

**Building Migrant Resilience in Cities | Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain
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Newcomers, Resilience and Settlement: Knowledge Exchange

June 5, 2018 – Toronto

*Full auditorium at Ralph Thornton Community Centre
765 Queen Street East*

Knowledge Exchange among Policy makers, Service Providers, Researchers, Communities

08:45 – 09:15

Registration and Orientation

09:15 – 09:20

Welcome and Overview of the Program

Valerie Preston, York University

Valerie Preston is the Principal Investigator (PI) of the SSHRC partnership titled 'Migration and Resilience in urban Canada'. She is a professor in the Department of Geography at York University where she teaches urban social geography.

09:20 – 11:00

Panel 1: What did we learn from settling privately sponsored and government assisted refugees? Moving forward!

Questions:

- What is the difference between the unique supports needed for privately sponsored vs government assisted refugees?
- What works and what helps people work across silos?
- How will the Syrian operation change how we do things for other refugee groups?

Panelists:

1. Michaela Hynie, Associate Professor and Associate Director, Centre for Refugee Studies-York University

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

2. Mario Calla, COSTI

Mario J. Calla, BA, MSW, has been the Executive Director of COSTI Immigrant Services since 1987. COSTI is a community service agency that has been providing a broad range of services to immigrants and refugees in the greater Toronto area since 1952.

3. Chedly Belkhodja, Principal and Professor, School of Community and Public Affairs-Concordia University

In 2014, Chedly Belkhodja joined the School of Community and Public Affairs at Concordia University as professor and principal. Before that, he was teaching at the department of Political Science at l'Université de Moncton, where he was also chair for two terms. From 2006 to 2012, He was the director of the Atlantic Metropolis Centre.

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:45
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Panel 2: Impacts of LIPS for planning Immigrant Integration: The reality and

Questions:

- What are the impacts of LIPS on settlement and integration?
- What are the things that we know that work?
- What other things people have tried and what can we learn from each other?
- What can we learn from the models in Quebec?

Panelists:

1. Richard Lecours, Manager of Settlement and Resettlement Programs at Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Richard Lecours is a Manager of Settlement and Resettlement Programs at Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for Ontario Region. He has been involved with newcomer settlement issues with IRCC for the last 20 years, working with a whole range of community partners, governments and settlement programs, all towards helping newcomers settle across Ontario.

2. Sudip Minhas, Executive Director WWWWIW

Sudip Minhas is the Executive Director of The Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women. Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women (WWWWIW) is a non-profit organization formed in 1982 by a group of women in the city of Windsor. These women realized that new Canadians have needs that are not catered to by the existing service centre in Windsor.

3. Margaret Walton-Roberts, Professor, Geography and Environmental Studies

Dr. Margaret Walton-Roberts is a human geographer trained in the UK and Canada who focuses on international migration. She is a professor at Wilfrid Laurier University and the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), Waterloo Canada, and currently a visiting Sabbatical Researcher at the Asian

Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

4. Gabrielle Désilets, Post-doctorate, Concordia University

Gabrielle Désilets is a post-doctorate at Concordia University and a Project Manager for the Montreal city network of the Building Migrant Resilience in Cities partnership. She administers and coordinates multisectoral initiatives between community organizations, governments and academics for the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada.

12:45pm – 1:45 pm

Networking Lunch Break

1:45 to 3:15 pm

Panel 3: Sanctuary cities: what are they good for?

Questions:

- What is our experience of Sanctuary cities?
- What can we learn from it?
- What does it mean for Canada in the current geopolitical context?

1. Macdonald Scott, No one is illegal

Macdonald Scott is an Immigration consultant who is affiliated to No one is illegal. No One Is Illegal is a migrant justice movement rooted in anti-colonial, anti-capitalist, ecological justice, Indigenous self-determination, anti-occupation, and anti-oppressive politics. They are part of a worldwide movement of resistance that strives and struggles for the freedom to stay, the freedom to move, and the freedom to return.

**2. Jenna L. Hennebry, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University.
Director, International Migration Research Centre**

Jenna Hennebry holds a Ph.D. in Sociology, is an Associate Professor affiliated with the Balsillie School of International Affairs, and is the Director of the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC) at Wilfrid Laurier University. Her research focuses on international migration and mobility, with a specialization in lower-skilled labour migration with regional expertise in Canada, Mexico, Morocco and Spain.

3. Idil Atak, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director, Ryerson University

Idil Atak received her Ph.D. from the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law. Idil is the Editor-In-Chief of International Journal of Migration and Border Studies (IJMBS). She is a member of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration's (IASFM) Executive Committee, the past president of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), and a research associate at Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public

International Law (McGill University).

4. *Stephan Reichhold, Director TCRI*

Stephan Reichhold has been the Director of la Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes (TCRI) since 1989. He is responsible for the coordination and the development of a coalition of 142 community organizations offering services to immigrants, refugees and migrants without status in Quebec.

3:15 to 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Keynote: Stories of resilience-Newcomers reactions

The theme:

We have invited some of the recipients of the RBC successful immigrants' awards to come and tell us their stories of immigrating and settling in Canada. The conversations in this panel will help the audience stay grounded on the actual experiences that the settlement sector intends to create.

1. *Jelena Zikic, Associate Professor, York University*

Dr. Jelena Zikic received her PhD from Joseph L. Rotman School of Management at University of Toronto and prior to that she studied at the London School of Economics where she earned her MSc in Social and Organizational Psychology. Her study focuses on career management issues, combining the individual as well as organizational perspective. In particular, Dr.Zikic developed her research program and expertise in career transitions, stress and coping and career development theory.