

UK/Canada Cities Research Group

The new UK-Canada Cities Research Group will bring together UK researchers whose work relates to Canadian cities, including comparative urban studies. In this context, the principal objectives will be to:

- encourage synergies between diverse disciplines and practices
- develop links between research communities in Canada and the UK
- facilitate collaboration between researchers and practitioners
- initiate a programme of activities and events

Initial discussion suggests that the following themes and perspectives might be explored by the new Group in 2006/7:

- urban governance
- urban history
- economics of urban development and regeneration
- aboriginal people and the city
- mobility, migrations and the cosmopolitan city
- gender, sexuality and the city
- cities in literature, film and other media
- sustainable cities
- urban cultural heritage
- creative cities

During the BACS 2006 annual conference in Cambridge, there will be an informal meeting to promote the proposed Group (open to all BACS members present). Convenor: Dr Stephen Shaw, London Metropolitan University