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



It is my pleasure to welcome new people to the partnership. Dr. Virginie Masana is a postdoctoral fellow at University of Ottawa who is part of the Ottawa-Gatineau City Network. Dr. Masana will be involved in all aspects of the discourse analysis of policies about resilience and migration. At Ryerson University, Jessica Praznick is a Research Assistant working with the Toronto City Network. The partnership will benefit tremendously from their experience as researchers and practitioners.

Our KM activities continue. In the partnership proposal, we committed to disseminating knowledge in innovative and interactive ways, getting academic research into the hands of people who can use, and generating public discussion. Due to Naolo's hard work with the KM Committee, we now have several knowledge mobilization tools; the website, research digests, and a twitter account. To achieve our goals, I want to urge everyone to contribute information and commentary. Please have a look at the plans and ideas in the KM section of the newsletter. Naolo will be seeking your comments at the Ottawa Steering Committee meeting. I can attest that he is very convincing. Who else could convince me to look at Twitter?

I am looking forward to hearing about all of the research projects in Ottawa. We have a superb plenary speaker and the Organizing Committee is putting together fascinating panels. There will also be a short time for a lively discussion of governance and KM strategies.

I want to thank everyone for submitting the quarterly activity reports. As you will read below under the Steering Committee, Adnan is already thinking of ways to simplify the work involved in creating these reports. They are essential for all of us to avoid hours of work at the end of the fiscal year, but the process can be improved and he is working on it. As you will also see, The Executive Committee has also met since reviewing all the funding proposals. The outcome of their deliberations will also be discussed in Ottawa. See you there!

Valerie Preston

KM Committee News-Nouvelles du comité MC



1) Social Media accounts

The KM Committee has recently started adding content to the BMRC-IRMU social media accounts. Every day, one new article is being posted. We invite everyone to [follow the BMRC-IRMU Twitter page](#), to [like the BMRC-IRMU Facebook page](#) and to consult and react to the articles that we share.

What is the value of social media for the partnership?

- Social media is a great way to disseminate knowledge and research in an iterative and interactive way
- It is an effective channel to build communities for partnerships, collaboration and sharing
- It will help us get academic research into the hands of people who can use it
- Finally, it will help us generate broader public discussions about our findings.

How can you get involved?

1. Save the BMRC-IRMU social page to your favorites and follow the pages.
2. Invite like-minded people in your network to follow the BMRC-IRMU social media pages.
3. Send us content that you want to share on the BMRC-IRMU social media pages.

Where are the social media pages?

[BMRC-IRMU Twitter](https://twitter.com/bmrc_irmu) https://twitter.com/bmrc_irmu

[BMRC-IRMU Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BMRCIRMUResearch/) <https://www.facebook.com/BMRCIRMUResearch/>

2) Research Digests

A call for Research Digests will soon be announced. Proposals for Research Digests will be accepted in November, in March and in May. In the meantime, if you already know that you intend to produce a Research Digest, kindly contact [Naolo](#).

For more information about the previous Research Digests, you can consult the [BMRC-IRMU website](#).

3)The BMRC-IRMU Website

As a reminder, the [BMRC-IRMU website](#) is available as a promotional tool for all partnership members. Please note that we are happy to share any interesting content that you have on the website. You can also write blog articles for the blog section of the website. If you would like to share some content, kindly send an email to [Naolo](#). Thank you!



Thank you to the City Networks co-chairs for submitting the first quarterly (April-June) activities report of the current fiscal year (2017-2018). We have heard your concerns about the added work of reporting and we are working to facilitate this process beginning with the next quarterly (July-September) report. We will soon be asking the co-chairs to identify a person responsible for tracking activities in their respective networks.

Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



Executive Committee members went well beyond the call of duty this summer. Several interrupted their holidays to review and comment on all of the funding proposals thanks to Adnan who organized the review. Camila Bonifaz is now serving as the Secretary to the committee which will help with scheduling meetings and producing minutes, agendas and related documents.

The Executive Committee met in September to deal quickly with a request for postdoc funding and to discuss a policy about funding travel costs. The proposed policy will be disseminated soon for discussion and approval in Ottawa

Research Activity News-Nouvelles des activités de recherche



Marshia Akbar has developed a two-step strategy to examine migration and settlement trends in urban centres in Ontario and Quebec. The aim of the first step is to profile the demographic, social and economic characteristics of migrants in Ontario and Quebec cities. The city profiles will serve as a basis for comparing migrants settling in large and small cities within both provinces.

Marshia is very pleased to announce that we have received Statistics Canada's approval for accessing the confidential Master Data Files for the 2006 and 2011 Censuses and the 2011 National Household Survey. Using these data sets, descriptive and regression analysis will be carried out to prepare the city profiles. In the second step, Marshia will investigate specific research questions about settlement challenges in Ontario and Quebec cities. She is now consulting with all the city networks to figure out specific research questions regarding migration and settlement trends in each metropolitan area. Marshia is preparing a list of questions based on partners suggestions and it will be circulated in the end of September.

A brief summary of the proposed research is being sent to community members for their final review before funding is sought.

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



Le réseau des villes de Montréal

Les collaborateurs de la TCRI ont rencontré des partenaires du BINAM. Une rencontre est prévue prochainement pour évaluer les parallèles possibles entre certains projets de la TCRI, du BINAM et du Bureau de la Ville de Montréal en lien avec le partenariat IRMU. Les dates restent à confirmer.

Nous souhaitons annoncer l'ajout de deux nouveaux collaborateurs :

[Mireille Paquet](#)

[Antoine Bilodeau](#)

Les activités de terrain ont repris leur cours dans le cadre du projet Vivons nos quartiers. L'équipe recrute actuellement un(e) assistant(e) de recherche pour aider dans les démarches de collectes de données.

Des chercheurs de l'université Concordia membres du partenariat ont obtenu une subvention de recherche du FRQSC: (chercheur principal Antoine Bilodeau, département de Sc. Po.; Chedly Belkhodja, SCPA; Mireille Paquet, Sc. Po.; Daniel Salée, Sc. Po.). Titre du projet: Stratégies participatives des personnes immigrantes et minorités ethnoculturelles au Québec : Mieux comprendre l'effet structurant des dispositions sociétales dans 24 localités. Montant 318 000\$ (2017-2019)

Irène Cloutier du Bureau de la résilience de la ville de Montréal participera à un atelier sur la gouvernance de la résilience aura lieu à Montréal les 2, 3 et 4 octobre prochain réunissant chercheurs et praticiens (villes résilientes canadiennes). L'atelier aura lieu à l'ENAP. Sur invitation seulement.

Gabrielle Désilets participera à une entrevue 100RC avec Somala Dilby et son équipe du Urban Institute Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center (www.urban.org) à Washington D.C. qui ont récemment séjourné à Montréal pour rencontrer et interviewer différents acteurs liés au réseau 100 Resilience City network de la fondation Rockefeller.



The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network

The Ottawa-Gatineau network team is excited to announce that Dr. Virginie Mesana will be joining them to assist with the transversal project "Analysis of governance structures and policy discourses shaping migration and resilience: an examination of Canada's federal, provincial and municipal governments."

Virginie Mesana will be a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics at the University of Ottawa. She will develop a methodology and instruments for document selection and analysis, analyse and report on the governance structures in immigrant settlement and policy discourses relating to migration and resilience at federal, provincial (Ontario and Quebec) and municipal (in selected cities) levels.

Dr. Mesana's own research focuses primarily on the study of diaspora and ethnic relations in North America, with a particular interest for cultural analysis and feminist critical theory. Her experience in mixed qualitative methodologies has led her to work on various research projects in migration studies and in public policy analysis in Ontario and in Quebec. She holds degrees in Political Science in France, and in Communication



The York Region City Network

In consultation with community partners, the York region is developing a research proposal that will examine how newcomers access information about jobs, housing, and other settlement issues in a timely and appropriate manner.

A brief summary of the proposed research is being sent to community members for their final review before funding is sought.



The Toronto City Network

As part of the bid to increase community involvement in the project, settlement sector leaders met at United Way Toronto York Region on September 14th to discuss a common research agenda and proposal. United Way and WoodGreen Community services hosted the meeting. Attendees included the City of Toronto Newcomer Office, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC), COSTI, Access Alliance and Social Planning Toronto. Attendees agreed to continue to work together on the development and support of a research project.

The next meeting for the wider Toronto city network is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 11th, 1 – 3 p.m. at Ryerson.



The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network

The KW City Network will meet on the first week of October to discuss research in the fall and any suggestions/recommendations on BMRC's governance document draft as well as our next steps forward.

Following the KW City Network proposal, we are currently developing:

- Interview guides for assessing migrant resilience from the institutional perspective (Immigration Service Providers and other relevant organizations) and as well as
- Guides building on the structure and content of focus groups meant to discuss newcomer experiences transitioning from vulnerable legal status to permanent residence. These research activities will incorporate a gender analysis to recognize different obstacles, migration strategies and options.

After discussion and validation with our community partners, these instruments will be submitted for Ethics Board approval.

Balsillie School Global Governance PhD students Alison Petrozziello and Jennifer Kandjii are joining our team to help us develop these and other activities (including the elaboration of a gender and resilience capacity-building tool for and in collaboration with ISP community organizations)

Waterloo region.



The Windsor City Network

Francine Schlosser, who is both a member of this partnership and the Executive Director of the Epic Center, shared with us some news about the recent EPIC Annual Report available [here](#).

Call for papers-Appel à contributions

The center for immigration policy evaluation is announcing a call for proposals and several immigration research workshops. More Information is available [here](#).

Le Centre pour l'évaluation des politiques d'immigration lance un appel à propositions et organise plusieurs ateliers sur la recherche en immigration. Vous pouvez obtenir plus d'information [ici](#).

Network Event-Evénement du réseau



1) Gabrielle Désilets et Chedly Belkhodja participeront à l'atelier de Statistique Canada "Les types de peuplement et l'intégration sociale de la RMR de Montréal", le lundi 2 octobre 2017, de 10 h à 11 h 30, heure avancée de l'Est, (en français), à 200, Boul. René-Lévesque Ouest, Montréal, QC H2Z 1X4.

Des séances en ligne, en personnes, en français et en anglais sont offertes.

Statistique Canada a le plaisir de vous inviter à une présentation gratuite en ligne ou en personne portant sur les tendances en matière d'immigration dans la région de Montréal.

1. l'origine géographique (pays de naissance) de la population immigrante depuis 1881;
2. la destination des immigrants au Canada dans l'ensemble des provinces et des régions urbaines;
3. la répartition de l'immigration à l'intérieur de la région métropolitaine de recensement de Montréal, à l'échelle des municipalités et des quartiers, et les conséquences de l'immigration sur l'intégration sociale.

Tous les membres du partenariat sont invités à participer, l'inscription est gratuite, mais les places sont limitées (en personne). Pour vous inscrire, consultez [ce lien](#).

2) Michèle Vatz Laaroussi aimerait informer le réseau de la tenue du Colloque femmes et féminismes en dialogue, le 28 et 29 novembre 2017. Vous pouvez en apprendre plus grâce au [lien suivant](#).

Other Important Information-Autre Information Importante



Toronto Resilience Strategy

The CRO has just launched a survey, to gather feedback to inform Toronto's Preliminary Resilience Assessment (a snapshot of Toronto's resilience challenges and opportunities), which is the first step in developing the City's resilience strategy.

The resilience is defined as the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, business and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses

and acute shocks they experience.

This is the link to the survey: [Survey](#).

More background information is available within the survey.

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