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11.15 –12.45 Uhr**

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Lecture Series "Canada 150"

Invitation to the 14th lecture, by

Jerry Bannister

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Current Trends in Canadian Studies

My lecture explores trends in Canadian studies since the election of Justin Trudeau. It considers how both long-term cultural developments and short-term political events have shaped patterns in scholarship, teaching, and debate. It reflects on the legacy of the so-called "history wars," which had marked the period before Trudeau, in light of the seismic effects of the election of Donald Trump. It places these developments in the contexts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the growing influence of Indigenous perspectives, transnational frameworks, and studies of settler colonialism. It argues that Canadian studies, as practiced and taught in Canadian universities, faces existential critiques from both the right and the left, while universities across the country continue to reduce funding and support. My lecture offers a critique of transnational frameworks and a defense of Canadian studies as a viable field of research and teaching.

