



## **American Canadian Conference for Academic Disciplines**

**Toronto, Canada  
May 25-28, 2009**

Celebrating multicultural Canada, this refereed conference is staged over four days at Ryerson University in downtown Toronto. The conference brings together international professors and students to present research in their respective fields.

The presentations will be based on abstracts, papers, and proposals in any of the following tracks:

- **Social Sciences and Humanities,**
- **Business and Economics,**
- **Teaching and Education,**
- **Engineering and Technology,**
- **Physical and Life Sciences, and**
- **Interdisciplinary Studies.**

The best paper in each of these six tracks will be recognized through an engraved plaque. The reviewers will select the winning papers.

The registration fee for one day is \$225; for two or more days it's \$340; if a co-author is included as an attendee, it's \$540. Food and lodging are not included in these registration fees.

Limited residences will be available to the attendees at housing facilities owned by Ryerson University.

**Additional information about the conference is available at:** <http://upcoming.yahoo.com/event/850513/?ps=6>

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Toronto (May 25-28, 2009)

**Date:** May 25, 2009  
**Location:** Paris and Vienna Room, ILLC  
**Time:** 09:45 – 10:25

## INTRODUCTION

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## PLENARY ADDRESS

*Planning University Courses for Problem Oriented Project Based Group Work*  
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## PRESENTATION OF “BEST PAPER”

### TRACK AWARDS

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- **Social Sciences and Humanities,**
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**Date:** May 25, 2009  
**Location:** ILC Room 102, ILLC  
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:25  
**Chair:** Mariam Esseghaier, Brock University, Canada  
**Subject Area:** **International Business**

*Financial Development in Singapore and its Impact on Economic Growth*  
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*The Impact of Information Technology on Quality Management in Mauritius*  
**David Lai Wai,** Ashley Seebaluck and Viraiyen Teeroovengadam  
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*The Influence of Corporate Governance Reform on Firm Performance: Evidence from Emerging Economics*  
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**Time:** 10:30 – 11:25  
**Chair:** Cedwyn Fernandes, Middlesex University Dubai, UAE  
**Subject Area:** **Online Learning**

*Library Network Support Services: Embedding Vital Information Literacy Skills Across the Shannon Consortium*  
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*Assessment Impact on Online Learning Credibility*  
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*Online professional feedback and student learning*  
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