussions for CAANS/ACAÉN 2026. The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies is the academic 'home' of scholars, from a myriad of disciplines, whose research focuses on some aspect of Netherlandic Studies, be it linguistic, literary, historical, political, or art historical. We invite proposals engaging diverse topics related to the contributions of the Netherlandic world in a broad sense, including but not limited to language, literature, culture, history, art and art history, or politics. *For CAANS/ACAÉN 2026, we especially invite scholars to reflect on the place of the Netherlandic world, and of its language, literature, and culture, in today's quickly changing global landscape.*

Presentations will be 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions and discussion and may be delivered in English, French, or Dutch. Papers may be delivered in person or remotely. The online format will be live presentation with live Q&A. Instructions regarding remote delivery will be shared with the presenter upon acceptance of their proposal.

We also welcome proposals for roundtable discussions (3 to 4 presenters) on a topic of major interest. Roundtable discussions will be 1 hour including Q&A. Participation may be in person or online.

CAANS 2026 will feature Belgian political scientist **Kris Deschouwer** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) as this year's *keynote speaker*. Kris Deschouwer's research focuses on Belgian politics, the Flemish question, regionalism, federalism and consociational democracy.

Please send your title and a short abstract (150-300 words exclusive of any references) **BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026,** to:

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Please send your abstract as an email attachment, formatted in Word or pdf. On a separate page or in the body of the email, please provide the following information:

- The title of your paper
- *Your preference for in person or remote participation*
- Your name, title, and affiliation
- Your full address and email address

or

- The title of your roundtable
- The names, titles, and affiliations of all roundtable participants
- Their full address and email address
- *Their preference for in person or remote participation*
- Please also include information about the participants' projected role in the roundtable discussion

All papers will be considered for inclusion in the *conference proceedings* published by the *Canadian Journal of Netherlandic Studies (CJNS)*. The guidelines for submission to the conference proceedings will be sent by email to all participants shortly after the conference.

The conference program will be posted on the CAANS/ACAEN conference website at caans-acaen.ca/caans2026/ in March 2026.

For questions contact the program chair:
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