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## Call for Papers: Science, Technology, and History in Times of Crisis

CSTHA Virtual Conference 4-7 November 2021

**Deadline for proposals: 15 August 2021**

We invite scholars and researchers to the biennial conference of the Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association to explore the theme **Science, Technology, and History in Times of Crisis**. This year, our conference will take place in virtual space.

Living and operating during the current prolonged crisis has sharpened our personal awareness of contingency, fragility, resilience, and adaptation. This virtual conference will provide a moment to reflect on these experiences and to consider how they inform our historical sense and understanding of not just this crisis, and others, but the globalized networked nature of modernity. How has the scientific community responded to historical crises such as pandemics, wars, institutional changes, and recessions? What happens to the practice of doing science and designing, manufacturing, and using technologies when they are faced with crises? Conversely, how have crises inside scientific and technological communities shaped science and technology in the larger world?

Themes or topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Science, technology, and medicine during wartime, economic crises, and/or pandemics
- Science, technology, and medicine through institutional reform and governmental regime change
- Crises within science, technology, and medicine
- Teaching the history of crises in science, technology, and medicine
- Crises in teaching the history of science, technology, and medicine
- Crises of authority and science in the “post-truth” era

We welcome proposals for both individual and thematic sessions, in English and/or French, on any topic related to the history of science and technology in times of crisis. We particularly encourage papers addressing this theme from historical Canadian perspectives.

We also invite participants to take advantage of this year's "non-traditional" format by proposing alternative ways to share their research. While we welcome presentations, panels, roundtables, or keynote addresses, we do not want to limit your ideas for suggesting other collaborative formats, such as pre-recorded presentations, visual essays, poetry, music, or art.

**Participants at this conference must be members of CSTHA. Membership is free for students. To become a member or to renew your membership, please visit: <https://cstha-ahstc.ca/membership/>.**

**Please submit your proposals and direct any questions to [cstha.ahstc@gmail.com](mailto:cstha.ahstc@gmail.com) by 15 August 2021.**

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