

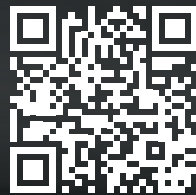
WHAT ARE UNIVERSITIES FOR?

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QUESTIONS TO GUIDE THE DISCUSSION:



- What is the real value and responsibility of the university in 2023 & beyond?
 - What makes universities unique in society?
 - What is the university's contribution to democracy?
 - What is the university's role in discovery?
- What does the university fight to preserve or place in hospice?
 - What is the future of work?
 - How does the university survive?
- How does the university reconcile aims to be inclusive (including decolonization, Indigenization, epistemologies of the South, Latin American approaches and engagement, critical university studies, and community-engaged work)?
- What people, knowledge, and discourses are regularly excluded in both teaching and research?



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AN AMAZING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS & PANELISTS Confirmed to date (**all in person unless indicated)

- **Dr. Consuelo (“Coni”) Chapela**, Professor, Departamento de Atención a la Salud, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Xochimilco
- **Dr. Piya Chatterjee**, Professor of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Dorothy Cruickshank Backstrand Chair of Gender and Women’s Studies; Chair, Department of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Scripps College
- **Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek (live virtual)**, Vice-President Equity, People and Culture, York University
- **Dr. Sajeev John**, Professor of Physics at the University of Toronto; NSERC Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal (2021)
- **Dr. Kevin Kumashiro**, Independent Scholar; Former Dean, University of San Francisco
- **Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings**, Professor Emerita and former Kellner Family Distinguished Professor in Urban Education in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Dr. Mahmood Mamdani**, Chancellor, Kampala International University; Department of Political Science and the Department of Anthropology, Columbia University
- **Dr. Simon Marginson (live virtual)**, Professor of Higher Education; Director of the ESRC/OFSRE Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE); Editor-in-Chief of the journal Higher Education, University of Oxford
- **Dr. Liz Morrish**, Independent scholar and honorary Visiting Fellow at York St. John University, UK
- **Dr. Morgan Ndlovu**, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, University of Zululand
- **Dr. Christopher Newfield**, Professor, Department of English, University of California, Santa Barbara
- **Dr. Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Professor of Sociology, University of Coimbra (Portugal); Distinguished Legal Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Prof. Tom Sperlinger**, Professor of Literature and Engaged Pedagogy, Department of English; Academic Lead for Engagement, Temple Quarter Engagement Programme, University of Bristol
- **Dr. Sharon Stein**, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies, University of British Columbia
- **Dr. Michael Strong**, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- **Dr. Alejandro Adem**, President, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- **Dr. Ted Hewitt**, President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- **Dr. Peter McInnis**, President, Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)
- **Mr. Paul Davidson**, President, Universities Canada
- **Dr. Jonathan R. Cole**, John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University & Provost and Dean of Faculties, Emeritus at Columbia University
- **Dr. Malinda Smith**, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Research (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) at the University of Calgary
- **Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith**, CNZM Distinguished Professor – Rangahau and Mātauranga Capability at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
- **Dr. Joel Westheimer**, University Research Chair in Democracy and Education at the University of Ottawa



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