**Universal Exhibitions: Anthropologies of Globalization in the Making**

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World’s fairs and Universal Exhibitions play a significant role in the creation and densification of global connections for the flow and circulation of people, materials, capital, technologies and ideas. Whereas scholars in the social sciences and humanities have often scrutinized their symbolic and ideological dimensions, analyses of the institutional, managerial and logistical frameworks of these events have so far predominantly been economic in orientation with a focus on their overall costs, benefits and economic impact. But conversely, the recent surge of publications in event management tellingly displays a new corporate interest towards the discipline of cultural anthropology as ethnographic insights are being valued as useful toolboxes in the ongoing management of conflicts and controversies in the context of international events. This panel will bring together historical and ethnographic investigations into the social, cultural and organizational layers of these short-lived global hubs in order to explore in comparative guise their complex assemblages of material and infrastructural configurations that provide a background for the performance of transnational operations.

Please submit the following information to Van Troi Tran (van-troi.tran@hst.ulaval.ca) by November 7, 2014 for consideration:

Name, Institutional affiliation, Paper title, 100-word abstract, contact information

Proposals can be in either French or English.

Panelists will have to be members of the Folklore Studies Association of Canada/Association Canadienne d’Ethnologie et de Folklore and register for the 2015 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

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