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



Hi Everyone,

Hello Everyone, Happy new year. In light of the current COVID surge, we postponed the partnership meeting until early May. Please save May 4 to 6, 2022 for an in-person partnership meeting. The partnership has planned three events in February to report initial findings about the impacts of the pandemic on migrant resilience and integration. I hope you will join me at two [webinars](#) on Feb. 2 and Feb. 23 and a one-day [symposium](#) on Feb. 4. Organized with INRS, the symposium will examine neighbourhoods and inequality during the pandemic.

Check out the KM News to learn about recent Research Digests that report research about college recruitment of international students and Yazidi refugees' and Turkish refugee claimants' access to the information needed for successful integration.

We are coming to the end of the fiscal year, so Camila will be in touch shortly about partners' contributions for 2021-22. Thank you in advance for your help with this report. Although many aspects of 2022 are all too familiar, I am very hopeful that we will see the pandemic diminish significantly over the next year. In the meantime, York University is once again closed so the best way to reach me and the Secretariat is through email, [bmrcirmu@yorku.ca](mailto:bmrcirmu@yorku.ca).

Best wishes,

Valerie



#### List of research digest published

1. [Information Access and Resilience for Newcomer Groups: Yazidi and Turkish-Speaking Newcomers in York Region](#) by [Michaela Hynie](#), [Gulay Kilicaslan](#), [Cansu Ekmekcioglu](#), Rubaiyat Karim, [Palmer Taylor](#), [Trisha Scantlebury](#), Chelsey Heins, Laura McDonough, and [Isabel Cascante](#). Le recueil de recherche est disponible [ici](#).
2. [Explaining the Structure and Mechanism of Recruiting International Students to Community and Privates Colleges in the Greater Toronto Area](#) by [Sutama Ghosh](#) and [Sohail Shahidnia](#). Le recueil de recherche est disponible [ici](#).

#### Update from the post-doc fellows at BMRC-IRMU:

1. [Nahid Sultana](#) is working as a postdoctoral researcher at the Odette School of Business, University of Windsor and the Windsor city network coordinator for Building Migrant Resilience in Cities (BMRC). At present, Nahid is involved in two research projects. In a project that aims to explore the involvement of institutions in matching immigrant newcomers with closing family businesses, Nahid is working with Professor Francine Schlosser of Odette School of Business, University of Windsor. For this project, she has submitted an application to the Research Ethics Board and obtained approval. Nahid has developed six interview protocols, three survey protocols, set up the surveys on Qualtrics, and prepared a research digest. For additional information on Nahid's projects, please click [here](#).
2. [Jayesh D'Souza](#) is a researcher at BMRC-IRMU. He is working with the principal investigator, [Prof. Valerie Preston](#) and [Prof. John Shields](#) on immigration and resilience issues. The present study is about the future of the settlement sector as a result of the pandemic. The goal of this segment of the project is to understand how the settlement sector has been reshaped during the various waves of the pandemic. Jayesh has been involved in designing surveys for OCASI and TCRI and have assisted in conducting the surveys on Survey Monkey and analyzing the responses. The analysis will contribute to the objective of ensuring the sector's sustainability by improving working conditions and enhancing services to the vulnerable. Besides this, he has also completed a draft of a paper on immigration and resilience using best evidence synthesis.

#### Other Publications and Presentations:

1. [Going against the grain: The role of skilled migrants' self-regulation in finding quality employment](#) by [Jelena Zikic](#) and Ute-Christine Klehe, Journal of Organizational Behavior Volume 42, Issue 8 p. 1023-1041, first published on July 16, 2021.
2. [Settlement Services and Newcomer Wellbeing: Setting the Context](#) by [John Shields](#) during the Newcomer Wellbeing Symposium, organized by WoodGreen Community Services on October 14, 2021.

Get to know our research projects and our researchers!



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Dr. Hynie is a faculty member in the Department of Psychology and the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, where she leads the Program Evaluation Unit. Dr. Hynie's research focuses the development and evaluation of interventions that can strengthen social and institutional relationships to improve health and well-being in different cultural, political and physical environments.

Le recueil de recherche est disponible [ici](#).



We are pleased to feature [Cansu Ekmekcioglu](#), PhD candidate in Information Science at the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto where she is part of Third Space Lab in the Department of Computer Science.

Her research interests are human-computer interaction (HCI), information and knowledge management, and social implication of data systems and Artificial Intelligence. Her current work looks at the use of information and digital technologies in post-migration service environments in Canada, Turkey, and the MENA. .

## Highlights

Research digest on **Explaining the Structure and Mechanism of Recruiting International Students to Community and Privates Colleges in the Greater Toronto Area**, by [Sutama Ghosh](#) and [Sohail Shahidnia](#), Ryerson University.

The economic benefits associated with the increasing admittance of international students to Canadian postsecondary educational institutions (PSEIs) is undeniable (Plumb 2020). With their numbers increasing annually, PSEIs are paying more attention to students from India. Currently, they are being admitted mainly to colleges rather than universities (CBIE 2020). This study investigates the recruitment strategies used by Canadian colleges to attract Indian international students. .

The research digest can be found [here](#). Le recueil de recherche est disponible [ici](#)

## Community Partner



**Trisha Scantlebury** , Senior Manager, Research, Public Policy and Evaluation at United Way Greater Toronto (UWGT).

[Trisha](#) conducts research related immigration, anti-Black racism, and affordable housing. Prior to her role at UWGT, Trisha held the position of Research and Policy Specialist for the Peel local immigration partnership. For the last 10 years, Trisha's career has focused on community development and newcomer settlement. She contributed to the publication of The Black Experience Project in the GTA and co-authored the 2019 Report on Peel Newcomers.

## Announcement

1. Pathways to Prosperity 2022 Virtual Workshop Series. Please click [here](#) to access the lineup of 15 weekly workshops starting on January 18, 2022.
2. [Newcomer Resilience and COVID -19: Challenges and Opportunities](#) , scheduled for February 2, 2022, 2022 by Zoom. Click [here](#) to register.

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4. [Les Midis de l'Immigration](#), présentent les plus récentes recherches réalisées sur les migrations internationales, le transnationalisme, l'accueil et l'établissement des personnes issues de l'immigration. Participez à l'atelier virtuel sur: **Ce que la pandémie fait aux personnes en situation de migration: regards croisés sur la France et le Canada** par [Lara Gautier](#) et [Laura Odassa](#), prévu pour le 15 février, 2022 à 12h30. Pour plus d'information, contactez [midis@gmail.com](mailto:midis@gmail.com)
5. [Newcomer resilience and COVID-19: Settlement policies and programs](#), scheduled for February 23, 2022, from 12:30 to 1:45 pm by Zoom. Click [here](#) to register.
6. [24th METROPOLIS Canada Conference on Reopening Canada: Looking to the future of immigration, settlement and integration](#), scheduled for March 24-26, 2022 at The Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, BC. Click [here](#) to register.

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