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



Hi Everyone,

I am looking forward to seeing many people at the next partnership meeting at York University. The meeting will start with lunch at noon on Dec. 13, 2018 and end by 4pm on Dec. 14. We will discuss what we learned from the midterm report, review the progress of current research and plan comparative research, as well as consider different ways to bring our research to a broad audience.

The Secretariat has been extremely busy preparing the Midterm Report. I appreciate everyone's contributions. The fourth cycle of templates was also compiled and evaluated, a workshop proposal was organized for the National Metropolis Conference in Halifax, and reports and research digests have also been added to the website. Check it out. The Secretariat also facilitated the transition to Zoom to save teleconference costs. All of these accomplishments are only possible because of Naolo's, Camila's and Sabrina's dedication and hard work. Adriana Espinosa de las Monteros Roma also made crucial contributions to preparing the Midterm Report and organizing the December partnership meeting.

I look forward to discussing these activities with many of you in December. In case I don't see you in person, best wishes for a happy holiday in the company of friends and family.

Cheers

Valerie

## Research Findings

### **What does the "Vivons nos Quartiers" project in Montreal reveal about inclusive practices for newcomers?**

The Vivons nos Quartiers project is a partnership between the TCRI and



Montreal recently had to welcome new categories of migrants including a large number of Syrian refugees between 2015 and 2016 as well as asylum seekers between 2017 and 2018. Local community organizations have to innovate for the successful integration of a continuously evolving migrant population. This challenge picked the curiosity of a team of researchers from Concordia University, led by Chedly Belkhodja, who started collaborating with TCRI and United Way to observe what is happening on the field.

We are grateful to Gabrielle Desilet for taking the time to work closely with the Knowledge Mobilization Officer to develop a research summary on this project. The summary gathers lessons learnt from the first phase of the research and it is available in French [here](#). The English translation will be shared shortly.

You can also watch a video of Chedly Belkhodja talking about this project on the BMRC-IRMU Youtube channel [here](#).



### City of Toronto's Role in Immigration and Settlement

A recently published report by John Shields and Jessica Praznik examines the role of the City of Toronto in immigration policy and settlement and integration programming. Toronto continues to be the most significant centre in Canada for newcomer settlement and immigration is a leading factor behind the rapid population growth of this global city (the fourth

largest centre on in North America). Fully 35.9% of the total immigrant population in Canada call Toronto home and the city continues to be a powerful magnet for secondary migration. 46.1% of the city's population, based on the 2016 Census, is made up foreign-born residents (Praznik and Shields, 2018, p. 4).

This timely report is available [here](#).

## Partnership News-Nouvelles du partenariat

### Ottawa-Gatineau City-Network News

The members of Ottawa-Gatineau city-network – including community partners, researchers, and research assistants – met on Monday 19 November to share community updates as well as progress relating to local projects conducted under the BMRC-IRMU Partnership. We also presented 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” and began consulting our partners on how the project can meet their needs. We will meet with them again in January to develop the specific objectives and plan the details of our research methodology.

### Ottawa-Gatineau Neighbourhood Study

We are actively recruitment participants for our study and have begun conducting photovoice interviews in each of the three selected neighbourhoods.

### Executive Committee

funding will be distributed once the Project Directors have been notified.

### Steering Committee

The members of the Steering Committee who were responsible for supplying much of the information included in the Midterm Report, also met to review an early draft. Many of their comments and suggestions were incorporated in the final version. It was truly a collaborative effort.

## Announcements

### 16th annual IMISCOE conference June 26-28, 2019 malmö university, sweden

The growing diversity and complexity of international migration present a need for reconceptualizing migration research. The aim of the 2019 IMISCOE Annual Conference is to facilitate exchanges in new concepts and innovative methodologies for understanding human migration in the 21st Century.

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### New Research Digest: "Vivons nos quartiers" donne des outils aux intervenants dans les quartiers de Montréal

Le projet Vivons nos quartiers, un partenariat entre la TCRI et Centraide, vise à mettre en commun les meilleures pratiques d'inclusion des nouveaux arrivants dans les quartiers de Montréal. Montréal a récemment dû accueillir de nouvelles catégories d'immigrants ayant de nouveaux profils, notamment un grand nombre de réfugiés syriens en 2015-2016, et des demandeurs d'asile en 2017-2018. Ce contexte amène les communautés d'accueil à devoir innover pour intégrer les personnes réfugiées et immigrantes, un défi qui a attiré l'intérêt de chercheurs de l'Université Concordia.

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### Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in mid-january. We wish you all a wonderful break!

From everyone at the Secretariat.

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