

# CALL FOR SESSIONS, PAPERS, POSTERS, AND SIDE MEETINGS



October 2-5, 2018  
The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity  
Banff, Alberta, Canada  
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Thinking Mountains is a triennial interdisciplinary mountain studies summit that promotes dialogue about mountain places, peoples, and activities around the world. It is an international meeting place for the best scholarship on mountains from the natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, and other communities of practice. To be held in the heart of Banff National Park from October 2–5, *Thinking Mountains 2018* invites researchers from all disciplines, as well as members of artistic and activist communities, non- and for-profit organizations, government, the private sector, and NGOs.

Conference events include keynote addresses by renowned experts from across the disciplines, and paper presentations on a wide variety of topics showcasing diverse and exciting research. *Thinking Mountains 2018* will provide opportunities to meet established authors, researchers, and experts in mountain studies, along with those who are new to the field. Special events and field trips will be scheduled for entertainment and to learn about the unique mountain landscape of Banff, and the Canadian Rockies generally.

The 2018 organizing committee is pleased to invite submissions for Sessions, Papers, Posters, and Side Meetings.

## POTENTIAL THEMES

*Thinking Mountains 2018* is an interdisciplinary conference, and topics for sessions, individual papers, and posters include, but are not limited to: geomorphology, glaciology, atmospheric science; regional studies; past environments and/or peoples; cultural studies and history; literature and the aesthetic arts; experiential education and pedagogy; tourism, recreation, parks and protected areas; the science and medicine of altitude (physiology, human performance, clinical, etc.); mountain ecologies, biological diversity, flora and fauna.

A proposal submission **does not** automatically register you for the summit itself. If your session proposal is accepted, you will be notified in late January 2018. If your paper or poster is accepted for presentation, you will be notified in early April 2018.

Online registration will be available from late-April onwards. Everyone planning to attend the conference must complete the registration process.

[UPDATED JANUARY 30, 2018: Deadline for session proposals extended to February 23, 2018]

# GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

## SESSIONS

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Session format is flexible, but the standard format will be 1.5-hours long and will take the form of paper presentations. Round-table or panel discussions are also encouraged. Sessions should have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 presenters, plus a moderator/chair. To propose a session, please send your session title, a brief description (150 words) of the session, the names and contact information of presenters, the titles of their papers with abstracts, along with your contact information and a brief biographical note about yourself to [thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca](mailto:thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca).



**\*\* Deadline for session proposals: Friday, January 12, 2018 \*\***

**\*\* UPDATE: Deadline for session proposals extended to Friday, February 23, 2018 \*\***

## PAPERS

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Individual papers will be sorted into 1.5-hour sessions by the organizing committee. Paper presentations will be no longer than 20 minutes. To propose an individual paper, please send the paper's title, an abstract of 150 words, contact information, and a brief biographical note about yourself to [thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca](mailto:thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca).



**\*\* Deadline for paper proposals: Friday, February 23, 2018 \*\***

## POSTERS

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We welcome submissions for our poster session. Posters will be on display in a publically accessible space for the duration of the summit, and there will be a designated 1.5-hour poster session where authors can present their posters. To propose a poster, please send the poster's title, an abstract of 150 words, contact information, and a brief biographical note about yourself to [thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca](mailto:thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca).



**\*\* Deadline for poster proposals: Friday, February 23, 2018 \*\***

## SIDE MEETINGS

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*Thinking Mountains 2018* will be able to assist with providing access to equipped meeting rooms for groups that would like to organize dedicated side meetings during the week. To request a side meeting, please send a brief note indicating the name of the group, purpose of the meeting, number of people attending (approximate range), duration of the meeting, and name of a contact person to [thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca](mailto:thinkingmntns@ualberta.ca). We may not be able to accommodate all requests but will try to help.



**\*\* Deadline for side meeting requests: Friday, June 1, 2018 \*\***