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



"I hope that you are enjoying a relaxing end to summer. I have bittersweet news to share. Adriana Espinosa de Los Monteros Romo has finished her placement at BMRC/IRMU and is completing the final requirements for her MISS at Ryerson. Adriana's expertise and hard work contributed to the success of the partnership meeting in June. A trilingual and very talented communications and policy expert, she is looking for a position that will help her remain in Canada. I also need to tell you that Dr. Anneke Rummens started a new appointment in the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing at Ryerson University on July 1, 2018. Anneke has made critical contributions to the partnership and she will be greatly missed. Nevertheless, I know everyone will join me in congratulating Anneke on this new phase in her career. We will figure out ways for her to remain involved in BMRC/IRMU.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Executive Committee, many of the research projects that were under discussion at the time of the partnership meeting have received funding allocations. An announcement was sent to the Steering Committee that is also available [here](#).

The panels from the June partnership are summarized in a New Scholar Report. The Immigration and Resilience panel in Quebec city was very well received. See the KM News for more information and links. Please save the date for the next partnership meeting in Kitchener-Waterloo on October 25 and 26. " Valerie

## Knowledge Mobilization News

### [Save the date](#)

The next partnership meeting will take place on October 25, 26 in Kitchener-Waterloo. More information on how to register will be sent out shortly.



Exchange event?

[Consult the New Scholar Report to find out.](#)

You can also find more conference materials and pictures [here](#).

#### **Immigration and Resilience in Urban Canada Panel**

Members of the Toronto (Sutama Ghosh), Ottawa-Gatineau (Daniel Boutin, Virginie Mesana and Luisa Veronis) and Montreal (Gabrielle Désilets) city networks were part of a special panel, entitled

“Geographies of Immigration and Resilience in Urban Canada: From Multi-Level Policy Discourses to Neighborhood Space,” held during the joint IGU-CAG conference in Quebec city on August 6-10. They delivered five stimulating presentations at a well-attended panel. A summary of the panel and copies of the presentations are available [here](#).

## Steering Committee News-Nouvelles du comité de pilotage



Manoli Ekra, Senior Coordinator, Policy and Research at OCASI recently joined the steering committee as a community member. She is replacing Diane Dyson, from Woodgreen Community Services, who is on leave.

## Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



The Executive committee has approved a new round of projects for the March funding cycle. The list of new projects approved is available [here](#).

## City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



#### **Le réseau des villes de Montréal**

Gabrielle Désilets participated in the BMRC-IRMU sponsored panel entitled “Geographies of Immigration and Resilience in Urban Canada: From Multi-Level Policy Discourses to Neighbourhood Spaces” organized by V. Mesana and L. Veronis at the « Apprécier la différence” [CAG Annual Meeting - NCGE Annual Conference in Quebec](#)

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Chedly Bekhodja published some of his findings from research on international students in regional Québec in an open-access article titled: "[La mobilité des étudiants étrangers dans une région du Québec : le cas des étudiants réunionnais à Rimouski \(Québec\).pp.155-170](#)"



#### **The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network**

Over the summer months, the Ottawa-Gatineau network welcomed two undergraduate work-study students at uOttawa who assisted the team with various research activities pertaining to our local projects: Lina El Bakir is a second year student in a joint program of Common Law and International Development and Global Studies; Somunachi Okee-Aguguo is an international student also in second year completing a degree in Political Studies with a minor in Gender Studies. Lina worked primarily on the Transversal project and the Neighbourhood study; meanwhile Somunachi was involved in the International student project as well as the Neighbourhood study. [Read the full update.](#)



#### **The York Region City Network**

Canadian Immigrant published an article on Jelena Zikic's individual resilience study following the June 5 BMRC/IRMU Knowledge exchange event. The article is available [here](#).



#### **The Toronto City Network**

John Shields and Jessica Praznik have published a report titled: "Anatomy of Settlement Services in Canada:A Guide". The guide is available [here](#).



#### **The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network**

The KW network has been continuing to gather data through focus groups and key informant interviews over the summer. With some additional al feedback from community partners they have been also revising their gender and resilience infographics. They have also begun planning for the October partnership meeting which they will be hosting at the IMRC this fall.



### The Windsor City Network

The Windsor city network received notice of funding allocation from the Executive Committee for the research project titled "It Takes a Village: Building Resilience by Connecting International Students to the Broader Community". We have been working rigorously to complete the research ethics review application for submission to the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board.

## Articles



Several articles have been authored by colleagues who are part of the Partnership.

- 1) Michaela Hynie guest edited a special issue in Canadian Ethnic Studies that recently became available (pp. 1-12) [here](#).
- 2) Luisa Veronis has co-written an article (pp. 79-99) titled "Syrian Refugee Youth Use Social Media: Building Transcultural Spaces and Connections for Resettlement in Ottawa, Canada" available [here](#).
- 3) Jill Hanley (Montreal city network) also co-wrote an article (pp. 123-148) titled "The Social Networks, Social Support and Social Capital of Syrian Refugees Privately Sponsored to Settle in Montreal: Indications for Employment and Housing During Their Early Experiences of Integration" available [here](#).

## Network Event-Événement du réseau



### National Metropolis Conference

The national Metropolis Conference will be in Halifax in March 2019. Details on the conference can be found [here](#)

## Other Important Information-Autre Information Importante

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