Note: The conference will be held in French. This translation is provided for your information.

The conference Citizen participation in history and heritage: evolution, contributions, challenges and future, a unique event in Quebec, will be held in Montreal from October 12 to 14, 2023, and in Quebec City on October 17, 2023.

Organized in partnership, it is aimed to better understand and promote citizen action in history and heritage throughout Quebec. To this end, two distinguished international guests, Gérard Noiriel, from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences sociales in Paris (France), and Thomas Cauvin, from the Université du Luxembourg and former president of the International Federation of Public History, will launch the discussion. More than twenty speakers from the academic, professional and associative worlds will share their knowledge and experience, in order to foster the development of closer ties between the various players involved in history and heritage.

To grasp the full scope of citizen participation, different perspectives will be taken on these engagement practices, as seen by both the associative and research communities:
· The evolution of the phenomenon;
· The trajectories and contribution of this commitment;
· The development of original expertise;
· The role of participation in the consolidation of diverse communities;
· The contributions of research projects, particularly in the field of citizen (or participatory) science.

In short, this event offers a much-needed reflection on the present and future of citizen engagement in history and heritage at a time when the role of participation in public space is increasingly recognized.