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



Hi Everyone,

On a grey and rainy Halloween Day, it is a pleasure to welcome new academic partners in Ottawa and Gatineau. Dr. Patti Lenard who is Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa has become a co-investigator who is studying how family reunification contributes to the resilience of Syrian refugees settling Ottawa. From the Université du Québec Outaouais, Dr. Anyck Dauphin, Chair of the School of Social Science, is a second new co-investigator

studying the settlement of Syrian refugees in the Outouais. I am also pleased to report that Margaret Walton-Roberts from Wilfrid Laurier University and Brian Ray from University of Ottawa are now co-investigators. They are both involved in several BMRC/IRMU research projects.

I am immensely grateful for everyone's help with the midterm report. It is a major undertaking that is helping us identify how far we have come and how far we have to go. We are also trying to schedule a partnership meeting to review the research and KM activities. I look forward to sharing more information with you in the near future.

Cheers

Valerie

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes

Montreal City Network

Nous sommes en train de finaliser le rapport de la phase 1 du projet Vivons nos quartiers, en collaboration avec les partenaires de la recherche, la TCRI et Centraide du Grand Montréal. Un résumé de recherche relatant ces premiers résultats sera publié sous peu. [Plus d'information](#)

place in late November. Items on the agenda include updates on local projects conducted under the BMRC-IRMU Partnership and consultation with community partners on our new project "More than numbers: Labour Market Experiences and Immigrant Resilience in the interprovincial and bilingual context of Ottawa-Gatineau, Canada's National Capital Region." [Read more.](#)

Toronto City Network

John Shields was part of a small group of Ryerson University faculty that met on September 18th with a delegation from the Public Employment Service in Sweden led by Mikael Sjöberg, Sweden's Director General in Toronto. The main purpose of the visit was to gain knowledge regarding the Canadian system for labour migration and refugees in relation to integration on the labour market. [Read more](#)

Research Findings



How can we support international students during their education to build resilience and increase retention post-graduation?

Researchers from the Windsor city network recently published a report on their study on international students and resilience. The newly published report is available [here](#).

In this report, the researchers reveal how stakeholders who can influence and benefit from the presence of international graduate students may support them during their education to build resilience and increase retention post-graduation. This research is led by Dr. Francine Schlosser, from University of Windsor, Mr. Reza Shahbazi, Executive Director for the New Canadians' Centre of Excellence, Jacqueline Veres and Nila Das from the Odette School of Business.



Report highlights the fact that, like immigrants, service providers and policymakers face many systemic challenges.

"When the critical support lines to service providers and policymakers are weakened and made less resilient, vulnerability is passed directly into newcomer communities."

This timely report was produced by Riley Bushell and John Shields. It is available [here](#).

Announcements

BMRC-IRMU December Partnership Meeting

We are happy to inform you that a partnership meeting can take place at York University beginning around 1pm on Dec. 13 and ending around 4pm on Dec. 14. An email was sent to partnership members about it.

Funding cycle

The deadline for the Open Call September 2018 funding cycle is extended until this Monday, November 5th for Templates. The deadline for posting comments is Wednesday, November 7th, 2018.

We are hiring

The partnership seeks to fill a Research Project Manager position. Reporting to the PI, and working with partners in Ontario and Quebec as well as other Secretariat staff, the incumbent is responsible for sustaining the partnership and supporting coordinated research activities among partners. [For more information.](#)

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