

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE NEW WORLD INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION ORDER: HISTORIES AND LEGACIES

June 11 - 12, 2024  
University of Toronto

SS2908, Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George Street Toronto, ON M5S 3G3

## DAY 1 Tuesday, June 11

CONTRIBUTORS AND INVITEES ONLY

8:30-9:00 Breakfast

### 8:45-9:00 Land Acknowledgement

from Nicole Tanguay (Nêhiyawak/Cree, they/them);  
and welcome from NANReP Executive

### 9:00-10:30 The Global South and the United Nations Chaired by Cindy Ewing (University of Toronto)

Benjamin Martin (Uppsala University),  
"NWICO and the Global Struggle over the Culture Concept"

Paul Stubbs (The Institute of Economics, Zagreb),  
"The UN and the Global South in the Long 1970s: from the NIEO to NWICO"

Sarah Nelson (Leiden University),  
"Imagining an Alter-Net: UNESCO, Data Sovereignty, and  
the Making of an Anticolonial Cybernetics, 1975-1985"

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

### 10:45-12:15 Journalism, Knowledge, and Print Culture Chaired by Zoe LeBlanc (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

Sašo Brlek-Slaček (University of Ljubljana) and  
Alan Maričić (University of Saskatchewan),  
"The Yugoslav Institute of Journalism and the Training of  
Journalists from Non-Aligned Countries, 1974-1987"

Paolo Acanfora (University of Rome La Sapienza),  
"The Inter Press Service and its Political Origin:  
The Unusual Parabola of a Third World News Agency"

Beatriz Bissio (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro),  
"Information and Education: The Two Pillars of Social Change"

12:15-1:15 Lunch

### 1:15-2:45 Rights, Sovereignty, and Communication Chaired by Maurice Jr. Labelle (University of Saskatchewan)

Christopher J. Lee (Bard Prison Initiative),  
"Reporting Revolution: Liberation Journals as News Sources"

Cindy Ewing (University of Toronto),  
"North-South Dynamics in the Making of the Right to Communicate"

Vanessa Freije (University of Washington),  
"Cultural Sovereignty, Teleducation, and the Allure of Satellite  
Technology in South America"

2:45-3:00 Coffee Break

### 3:00-4:30 South-South Cooperation Chaired by Alan Maričić (University of Saskatchewan)

Pedro Aguiar (Fluminense Federal University),  
"Decolonial Before It Was Cool: Conflicting Views on Journalism Through  
the Global South in the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool"

Ismay Milford (Freie University Berlin),  
"Information for Whom? Liberation, Authoritarianism, and the National  
Information Systems in East Africa"

Maurice Jr. Labelle (University of Saskatchewan),  
"Decolonization and the New World Information and Communications Order"

### 4:30-4:40 Concluding Remarks

### 6:00 Conference Dinner (for chapter contributors only)

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## DAY 2 Wednesday, June 12

OPEN TO PUBLIC

8:30-9:00 Breakfast

### 8:50-9:00 Welcome

### 9:00-10:30 The New World Information and Communications Order: Past and Present Chaired by Maurice Jr. Labelle (University of Saskatchewan)

Naheed Mustafa (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)  
Beatriz Bissio (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

### 10:45-12:15 The Future of the New World Information and Communications Order Recorded by CBC Ideas for future broadcast in the Fall 2024 season Chaired by Naheed Mustafa (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)

Pacinte Mattar (Independent Journalist)  
Asmaa Malik (Toronto Metropolitan University)  
Christopher J. Lee (Bard Prison Initiative)  
Maurice Jr. Labelle (University of Saskatchewan)

### 12:15-1:30 Thanks and Reception

The Non-Aligned News Research Partnership (NANReP) is hosting a two-day conference, International Conference on the New World Information and Communication Order: Histories and Legacies, at the University of Toronto on June 11-12, 2024. This conference will bring together an international and diverse group of scholars to exchange research on the histories and legacies of the New World Information and Communications Order (NWICO), the first global movement to decolonize information in history.

NWICO was a Global South-led intervention launched in 1978 to challenge the international information ecosystem; its declaration was the sister document to the Declaration on the Establishment of the New International Economic Order. By identifying the media as a site of struggle for human liberation and demanding equal access to information technologies, NWICO expanded the phenomenon of decolonization to create new anti-racist norms and international dialogue in the fields of journalism, information, and communications.

The first day of the conference will be an academic workshop on draft chapters and the second day of the conference will feature two public events in collaboration with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).



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