Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference 2026: Crises Past and Present: Obstacles and Remedies in North America

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The 21st Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference offers a dynamic, inclusive forum for North American Studies spanning the United States and Canada. Organized by the University of Helsinki's North American Studies program, the conference brings together scholars from history, literature, politics, geography, media and cultural studies, ethnic studies, law, economics, and more. This year's theme—**Crises in North America: past, present, and future**—invites interdisciplinary conversations on environmental, economic, social, political, and personal crises, as well as pathways toward solutions. Highlights include U.S. and Canadian keynotes, panels on Indigenous histories and futures, media and visual culture, migration, race and rights, environment and ecology, and transnational relations, plus a film screening and music program. The 2026 meeting also marks the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in North American Studies at the University of Helsinki. **Join us for three days of cross-disciplinary exchange in the heart of Helsinki.**

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