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**Subject : University Contract Teachers' Forum
Invitation**

Dear Ms,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the *Fédération nationale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ-CSN)*, I am pleased to invite you to the University Contract Teachers' Forum taking place this coming November 20th to 22nd at Hôtel Gouverneur Place Dupuis in Montréal.

Under the theme *Faire tomber les mythes* (Debunking the Myths), this forum seeks mainly to serve as a place for discussion on the reality of the 15,000 or so course lecturers and tutors who, for more than 35 years, have been contributing day in and day out to the quality of university education in Quebec.

We would like to invite you, in particular, to attend the opening conference on Friday, November 21, at 10:30 a.m., given by occupational sociologist Vincent de Gaulejac on the timely topic of the growing management-based focus of our universities. In the wake of Quebec's Maple Spring in 2012, the 2013 Summit on Higher Education and its resulting task forces, the ongoing discussions on university governance and the pervasiveness of a managerial approach within our institutions, FNEEQ-CSN's course lecturer members are hoping to take the debate further, push the brainstorming to a deeper level and promote the inherent collegiality of our universities.

A second conference on Saturday, November 22nd, will feature a presentation by UQAM course lecturer and researcher Marie-Pierre Boucher on the phenomenon of contract teaching in higher education, both in Quebec and elsewhere in the world. Lastly, a series of workshops and panel discussions will address key issues affecting the university community as a whole, including distance education, quality of teaching, academic freedom, intellectual property, research, creation and community service, as well as job precarity and the academic and institutional integration of course lecturers.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and help make this University Contract Teachers' Forum a resounding success.

Registration fee: \$150
By cheque payable to FNEEQ
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Free for students

Register by completing the registration form by October 21, 2014. Click [here](#).

Accommodation: A block of rooms has been reserved at Hôtel Gouverneur Place Dupuis at the rate of \$122 per night. To receive this special rate, call 514 842-4881 to reserve your room by October 21, 2014, and mention that you will be attending the Forum. See the registration form for additional accommodation options.

For more information, contact us at fneeq.forum2014@csn.qc.ca.

Respectfully yours,



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