

Simon Fraser University  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Voices in Labour Studies Speaker Series  
Symposium on Labour and the Environment

Feb. 11-13, 2027  
Simon Fraser University Centre Downtown  
Vancouver, British Columbia

“The first premise of all human history is, of course, the existence of living, human individuals. Thus, the first fact to be established is the physical organization of these individuals and their consequent relation to the rest of nature.” – Karl Marx and Frederich Engels, *The German Ideology*

Encouraged by ongoing, fruitful contributions to the hybrid field of labour and environmental studies, we are organizing a three-day symposium on the ways those areas have been, are now, and could be brought together, ranging across time and varying by geographic scope. The first evening of the symposium will feature a keynote speaker on “Working-Class Environmentalism,” followed by a day-long set of paper presentations, and concluding with a final guided morning session.

The primary aim of the gathering is to assemble a group of two dozen key scholars from various disciplines to address the dual theme of labour and environment. The secondary aim is to draw enough quality participation for a planned ‘special section’ in the journal *Labour/Le Travail*. With both goals in mind, presenters should be willing and able to share a full paper draft with all other participants ahead of time.

If you are interested in making a presentation as an individual, please submit a professional c.v. of no more than two pages as well as a paper abstract of no more than 350 words. If you are planning to participate as a part of a panel, please submit c.v.’s and abstracts for each paper as well as a group abstract of no more than 250 words. These materials should be sent by email to John-Henry Harter ([jharter@sfu.ca](mailto:jharter@sfu.ca)) and Chad Montrie ([chad\\_montrie@uml.edu](mailto:chad_montrie@uml.edu)) by September 1, 2026.

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