

Defining, Discussing, Defending Progress

The Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta invites proposals from undergraduate students and their mentors to participate in a conference and workshops taking place on April 28th and 29th 2014 in Camrose, Alberta. The interdisciplinary undergraduate symposium seeks to promote dialogues that interrogate the concept of progress. What is the relevance of progress as a methodological framework? What are some of the philosophical and cultural understandings of progress? What are the relationships between human progress and environmental transformation? How have nations developed concepts of progress throughout history? These are some of the questions the symposium hopes to address. Call Others topics could include but are not limited to:

- perspectives on the past as a golden age; progress as teleology
- progress and the arts
- progress and identity
- progress in the natural and life sciences
- political and geopolitical evolution and revolution

The second day of the conference will consist of a teaching workshop where mentors will share best practices and ideas to encourage undergraduate research, and students will give their own perspective on doing research at the undergraduate level.

Send your 250-300 word abstract to mmethot@ualberta.ca by November 30 2013.