

**Location: *International LSA Conference 2026: Voices and Visions: Lusophone Communities in the Global Landscape***  
 May 14-16, 2026, University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
**Pacific Standard Time (PST)/Local Kelowna, BC Time**

Thursday May 14, 2026 –UBC-O	
9:30-10:45	Registration & Coffee (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building
10:45-11:15.	Welcoming Conference Participants Mike Evans, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, UBC-0 in the <b>Art Building Room 210</b> Zoom Link <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a>
11:30-13:00	Session 1
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch in the (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	Session 3
17:30 – 18:30	Dr. João Paulo Costa, <i>The Portuguese Presence in the West of Canada</i> - Cônsul General of Portugal in Vancouver, Introduced by Carlos Teixeira in the <b>Art Building Room 210</b> Zoom Link <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a>
18:30 -19:30	Dinner & Reception in the UBC-O Sunroom
Friday May 15, 2026 – UBC-O	
9:00-10:00	UBC-O Disorientation Tour meet in the (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building
9:00–11:00	Registration & Coffee (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building
11:00 – 12:30	Session 4
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch in the (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building
13:30 – 15:00	Session 5
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	Keynote Panel: <i>The Future of Portuguese, Brazilian, and Lusophone Studies at Canadian Universities, and in Communities</i> <b>Panelists:</b> Maria Joao Maciel Jorge and Marco Schaumloeffel <b>Moderator:</b> Carlos Teixeira <b>Discussant:</b> Luis Aguiar in the <b>Art Building Room 210</b> Zoom Link <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a>
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Saturday May 16, 2025 – UBC-O	
10:00 – 11:00	LSA Annual General Meeting in the (Sunroom) 121Adminstrative Building Zoom Link <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a>
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11:30-13:00	<p><b>1.A. Pain and Power: Health Issues among the Elite of Emergent Luso-Iberian Empires</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Jose Curto</i></p> <p>Susannah Ferreira, “Desperation, Indecision and Terminal Illness: The Slow Death of João II of Portugal from 1491-1495” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Ivana Elbl, “Princely Illness(es) and the Aftermath of the Failed Tangier Expedition of 1437” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Martin Elbl, “Diplomacy and Gout: Emperor Charles V and Portuguese Envoys to the Courts of Brussels and Madrid” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Annemarie Jordan Gschwend, “Global Medicines and Secret Recipes at the Lisbon Court: Queen Catarina’s Body as Empire” <b>Online</b></p>	<p><b>1.B. Depictions and Resistances: Class, Gender, Diasporic Identity and Colonial Independence</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Robert Kenedy</i></p> <p>Maria Joao Maciel Jorge, “Thinking the Diaspora through its Literature: Contributions of Portuguese Canadian Writers” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Francisco Topa, “Angola’s independence in Portuguese newspapers (1974-1975)” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Irene Marques, “The Social Wound is a Personal Wound: Unmasking Class and Gender Oppression in Clarice Lispector’s story “A Bela e a Fera ou A Ferida Grande Demais” <b>Online</b></p>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>2.A. Resistance, Gender, and Slavery in the Lusophone World</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Susannah Ferreira</i></p> <p>Suzanne Schwarz, “Involuntary Migration and Resettlement: The Release of “Liberated Africans” from Portuguese and Brazilian Vessels at Sierra Leone, c. 1808-181.” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Vanessa Oliveira, “Women and Resistance to Slavery in Nineteenth Century Luanda” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Mariana Muaze, “Under the domination of the private sphere: gender relations, domestic slavery, and violence (Paraíba Valley, 19<sup>th</sup> century)” <b>Online</b></p>	<p><b>2.B. Contemporary Challenges of Portuguese Media (Part A)</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Luis Aguiar</i></p> <p>Eduardo Bettencourt Pinto “Portuguese media in Canada: Sign of times or fading commitment?” <b>Online</b></p> <p>José Andrade, “A imprensa identitária nos Açores e na América do Norte” <b>Online</b></p> <p>Norberto Aguiar “Uma comunidade precisa de voz; de vozes!” <b>Online</b></p>

<p>15:45-17:15</p>	<p><b>3.A. History, Succession, &amp; Colonization</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Fernando Nunes</i></p> <p>José Curto. “Enslaved Women in Moçâmedes, 1854-1860” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Ernst Pijning, “The White Horse Affair: privateering and law during the War of the Spanish Succession.” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Fernando Tavares Pimenta “A Igreja Católica e a colonização portuguesa no Sul de Moçambique: o episcopado do Cardeal-Arcebispo de Lourenço Marques, D. Teodósio Clemente de Gouveia (1936-1962)” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Bruno R. Vêras, O negro Diogo da seita de mafoma: um indígena da Bahia pego na Inquisição de Lisboa (1615)” <b>Online</b></p>	<p><b>3.B. The Portuguese in the Okanagan Valley (British Columbia, Canada)</b> (Roundtable)</p> <p><b>Chairs:</b> <i>Carlos Teixeira and Luis Aguiar</i></p> <p>Margarida Alves, President – Luso-Canadian Multicultural Society – Penticton, BC <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Fernando Anjos - Co-founders of the Okanagan Portuguese Club of Oliver and the Okanagan BC Portuguese Canadian Folk Dancers <b>In Person</b></p>
<p>17:30 – 18:30</p>	<p>Welcoming Remarks and Dr. João Paulo Costa, <i>The Portuguese Presence in the West of Canada</i> - Cônsul General of Portugal in Vancouver, Moderated by Carlos Teixeira in the UBC-O 210 Art Building  <b>Zoom Link</b> <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a></p>	
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11:00-12:30	<p><b>4.A. Luso North American Experiences</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Maria Joao Maciel Jorge</i></p> <p>Fernando Nunes &amp; Kenisha Reid, “Segmented and Selective: The Experiences of White and Racialized Lusophones with Portuguese-Canadians” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Robert Kenedy, Working Women Programs Through Concentric Intersectional Spaces of Lived Experience: Successes and Challenges” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Graça Índias Cordeiro &amp; Giuseppe Formato, “Urban Displacements: The Azorean Diaspora and the Rebranding of Portuguese Identity in Boston” <b>Online</b></p>	<p><b>4.B Historical Evolution of Portuguese Ethnic Media Across the Diaspora</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Carlos Teixeira</i></p> <p>Rosa Cabecinhas, “Ethnic media, intercultural communication and anti-racism activism” <b>Online</b></p> <p><i>Alberto Pena-Rodríguez, “If journalists want to eat, they should get to work.” Elements on the historical evolution of the Portuguese press in the United States” Online</i></p> <p><i>Carlos A. O. Pavão, “Post-COVID Media Landscapes: How Lusophone Ethnic Media Shapes Health and Belonging” Online</i></p>
13:30-15:00	<p><b>5.A. Culture, Mobility, &amp; Regime</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Ernst Pijning</i></p> <p>Karolina Válková “O encontro das culturas afro-brasileira e romani na obra <i>Quarto de Despejo: Diário de uma Favelada</i>, de Carolina Maria de Jesus” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Inês Vidigal, Rui Pena Pires, Cláudia Pereira e Joana Azevedo “Mobilidade intraeuropeia no espaço sul-europeu: o caso português” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>George Bragues, “The Primacy of the Regime: Portugal as a Case Study” <b>Online</b></p>	<p><b>5.B. Contemporary Challenges of Portuguese Media (Part B)</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Robert Kenedy</i></p> <p>Carlos Teixeira, Farrah Bérubé, Luis Aguiar, “An Assessment of The Portuguese Ethnic Press in Canada: History, Evolution, and Contemporary Perspectives” <b>In Person</b></p> <p>Manuel da Costa, “Portuguese Media in Canada” <b>In Person</b></p>

15:30-17:00	<p><b>6. Keynote Panel: The Future of Portuguese, Brazilian, and Lusophone Studies at Canadian Universities, and in Communities</b></p> <p>This featured keynote panel contemplates the current state and future of Portuguese, Brazilian, and Lusophone Studies at Canadian universities. The panel explores Lusophone Studies, building programs, successes, and challenges. The future of speaking Portuguese in Canada, intergeneration retention of Portuguese, ethnic media, and issues related to Canadian multiculturalism will also be examined. Finally, the direction of interdisciplinary Lusophone studies is considered through the lens of research in contemporary, historical, colonial, and post-colonial Canadian Lusophone lived experiences. This interactive keynote panel encourages reflections from those in Canadian Lusophone communities to think about these issues, comment, and ask questions.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Carlos Texiera</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Maria Joao Maciel Jorge and Marco Schaumloeffel</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Luis Aguiar          UBC-O 210 Art Building  <b>Zoom Link</b> <a href="https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812">https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97207773812</a></p>
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