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



It is a pleasure to acknowledge changes in the partnership, particularly the addition of new partners in the Montréal city network. With its long history of involvement in social action and social research in Montréal, Centraide is a very welcome collaborator whose involvement strengthens the partnership in Montréal. Mireille Paquet, a political scientist at Concordia University, where she studies immigration policy and politics in Canada, North America and Australia, has also joined the Montréal city network as its second co-investigator. I am also glad to welcome Sophia Lowe who will represent Hire Immigrants

Ottawa in the Ottawa city network. And last but definitely not least, Jelena Zikic is replacing Nancy Mandell as the York Region co-chair while Nancy is on sabbatical. I want to thank Nancy for her hard work launching the York Region city network and Jelena for her willingness to take on this position.

It will be great to see many of you in Ottawa on October 26 and 27, 2017. Please cue the applause for the academic co-chairs of the Ottawa and Gatineau networks, Christina Gabriel and Luisa Veronis, who have done a tremendous job organizing an exciting program of speakers and panels. Plans are afoot to ensure that materials will be on the website for anyone who cannot attend the event, so watch for information in the next newsletter.

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KM Committee News-Nouvelles du comité MC



RESILIENCE WITH
MICHAEL UNGAR
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 26
STARTING
AT 3.30PM.
AT CARLETON
UNIVERSITY

speech in Ottawa

The Partnership meeting in Ottawa will include a conference on Thursday, October 26 featuring Michael Ungar as a keynote speaker and Nimo Bokore, Irène Cloutier and Hindia Mohamoud as panelists.

We still have a couple of seats available. Do not hesitate to promote the event in your network.

[Conference registration page-English](#). [Conference registration page-French](#).

2) November Call for Research Digests

We recently sent a call for Research Digests. Thank you to everyone who expressed their interests. If you intend to produce a Research Digest, kindly contact [Naolo](#).

If you missed the November Call for Research Digests, you can read it [here](#).

3) Social Media

The KM Committee invites you 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.

Steering Committee News-Nouvelles du comité de pilotage



On October 19, the Steering Committee met via teleconference to go over the Ottawa meeting program and attendance list, discuss the draft travel policy document to be incorporated into the partnership governance document, and bring members up to date with transfers and quarterly activities reporting.

Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



At its regular meeting in September, the Executive Committee reviewed budget information and discussed a policy for distributing travel money. The travel policy is intended to ensure equity and transparency and simplify decision-making. It will guide future allocations of about funds for travel to partnership meetings, research activities, dissemination and partnership development. As part of the governance documents, the current version will be available on dropbox. Let the Executive Committee know if you

have any comments on how it is working by sending a message to bmrc-irmu@yorku.ca with Executive Committee in the subject line.

approval in Ottawa.

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



Le réseau des villes de Montréal

Le 10 Octobre 2017, les membres de l'équipe du CRIEM (Centre de recherches interdisciplinaires en études montréalaises / Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal CRIEM/CIRM basé à l'Université McGill): Stephan Gervais (coordinateur scientifique); Pascal Brissette (Directeur) ainsi que [Gorka Idoyaga Espiau](#), professeur praticien de la Fondation de la famille J.W. McConnell, ainsi qu'Audray Fontaine, coordonnatrice du programme de professeur praticien de la Fondation de la famille J.W. McConnell, ont reçu Chedly Belkhodja et Gabrielle Désilets pour une rencontre informelle afin d'échanger sur les pistes de collaborations potentielles en lien avec la résilience sociale.

Les membres du réseau de Montréal se réuniront à Concordia le 7 novembre, 2017 entre 13h et 15h pour rencontrer les nouveaux membres, discuter de l'avancement des travaux et établir les priorités de recherche pour Montréal.



The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network

Le 13 Octobre 2017 a eu lieu une rencontre de collaboration via Skype avec le réseau de Montréal pour l'atelier de méthodologie lié au projet transversal sur l'analyse de discours des politiques en matière d'immigration et de résilience, et la sélection des textes et l'ébauche d'hypothèses.



The York Region City Network

The York Region city network has developed a proposal to study the information needs of newcomers and evaluate strategies to meet these needs. The proposal responds to the discussion of settlement services that occurred during the June Strategy meeting and to ideas raised in community consultation that were led by the United Way of Toronto and York Region.

The Toronto City Network

John Shields was elected as the Chair of the Board of Directors of ACCES Employment,

diverse backgrounds, who are facing barriers to employment, to integrate into the Canadian job market. It achieves this by providing employment services, linking employers to skilled people and building strong networks in collaboration with community partners. About 70% of its clients are of newcomer background.



The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network

Jenna Hennebry, academic co-chair of the Kitchener-Waterloo City Network went to Geneva to address the United Nations (UN) on Oct. 12 as the international body develops a global compact for safe, orderly and regular international migration. [Read more](#)



The Windsor City Network

In September we had a presentation of the initial research project on international student resilience to the Windsor City network. In October and September we also had multiple meetings with respect to a new project that would experiment with drama as a second language for increasing resilience of teenage migrants.

We have applied to the Research Ethics Board at UWindsor for approval to move forward with the drama as a second language research. We have finished collecting the pilot research on international students and will be preparing this for presentation and publication.

Call for papers-Appel à contributions

The UrbanArts Community Arts Council (CAC) is pleased to announce a Call for Academic Research Proposals in Developing Evaluation and Reporting Framework. A summary is provided [here](#).

Network Event-Evénement du réseau

Chedly Belkhodja & Michèle Vatz Laaroussi will participate in a Research Symposium on English-Speaking Immigration in Quebec, Thursday, November 2, 2017, organised by The Association for Canadian Studies (ACS) and the Canadian Institute for Identities and Migration.

This one-day research symposium on English-Speaking Immigration in Quebec, will



Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada has tasked the ACS with organizing the symposium to showcase the latest work on Immigration and English-speaking Quebecers and to discuss emerging issues and priorities to be established in the coming years.

Several experts in immigration and settlement of English-speakers in Quebec will be invited to make presentations in their particular field of expertise. The symposium will feature sessions on mobility and settlement patterns, integration and retention of English-speaking immigrants, as well as the effectiveness of programs and services for this group of immigrants.

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