

Subjects, Settlers, Citizens: The 1870s Mennonites in Historical Context

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**Convocation Hall
The University of Winnipeg**

In 1874, the first of more than 7,000 Mennonites arrived in the newly created province of Manitoba, in a migration that would continue through the end of the decade. Facing a broad program of government reforms that eliminated their status as privileged subjects, they had left imperial Russia in favour of settlement in Canada, which promised religious freedom and the opportunity to live according to traditional patterns.

This sesquicentennial conference considers the history and legacy of the “Kanadier” Mennonites, as they became known, from an interdisciplinary perspective. Papers will explore topics such as the conditions that precipitated Mennonite emigration from imperial Russia in the 1870s, the nature of Mennonite participation in the settler-colonial project in Canada, and the evolution of Kanadier Mennonite culture, economies, politics, identity, and faith more broadly.

This is a free event. A live video stream of the conference will be available.

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