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



" We have been busy at the Secretariat, ensuring that the call for research templates was sent in March. I am grateful for everyone's help since I am still fairly one-handed. Please have a look at the report from the Steering Committee for information about policies regarding travel funds and community researchers. We are all benefiting from Anneke's administrative acumen and experience.

Under Naolo's capable leadership, planning for the next partnership meeting, tentatively scheduled in early June, is already underway. Please contact Naolo using

bmrcirmu@yorku.ca, with any suggestions about the program.

I regret to tell you that Julie Xuan Ouellet from United Way Toronto York Region has resigned from the partnership. Julie was instrumental in consulting our partners in Toronto and York Region last year. With Laura McDonough, she was one of the principal advocates for the research project concerning newcomers' information needs that Michaela Hynie is leading. Personally, I will miss her company on the drives from Newmarket. I know everyone joins me in sending best wishes for success in her new position. For the moment, I am very pleased to inform everyone that Jane Wedlock will be the co-investigator for United Way Toronto York Region. " Valerie.

Data Analysis News



Analysis of provincial and urban trends in immigration class in Ontario and Quebec based on the 2016 census is completed. The findings of the analysis are outlined in the BMRC Report 1. The report is available on the project website [here](#).

For detailed information about ongoing data analysis and future plans, kindly [click here](#).



A Special Initiatives travel funding envelope has been developed to facilitate the convening of partnership members across the City Networks and/or Ontario-Quebec. Additionally, provisions have been made within the framework of relevant SSHRC guidelines for the hiring of non-student researchers on BMRC-IMRU partnership funded projects where it will enhance the research. Finally, new funding proposals are currently being invited for the Open Call March 2018 Funding Cycle. [Read the full update here.](#)

Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



The Executive Committee was pleased to receive a revised research template for a project about transformative resistance. As we enter conference season, please remember that requests for travel funds need to be reviewed by the Executive Committee, usually at its regular meetings. You can find these dates in the calendar on the website. Please send requests well before the meeting and your planned travel dates.

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



Le réseau des villes de Montréal

Professor Chedly Belkhdja, held a conference at The Dalhousie School of Sociology and Social Anthropology titled: Does Place Matter? Debates and Burial Decisions of Muslims in Canada. The city network also organized a working session with Nada Afouini for a possible research collaboration. Read the full update [here](#).



The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network

The broad scan search for policy documents across levels of governments is now almost complete and the research team is preparing to do a qualitative discourse analysis of a short list of selected documents for the federal government, the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, as well as for the cities of Toronto and Montreal, with Ottawa-Gatineau soon to follow. Read the full update [here](#).

The York Region City Network

Jelena Zikic has recently participated to the LAEMOS conference, in Buenos Aires, to present the early findings of her BMRC research entitled "Exploring individual level resilience: The role of migrant career capital in achieving career success post migration". You can learn more about this conference [here](#).

Jelena Zikic also met with the Knowledge Mobilization Officer to discuss KM strategies for her BMRC research.



The Toronto City Network

The role of families in the process of settlement

Public discourse often constructs families as economic burdens for migrants. However, a study by BMRC researchers finds that families serve as agents of resilience for immigrants. John Shields and the KM committee jointly produced a Research Digest on this topic. The summary is available [here](#).



The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network

The KW City Network has been busy scheduling interviews with representatives of government and community organizations supporting immigrants in connection to the proposal. In addition, they have been drafting a short summary of their research initiative to share more broadly and to go on their webpage. More students and community organizations have joined their network as well.

Jenna Henneby and David Celis also met with the Knowledge Mobilization Officer to discuss KM strategies for their BMRC research. [Read the full update here](#).



The Windsor City Network

Following on their completion of the International Student Resilience study, and on their Drama as a Second Language study, the city network is now meeting to plan their next research project (to be submitted this month). [Read the full update here](#).

Relevant publications

Portraits 2017 Immigration & Diversity

Most Ontarians remain comfortable with current levels of immigration and with the province's growing diversity, and there is increasing support for welcoming those fleeing

At the same time, Ontarians cannot afford to get complacent. This report also finds significantly weaker levels of support for immigration and diversity among those more worried about economic security, potentially weaker levels of support in some cases in 2017 than were displayed in polls fifteen years ago, and lower levels of openness towards some minority groups. These are signals that should be monitored in future surveys. You can learn more about this [here](#).

Network Event-Evénement du réseau



Dear colleagues,

The Research Network at the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will be hosting two presentations that focus on the support systems that Syrian refugees have obtained since their arrival to Canada.

The topic of Dr. Beesan Sarrouh/Dr. Keith Banting's presentation will be: Mapping the terrain: assessing the scope, strength and future potential of civil society organizations active in Syrian refugee sponsorship and early integration.

The topic of Dr. Richard Janzen's presentation will be: The impact of the Syrian refugee crisis on local systems of support: disruption leading to innovation.

Thank you,
IRCC's Research Network

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