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



Hi Everyone,

After a pause, I am excited to tell you about recent events and accomplishments. I thank all the participants in the very successful April webinar about international students and resilience for their provocative and informative presentations. Dan Hiebert did a great job chairing the event that finished exactly on time. On May 5, 2022, the future of Ontario's settlement sector was discussed by John Shields who presented initial findings from a recent survey of workers and managers at OCASI member agencies with incisive comments from Tara Bedard and Debbie Douglas who ably chaired. My thanks to everyone. Have a look at the [slides and recordings](#) for these events.

CA small but lively partnership meeting took place at York University from May 4 to 6. I am very grateful to everyone for their patience with the many COVID-19 protocols still in place at the university. To my knowledge, no one contracted COVID-19 at the event, so they may have paid off. Watch for updates about the partnership's research program and future plans in the next newsletter.

Check out the KM News. In addition to a [Research Digest](#) about a program that helped immigrant seniors use technology, summaries of the survey data have also been released. Also, have a look at the many ways that BMRC-IRMU partner, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, can facilitate knowledge exchange with policymakers..

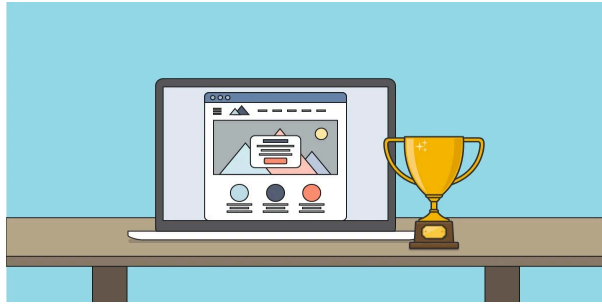
The partnership continues to evolve. Manolli Ekra has left her position at OCASI after years of valuable participation in the partnership. The recent survey would not have been possible without her expertise, commitment, collaborative skills, and exceptional patience with my bad French. I know everyone joins me in thanking her for her many contributions and wishing her the very best.

Camila asked me to remind all participants in the partnership meeting to submit their receipts for reimbursement *as soon as possible*.

Best wishes,

Valerie

Knowledge Mobilization News



List of research digest published:

1. [Technology, Access and Support Services for Seniors Project \(TASS\)](#) by [Noor Din](#), Human Endeavour, [Nancy Mandell](#), York University, [Lois Kamenitz](#), York University and [Larry Lam](#), York University. Le recueil de recherche est disponible [ici](#). The full report is available [here](#).

Webinar during the last months:

1. Webinar on [International Students and their Resilience: Mapping the journeys of international students' resilience](#), on April 21, 2022 by [Marshia Akbar](#), Toronto Metropolitan University, [Jana Borrás](#), York University, [Janice Phonepraseuth](#), York University, [Erfaneh Razavipour](#) and [Dan Hiebert](#). The recording and presentations are available [here](#).
2. Webinar on [The Future of the Ontario Settlement Sector: Learning from a global pandemic](#), on May 5, 2022 by [John Shields](#), Toronto Metropolitan University, [Tara Bedard](#), Immigration Partnership, Region of Waterloo, and [Debbie Douglas](#), OCASI. The full reports and executive summaries are available [here](#).

IRCC Knowledge Mobilization and Partnerships :

Our partner at IRCC Knowledge Mobilization and Partnerships (KMP) is eager to hear about BMRC-IRMU Partnership researchers and research. Situated within the Research and Evaluation branch, KMP is engaged in mobilizing knowledge on immigration related topics and plays an important role in establishing key partnerships with scholars and institutions on migration issues with partnerships with academics and national and International organizations.

Their regular events include:

1. *Research Matters*: a monthly event where national and international scholars showcase their research with IRCC staff. These are popular and engaging events often attended by 250 plus staff;
2. *Research-at-a-Glance*: Reference Services compiles Research at a Glance emails – an alert service for new research pertaining to IRCC's mandate;
3. *Roundtables* : KMP works with other IRCC branches to organize roundtables on issues where we lack knowledge, such as for undocumented workers;
4. *National Essay Competition*: An annual essay competition for young scholars and a follow up presentation to IRCC staff by the finalist(s)- more information about this year's competition will be distributed soon; and

If you are interested in these opportunities to share your research, please contact us at bmrcirmu@yorku.ca. As you know, the partnership already collaborates often with Eleanor Berry at IRCC to disseminate BMRC-IRMU Research through Research-at-a-Glance.

Other Publications :

1. [Multiple food vulnerabilities of international students from India in Greater Toronto Area colleges: A pilot study](#) by [Sutama Ghosh](#), Toronto Metropolitan University, Pruneah M. Kim, University of Michigan, Raymond M. Garrison, Toronto Metropolitan University and [Sohail Shahidnia](#), Toronto Metropolitan University, in *The Canadian Geographer*, 2022 .
2. [Migration and Resilience in Urban Canada: Why Social Resilience, Why Now](#) by [Valerie Preston](#), York University, [John Shields](#) and [Marshia Akbar](#), Toronto Metropolitan University in *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 2021 .
3. [The Political Economy of a Modern Pandemic: Assessing Impacts of COVID-19 on Migrants and Immigrants in Canada](#) by [John Shields](#) and [Zainab Abu Alrob](#), Toronto Metropolitan University in *Alternate Routes*, 2021 .
4. [Boundaries of the nation\(s\) in a multinational state: Comparing Quebecers and other Canadians' perspectives on national identity](#) by [Antoine Bilodeau](#) and Luc Turgeon, Concordia University, in *Journal of the Association for the study of Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 2020.
5. [After the International Organization for Migration: recruitment of Guatemalan temporary agricultural workers to Canada](#) by [Christina Gabriel](#), and Laura Macdonald, Carleton University, in *Journal of Ethics and Migration Studies*, Volume 44, Issue 10, 2017.
6. [Negotiating within Whiteness in CrossCultural Clinical Encounters](#) by Eunjung Lee and [Rupaleem Bhuyan](#), University of Toronto, in *Social Service Review*, 2014.

Get to know our research projects and our researchers!



Multiple food vulnerabilities of international students from India in Greater Toronto Area colleges: A pilot study

In this study, [Sutama Ghosh](#), Pruneah M. Kim, Raymond M. Garrison and [Sohail Shahidnia](#) attempted to create awareness about this specific form of inequality by qualitatively analyzing the experiences of 30 international students from India, in community and private colleges located in the Greater Toronto Area. Their study demonstrates that most participants faced multiple food vulnerabilities. In this regard, in addition to their internal characteristics, external circumstances have had profound impacts on their food insecurity, particularly the geographical context of the city in which they live. For the full article, please click [here](#).



We are pleased to feature Farah Elazony, Summer student at BMRC-IRMU.

Farah is a third year student in York University majoring in Business and Society. She has been working for 2 years as a Knowledge Mobilization Assistant with BMRC-IRMU.

Highlights

Technology, Access and Support Services for Seniors Project (TASS), by *Noor Din*, CEO, Human Endeavour, *Lois Kamenitz*, PhD, York Centre for Asian Research, York University, [Nancy Mandell](#), Professor, Department of Sociology, York University, [Larry Lam](#), Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, York University and *Ben Zhang*, BA, Department of Sociology, York University.

Our research exposes the structural inequities restricting digital access and use. It reveals the increasingly important role of emerging technologies in reducing barriers for seniors and facilitating aging in place. Central to this field is the exposure of three senior digital divides to 1. access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) 2. access to digital skills and how and identifies gradations of digital exclusion; and 3. expansion of those digital skills so that users can derive social, economic and health benefits from ICT use .

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Manolli Ekra, précédemment Coordinatrice principale bilingue, Politique et recherche, OCASI

Nous avons pu recueillir les impressions de Manolli avant son départ. Cliquer [ici](#) pour entendre son entrevue avec nous.

Announcements

1. [Research Participants Needed: How Are We Hakka?: Examining Changing Hakka Ethnic Identit\(y\)/\(ies\)](#). The study will examine the history of Hakka diasporas in Canada, specifically examining the Hakka Kolkatan and Hakka Jamaican diasporas in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Within this research, I will analyze the formation of hybridized Hakka ethnic identities and cultures. Focus groups will take place sometime in June 2022. Please contact Eleanor Marie Yang, Master's Student at York University, completing a Major Research Paper, The Department of Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies, York University by email at eleanory@yorku.ca

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