

## **New Partnership Brings Together a Collection of Books from University of Ottawa Press and Saint Paul University**

**Ottawa, June 3, 2025** – The University of Ottawa Press (PUO-UOP) and Saint Paul University (SPU) are delighted to announce a new partnership that will lead to the publication of four French-language essays based on the podcast series *L'USP en conversation*, presented in collaboration with *Le Droit*.

Scheduled for release in 2026 as part of the [\*101 Collection\*](#), these four books, written in an engaging style by subject-matter experts, will offer insightful reflections on a range of timely topics.

Each of the four Saint Paul University faculty members participating in the project will present their manuscripts in French, within their respective areas of expertise.

**Jonathan Durand Folco** reflects on the impact of artificial intelligence on our future, examining its ethical and social implications.

[\*“L’intelligence artificielle : au service de qui et de quoi ?”\*](#)

**Bianca Briciu** explores the concept of transformative leadership and its role in creating positive change across sectors and communities.

[\*“Qu’est-ce que le leadership transformatif ?”\*](#)

**Buuma Maisha** addresses sexual violence in conflict zones and its long-term effects on affected communities.

[\*“Pourquoi fait-on tant de tort à l’autre ?”\*](#)

Finally, Saint Paul University rector **Louis Patrick Leroux** reflects on the future of universities and the vital role they will play in tomorrow’s society.

[\*“L’Université de demain : quel rôle à venir ?”\*](#)

“These short books—each around one hundred pages—are designed to be accessible and appealing both to curious readers and to those eager to engage more deeply with contemporary issues. Written by respected scholars, these texts offer the intellectual rigour that is more essential than ever today. I’m delighted with this agreement, which will enrich our vibrant *101 Collection*, co-edited by Professor Guy Chiasson (Université du Québec en Outaouais,) and Professor Stacey Smith?

(University of Ottawa),” says Lara Mainville, Director of the University of Ottawa Press.

“This series of books embodies the very spirit of Saint Paul University: a space for dialogue, engagement, and critical reflection on the major issues of our time. By transforming vibrant conversations into accessible and rigorous texts, we help expand the public sphere of knowledge. I warmly thank my colleagues—Jonathan Durand Folco, Bianca Briciu, and Buuma Maisha—for their thoughtful contributions and their commitment to sharing our ideas far beyond the walls of the university. I’m also challenging myself to contribute a short essay on the future of universities, in the midst of my own reflections on this topic here at SPU,” adds Louis Patrick Leroux, Rector of Saint Paul University.

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### **About the 101 Collection**

The 101 Collection offers curious minds brief introductions to a range of topics.

Each book of more or less 101 pages can be read in about 101 minutes and features themes aimed at a general audience, presented in an engaging, lively style.

Scientific rigour and accessibility come together in these short peer-reviewed texts, which meet the same standards of all other academic publications.

<https://press.uottawa.ca/en/101-collection/>

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## About Saint Paul University (SPU)

Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Saint Paul University (est. 1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. A bilingual institution, it offers undergraduate and graduate study programs.

Proud of its rich heritage, over the years Saint Paul University (SPU) has evolved into an institution whose primary focus is on the multiple facets of the human experience. Not surprisingly, that priority is reflected in our current study programs: in addition to our founding disciplines—Canon law, Philosophy, and Theology—we offer courses in social communication, Social Innovation, Leadership, Ecology & Equity, Counselling and Psychotherapy, Public Ethics, Conflict studies, and Human relations and Spirituality.

SPU is known for its small class sizes, personalized service, diverse student population and international vision, solid reputation, rich history, and Catholic intellectual tradition.



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