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Migration and resilience in urban Canada-Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain



" I am back on a part-time basis since my left hand is an ongoing rehabilitation project. I want to thank everyone for the kind notes and messages of encouragement that were greatly appreciated.

I also appreciate the restraint with which people sent email! Anneke Rummens, Camila Bonifaz, Naolo Charles, Lara Daoud, and Adnan Turegun did a lot of extra work for which I am also grateful.

Despite their valiant efforts, the call for research templates has had to be rescheduled for a couple of weeks. The revised schedule along with the form and guidelines will be announced in early March.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Dr. Mireille Paquet, a professor of political science at Concordia University, who is currently the William Lyon Mackenzie Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University. Many of you will be familiar with her research on immigration policy and politics in Canada, North America and Australia that will enhance the partnership's activities. " Valerie.

KM Committee News-Nouvelles du comité MC

Resettlement and Social media

Did you know that Syrian refugees are avid users of social media? According to a recent study, led by Dr.Luisa Veronis and Dr.Rukhsana Ahmed, having a better understanding of how Syrian refugees use social media can help us improve their experience of resettlement. The BMRC-IRMU partnership produced a new Research Digest on this study. The summary is available [here](#).

List of the current BMRC-IRMU projects

Steering Committee News-Nouvelles du comité de pilotage



The upcoming March 26, 2018 Funding Cycle will be an open call for research proposals for both small scale projects and larger initiatives involving comparative research across City Networks. Further details will be circulated to partnership members.

Submission deadline: March 26, 2018.

The next Partnership Meeting will be held early in June 2018 in Toronto|GTA; the exact dates will follow as soon as the venue has been confirmed. All partnership members are encouraged to participate; there are multiple ways to contribute to event programming and planning.

Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



The Executive Committee has been busy reviewing research templates and requests for travel funds. You can find the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and its recommendations in Dropbox. The challenges that arise as the Executive Committee implements policies are proving invaluable stimuli for policy discussions and revisions by the Steering Committee.

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



Le réseau des villes de Montréal

The BMRC-IRMU Partnership sponsored Professor Mireille Paquet and Professor Harald Bauder to participate in a Workshop taking place at the 20th National Metropolis Conference in Calgary. The workshop is titled: Towards a Comparative and Pan-Canadian Study on the Implementation of the Principles of the Sanctuary City. This activity is co-organised by Gabrielle Désilets, Concordia University and Florence Bourdeau, TCRI.

The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network

The transversal project team has finalized the research instruments for the 'broad scan' of the use of the notion of resilience across various levels of government (federal,

documents for a more detailed analysis. Once this stage is completed, the team will then turn to a more focused search on the use of resilience in documents that directly pertain to immigration.



The York Region City Network

The York Region Network has received funding approval for the project "Migration and Resilience in York Region: Supporting Flexible Information Access Across Multiple Communities". The team is currently seeking ethics approval. Additional information has been received from stakeholders to inform community outreach strategies.



The Toronto City Network

A small group of Toronto City Network members met in January to brainstorm sampling method ideas for a policy analysis of "resilience" in Ontario provincial and City of Toronto municipal policies. As part of the policy analysis research, a timeline info-graphic was developed on the changing relationship between the federal government and the Ontario government on immigration and settlement related matters since the early 1990s, and a literature review is currently being completed. You can consult the info-graphic [here](#).



The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network

The City Network met on February 7th to plan their recruitment strategies for focus groups and Key Informant Interviews. The team divided roles based on the migration categories researched. The group is now waiting for REB approval. In the meantime, the city network is in the process of brainstorming on key informants within the Region of Waterloo and on recruitment strategies for each of the migration categories studies. The team aims to have focus groups and key informant interviews started by March.



The Windsor City Network

The Windsor City Network had a demonstration performance by the high school migrant youth involved in the Drama as a Second Language initiative. The team is currently collecting post program data, and expanding to a post-secondary initiative involving university students.

Postdoctoral fellowship opportunity

Dr. Antoine Bilodeau and Dr. Mireille Paquet are seeking one (1) postdoctoral fellow to contribute to a new project on the social, political, cultural and economic participation of immigrants and minorities in Quebec. Quantitative in nature, the project will focus on local scales and seek to test a model on the contextual determinants of immigrant participation. The project is developed in participation with the Quebec Department of

Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion (MIDI).

You can learn more about this [here](#)

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation and the Global Migration Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs will be hosting a two-day seminar in October 2018 at the University of Toronto. Please email your 300-word abstract and CV to Shauna Labman (shauna.labman@umanitoba.ca) and Geoffrey Cameron (geoffrey.cameron@mail.utoronto.ca) by March 16, 2018.

Network Event-Evénement du réseau

Dear partnership members,

On behalf of the Employer Council of Champions, we are pleased to invite you to Hire Immigrants Ottawa's 2018 Employers' Summit – Standing Up for Inclusion – Bold Leadership to Unlock the Potential of Diversity.

Join civic leaders, and over 100 senior executives and HR professionals from business, government, not-for-profit sectors in an event designed to inform, celebrate, and inspire employer excellence in Ottawa.

The program includes a Keynote address by Hadiya Roderique, who will speak to the central role business leaders have to play in standing up for inclusion and demonstrating that Canada's diversity is indeed our strength. The 2018 Employer Excellence Awards will be presented at the Summit.

Date: Wednesday March 21, 2018

Time: 8:00AM – 10:30 AM

Location: National Arts Centre, 1 Elgin Street, Ottawa

[Register here by March 2nd](#) or contact Lorena Costa at events@hireimmigrantsottawa.ca or 613.228 6715.

[Tentative agenda](#)

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