



# ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

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# SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Immigration and Settlement Studies (TMCIS) activities over the 2024 - 2025 academic year. TMCIS seeks to advance knowledge creation and exchange in international migration, integration, and diaspora studies. In addition, the Centre strives to mentor students and pursue initiatives that bolster Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) reputation as a site of migration knowledge development and exchange with governments, community organizations, and academics.

Throughout the year, TMCIS published thirteen Working Papers in collaboration with the CERC in Migration and Integration, which present scholarly research from all disciplines on issues related to immigration and settlement to stimulate discussion and collect feedback. The Centre hosted and co-hosted eight Lunch & Learn events that engaged practitioners, scholars, and students on a variety of interdisciplinary topics, ranging from the non-profit settlement sector, refugee homestay hosting, employment, and legal protection to healthcare, urban challenges, and internal migration in China. Four co-hosted Lunch & Learns were developed through new partnerships with the International Association for China Planning (IACP) and TMU's new School of Public Policy and Democratic Innovation, as part of its Policy fellowship program that features former Canadian Senator Ratna Omidvar as co-host and co-convenor. TMCIS also strengthened existing partnerships with the Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS) MA program to celebrate its 20-year legacy and alumni achievements. TMCIS has also successfully secured Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grant funding and built partnerships over the past year to host the 16th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) in May, 2025. Additionally, the Centre has successfully obtained several internal and external research grants to generate evidence-based knowledge, foster inclusive communities, and support the training of students. By hosting networking events and publishing affiliate highlights, TMCIS actively engages and showcases the work of its affiliates. New partnerships have been developed with scholars, institutions, and community organizations for collaborative research, grant applications, meaningful community engagement, and knowledge dissemination and mobilization.

Looking ahead to 2025-2026, TMCIS will enter a new chapter as it officially integrates into the newly established Global Migration Institute (the Institute), approved by the Senate. To align with the Institute's mission and objectives, TMCIS will play a key role in the areas of capacity building, community engagement, and education. In the short run, TMCIS will continue advancing collaborative research, deepening community engagement, and supporting faculty and students across multiple disciplines. In the longer term, TMCIS will be instrumental in helping the Institute realize its vision of a globally recognized research hub that leverages interdisciplinary research and advanced digital technologies to inform migration policy and governance. It will do so by actively leading and facilitating initiatives that intersect with technology, human rights, and global governance, and by sustaining a pipeline of academic and community partnerships rooted in equity, inclusion, and real-world impact. By aligning with the Institute's strategic priorities, such as ethical technology use, interdisciplinary collaboration, and knowledge mobilization, TMCIS will continue to help shape the future of migration research and policy in Canada and beyond.

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**Centre for Immigration  
and Settlement**

# GOVERNANCE

## TMCIS Team

### Academic Director

**Dr. Zhixi Zhuang, MCIP, RPP (2023 - Present)**

*Associate Professor; Founder & Director, DiverCity Lab, School of Urban and Regional Planning*

Dr. Zhixi Zhuang's research explores the growing urban diversity in Canadian cities and the implications for municipal policies and practices. Her recent and ongoing research involves mixed-method and arts-informed projects examining the intersection of migrant settlement and integration, urban landscapes, community engagement, and municipal governance.

### Research Coordinator

**Emery Firth-Masi (2024 - 2025)**

### Project Coordinators

**Juliana Moreno Baez (2024 - 2025)**

**Genevieve Albuerne (2024 - 2025)**

**Dina Dong (2025 - 2026)**

**Raphaella Valeri (2025 - 2026)**

## TMCIS Advisory Committee

This past year, TMCIS formed a new Advisory Committee made up of graduate students, alumni, faculty affiliates, and community partners with the goal to diversify and strengthen the TMCIS community, ensuring broad representation across disciplines, faculties, sectors, and levels of study. Our newly established advisory committee met two times during the 2024/25 academic year and will meet again in June, 2025 for the TMCIS Annual General Meeting.

**Sara Asalya (2024 - present)**

*Executive Director, Newcomer Women's Services Toronto*

**Dr. Idil Atak (2014 - present)**

*Professor, Lincoln Alexander School of Law*

**Dr. Rupa Banarjee (2024 - present)**

*Associate Professor, HRM & Organizational Behaviour, Ted Rogers School of Management*

**Dr. Harald Bauder (2011 - present)**

*Professor, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies*

**Bridget Collrin (2024 - present)**

*PhD Candidate, Policy Studies Program*

**Dayle Ann Levine (2024 - present)**

*Director, Institutional Programs, Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation (OVPRI)*

**Dr. Kateryna Metersky (2024 - present)**

*Assistant Professor, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing*

**Carolyn Nicol (2024 - present)**

*MA Candidate, Immigration and Settlement Studies*

**Dr. Henry Parada (2014 - present)**

*Professor, School of Social Work; Program Director, Immigration and Settlement Studies*

**ISSAA Representative (2024 - present)**

*Immigration and Settlement Studies Alumni Association*

*For a full list of TMCIS' Members & Affiliates, see Appendix A*

## RESEARCH

### TMCIS-Supported Research Projects

#### **Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides**

TMCIS supports the Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides research initiative (Bridging Divides) on various research projects.

##### ***Ethnic Diversity and Neighbourhoods (2023-2026)***

*Ethnic Diversity and Neighbourhoods* is a sub-project of the Place and Infrastructure stream led by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang. The study involves a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods such as the 2021 census data and interviews with key informants such as city officials and community leaders to understand the changing trends in diversity and municipal and community infrastructure in smaller cities.

##### ***Place-Making: Third Places as Social Infrastructure (2023-2026)***

In Bridging Divides' Place and Infrastructure research stream, the *Third Places as Social Infrastructure Project* led by Dr Zhixi Zhuang aims to address the increasing need for building social infrastructure to support migrant settlement and retention in non-traditional gateway cities in Canada. The project builds upon the theory of third places, striving to prepare a more nuanced understanding of the value and the role of third places in shaping the wellbeing of migrants. Furthermore, it seeks to garner a more comprehensive understanding of the patterns and nuances of settlement and integration in suburban, rural, and non-metropolitan communities.

##### ***Housing for International Students (2023-2026)***

The *Housing for International Students* is a sub-project within the Place and Infrastructure research stream led by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang. The project explores the housing challenges both domestic and international students face and seeks to develop a comprehensive understanding of international students' housing experiences in Alberta and Ontario. This comparative study aims to identify gaps in current housing programs and initiatives, as well as viable solutions through multi-scalar collaboration among governments, policymakers, higher education institutions, and community stakeholders.

# TMCIS-Supported Research Projects

## **Unveiling Informal Food Spaces: Strengthening Equitable Food System Infrastructure through Immigrant Entrepreneurship (2024-2025)**

This project is led by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang in partnership with the TMCIS in Food Security. It aims to explore the challenges and barriers faced by informal food spaces to identify factors contributing to food insecurity and health inequities, inform policy and programming interventions that work to support more accessible and equitable food systems, and promote greater well-being within immigrant communities. The research will engage informal food entrepreneurs, community experts, and policymakers through walk-along interviews and focus groups to collaboratively co-create solutions that enhance community development and support immigrant entrepreneurial efforts.

## **Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective (2020-2027)**

The Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective Partnership is directed by Dr. Harald Bauder and housed at TMCIS, which provides office space and ongoing administrative support to the project manager and the research assistants. This partnership brings together dozens of partner organizations to co-develop and share evidence-based knowledge related to the policies and practices of accommodating vulnerable and precarious migrants and refugees in major urban centres in Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

# TMCIS-Supported Events

## Decentring Migration Knowledge Project Partner Workshop

August 2024

## Scarborough Community Food Tour

October 2024

## 20th Anniversary of the Immigration & Settlement Studies MA Program: Celebrating Alumni Stories & Achievements

October 2024

## Non-profits Serving Immigrants: Voices on Challenges in Uncertain Times

October 2024

## Safe Spaces, New Beginnings: Homestay Hosting for Displaced Ukrainian Women in Toronto

November 2024

## From Displacement to Integration: Rethinking Refugee Participation in the Labour Market

January 2025



# TMCIS-Supported Events

## Refugee Narratives: Reflections from Psychology, Communication & Law

February 2025

## Maximizing Medical Talent: Ready Solutions for Canada's Healthcare Crisis

March 2025

## Metropolis Canada Conference

March 2025

## Hot Pots & Parking Lots: Immigrant Food Businesses in Agincourt

March 2025

## Cities of Migration: Navigating Migration Challenges Across Canada's Varied Urban Landscapes

April 2025

## Understanding Internal Migration Dynamics & Impact in Contemporary China

April 2025

Presented by the Psychology Research Evidence (PRE) Project

## Refugee Narratives: reflections from psychology, communication and law



Dr. Hilary Evans Cameron



Dr. Katty Alhayek



Dr. Vincent Denault



Dr. Zoe Given-Wilson



### Understanding Internal Migration Dynamics and Impacts in Contemporary China

**Panelists:**

- Dr. Cindy Fan**, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles
- Dr. Youqin Huang**, Professor, University at Albany, State University of New York
- Dr. Sainan Lin**, Associate Professor, Wuzhen University
- Dr. Zhilin Liu**, Professor, Tonghua University

**Moderators:**

- Dr. Zhixi Zhuang**, Associate Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Dr. Xiaomeng Wang**, Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University

This roundtable will examine key aspects of internal migration in China, including the socio-economic impacts of rural-to-urban migration, the hukou system and policy shifts, and the (im)mobility challenges faced by migrant families. It will also address topics such as housing inequality, social integration, and gender and intergenerational dynamics.

The event is co-sponsored by the Urban China Research Network.

# TMCIS-Supported Events

## 16th Annual Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) Conference

May 2025

## Welcoming Campus, Inclusive Community: Building Housing Infrastructure for International Students Symposium

June 2025



**CARFMS 2025**  
**CANADIAN, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL  
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 in collaboration with  
 Toronto Metropolitan University and the Centre for Immigration and Settlement

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<b>MATTHEW STEIN</b> <i>HOEM Management Inc.</i>	<b>DR. YOLANDE POTTIE-SHERMAN</b> <i>Memorial University of Newfoundland</i>	<b>ASHMITA SANDHU</b> <i>World Education Services</i>	<b>DR. MARSHIA AKBAR</b> <i>CERC Migration, Toronto Metropolitan University</i>

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**June 16, 2025**  
 8:30am - 4:00pm  
 Toronto Metropolitan University  
 In person & Virtual

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unded by Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century, Bridging Divides Research Program, thanks in part to funding from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund

## TMCIS-Supported Grants

**SRC Initiative Fund** | Awarded; PI

**Bridging Divides Workshop Grant** | Awarded; PI

**Bridging Divides Travel Grant** | Awarded; PI

**MITACS Globalink Research Award** | Awarded; Supervisor

**SSHRC Connection Grant** | Awarded; PI

**SSHRC IG** | Awarded; Co-applicant

**SSHRC PEG** | Awarded; Co-applicant

**SSHRC IDG** | Awarded; Collaborator

**SSHRC PG** | In Preparation; PI

## PARTNERSHIPS

### New Partners & Collaborators

**Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)**

**Canadian Bhutanese Society**

**Canadian Mennonite University**

**FCJ Refugee Centre**

**Nepalese Society of Nova Scotia**

**Newcomer Women's Services**

**Toronto Neighbourhood Organization (TNO)**

**Toronto Ward Museum**

**York University, Centre for Refugee Studies**

TMCIS continues to nurture existing partnerships (see Appendix B) and develop new partnerships for the purpose of building an infrastructure for research, outreach, seeking research funding, and knowledge mobilization.

# KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

## Working Papers

The Working Papers Series is produced jointly by TMCIS and the CERC in Migration and Integration at Toronto Metropolitan University. Working papers present scholarly research of all disciplines on issues related to migration settlement, and integration. The purpose is to stimulate discussion and collect feedback. Thirteen working papers were published in the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

### No. 2024/05

#### [Big Pictures: Capitalism, Imperialism, Climate Change, War, and Migration](#)

By Stephen Reyna | Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

### No. 2024/06

#### [Is Multicultural Nationalism Possible? If it is, what benefits follow?](#)

By Tariq Modood | University of Bristol

### No. 2024/07

#### [Pathways to Permanence and Immigration Levels: A Critical Policy Discourse Analysis \(CPDA\) of Struggles and Limits to Societal Membership for Migrants Amidst and Emerging from COVID-19 \(2020-2022\) in Canada](#)

By John Carlaw | Toronto Metropolitan University & Kushan Azadah | York University & Toronto Metropolitan University

### No. 2024/08

#### [Polonization of the British Soil and Home-Making Through Deathscapes: The Far-Right's Reluctant Transnational Adventures](#)

By Rafał Soborski, Michał P. Garapich, & Anna Jochymek | London Metropolitan University, Centre for Global Diversities and Inequalities

### No. 2024/09

#### [Research with Refugee Children, Youth, and Families: Ethical Issues](#)

By Mehrunnisa Ahmad Ali | Toronto Metropolitan University

### No. 2024/10

#### [The Governance of Temporary Labour Migration in Asia](#)

By Richa Shivakoti | Toronto Metropolitan University

### No. 2024/11

#### [1991: Narratives of \(Non-\) Return in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada](#)

By Elisa Lucente | University of Pavia

# Working Papers

**No. 2024/12**

**[Between Privilege and Precarity: The Migration Journeys of Former International Students in Canada](#)**

By Dominik Formanowicz | York University, Tingting Zhang | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Rupa Banerjee | Toronto Metropolitan University, Rezwana Ahmed | Toronto Metropolitan University, & Isaac Garcia-Sitton | Toronto Metropolitan University

**No. 2025/01**

**[The Association Nationale des Villes et Territoires Accueillants: The Becoming of an Activist City Network](#)**

By Anouk Flamant | Institut National Supérieur de Formation et de Recherche pour L'éducation Inclusive (INSEI) & Thomas Lacroix | Institut Convergences Migrations & Sciences Po Paris, Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Institut Convergences Migrations

**No. 2025/02**

**[Sanctuary Cities in Andean Countries: A Literature Review \(2000-2022\)](#)**

By Marcela Tapia Ladino & Victoria de la Vega | Arturo Prat University

**No. 2025/03**

**[Reflections of Home 'Here' and 'There': Ghanaian-Canadians' Return Visits to the Homeland through Visiting Friends and Relatives \(VFR\) Tourism](#)**

By Vivien Jessica Bediako | York University

**No. 2025/04**

**[Does Crisis Narrative Tell a Different Story? South Asian Women Working from Home Post-Pandemic in Toronto](#)**

By Sutama Ghosh & Manum Shahid | Toronto Metropolitan University

**No. 2025/05**

**[Creating Deportability: New Migration Policy Developments in the United States](#)**

By Hiba Rasheed & Naheed Nero

## Working Papers (Forthcoming)

**No. 2025/06**

**Understanding the Role of Converging Media: Shaping Migrant Narratives and the Paradox of Co-Creation in a Digital Era**

By Zhixi Zhuang, Mariam El Toukhy, Jack Krywulak, & Cyrus Sundar Singh

**No. 2025/07**

**The Multi-Destination Context of Migration and Settlement Experiences of Chinese Women – A Scoping Review**

By Karen (Ming) Young | Toronto Metropolitan University)

**No. 2025/08**

**Chinese International Students' National Belonging During the Covid-19 Pandemic in France**

By Daphné Nguyen-Tymoczko | Lund University

**No. 2025/09**

**Stories of Resilience: How Small Immigrant Businesses in Toronto's Suburbs Have Adapted in the Face of Covid-19 Pandemic**

By Jane Law & Zhixi Zhuang | WSP Canada Inc. & Toronto Metropolitan University

**No. 2025/10**

**Precarious Transnationalism among Displaced Populations during Wartimes: Ukrainians in Canada and Germany**

By Aryan Karimi & Yuliya Byelikova | University of British Columbia, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, & Kharkiv National University of Economics

## Research Briefs

**No. 2024/02**

### **Picturing the Ambiguity of Refugees Hosting: A Photovoice Exploration of Ukrainian Refugee Women's Experiences with their Canadian Hosts in the Greater Toronto Area**

By Dr. Areej Al-Hamad, Dr. Yasin M. Yasin, Dr. Kateryna Metersky, & Dr. Sepali Guruge

**No. 2025/01**

### **Innovative Approaches to Community-Based Housing for Precarious Migrants & Refugees: A Policy Report**

By Bridget Collrin & Nick Dreher

**No. 2025/02**

### **Food diversity and aging well in a multicultural city: Japanese Canadian (*Nikkei*) Seniors & Community Congregate Dining**

By Dr. Yukari Seko, Dr. James Tiessen, Veen Wong, & Rayna Adachi

**No. 2025/03**

### **Examining the Role of Non-profit Organizations for Immigrant Settlement in a Neoliberal Age**

By Dr. John Shields

## Affiliate Highlights

Affiliate Highlights are an opportunity to feature TMU researchers in the field of immigration and settlement by showcasing their key research interests, academic and professional accomplishments, research impact, and future research directions. Affiliate Highlights offer an opportunity to promote migration scholars at TMU and encourage collaboration.

Highlight questions:

1. The Pitch: Tell us about your unique research approach
2. What impact do you hope your research can make in the community?
3. What's one research project you'd encourage others to read and why?
4. What's next for your research?

[Dr. Areej Al-Hamad, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor](#)

Academic Department: Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing | Toronto Metropolitan University

[Dr. Yukari Seko, PhD, Associate Professor; Director of the Centre for Studies in Food Security](#)

Academic Department: School of Professional Communication | Toronto Metropolitan University

# Lunch & Learns

October 2024

## 20th Anniversary of the Immigration & Settlement Studies MA Program: Celebrating Alumni Stories & Achievements

TMCIS co-hosted this Lunch & Learn with the Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS) MA Program to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program by featuring prominent program alumni and authors. Chaired by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and Dr. Henry Parada, discussions explored the authors' unique insights and experiences that have profoundly shaped their approach to storytelling. Prominent themes from their novels include the distinct challenges that shape different migrant experiences, cultural identity and belonging, intergenerational displacement and trauma, familial reunification, and resilience within the context of Canadian and British colonialism and transnational sociopolitical dynamics that influence and shape diasporic identities.

Featured authors and ISS alumni included **Jennilee Austria-Bonifacio** (author of *Reuniting with Strangers*), **Sheila Murray** (author of *Finding Edward*), and **Janika Oza** (author of *A History of Burning*).



October 2024

## Non-profits Serving Immigrants: Voices on Challenges in Uncertain Times

This Lunch & Learn served as a book launch of *The Canadian Non-profit Sector: Neoliberalism and the Assault on Community*, written by Ted Richmond and Dr. John Shields. The event was convened by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and co-sponsored by the TMU Department of Politics and Public Administration and Fernwood Publishing Ltd. Through a seminar, leading non-profit actors and the book's co-authors reflect on contemporary challenges faced by the sector and migrant communities they serve. The panellists also shared their perspectives on what challenges and opportunities await in these uncertain times.

Panellists included **Dr. John Shields** (author of *The Canadian Non-profit Sector* and Toronto Metropolitan University Professor Emeritus), **Ted Richmond** (author of *The Canadian Non-profit Sector*), **Axelle Janczur** (Executive Director of Access Alliance), **Mwarigha** (Vice President of Housing, Homelessness, Asset Sustainability & New Development at WoodGreen Community Services), and **Maureen Fair** (Executive Director of West Neighbourhood House).

# Lunch & Learns

**November 2024**

## **Safe Spaces, New Beginnings: Homestay Hosting for Displaced Ukrainian Women in Toronto**

Chaired by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang, this event featured an insightful presentation by Dr. Areej Al-Hamad and Dr. Kateryna Metersky, whose research explored the experiences of displaced Ukrainian women in Canada's homestay program in Toronto. Their presentation highlighted the impact of homestay hosting, how welcoming displaced Ukrainian women into Canadian homes is fostering resilience, security, and community connections, and the role of community-based solutions to enhance their integration and well-being.



**January 2025**

## **From Displacement to Integration: Rethinking Refugee Participation in the Labour Market**

Chaired by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and moderated by the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, this Lunch & Learn explored how refugee integration can be reimagined through employment, featuring policymakers and experts in the field. The panel discussion highlighted current initiatives, policy insights, global partnerships, and first-hand experiences to provide forward-thinking approaches to connect skilled refugees with in-demand opportunities.

Panellists included **the Honourable Andrew Cardozo, Senator** (Canadian Senator for Ontario), **Dana Wagner** (Co-Founder and Managing Director of TalentLift Canada), and **Darrell Pinto** (Director of Employment at Jumpstart Refugee Talent).

# Lunch & Learns

## February 2025

### Refugee Narratives: Reflections from Psychology, Communication & Law

This event was co-hosted by TMCIS and the Lincoln Alexander School of Law and presented by the Psychology Research Evidence (PRE) Project with support from Bridging Divides. From within their respective disciplines, panellists brought a critical lens to aspects of legal and everyday storytelling that shape the lives of refugees and refugee claimants.

Panellists included **Dr. Hillary Evans Cameron** (Assistant Professor at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University), **Dr. Katty Alhayek** (Assistant Professor in the School of Professional Communication, Toronto Metropolitan University), **Dr. Vincent Deanult** (Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology, University of Montreal), **Dr. Zoe Given-Wilson** (Department of Psychology, University of London).



## March 2025

### Maximizing Medical Talent: Ready Solutions for Canada's Healthcare Crisis

Chaired by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and moderated by the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, this Lunch & Learn brought together policymakers and practitioners to examine the potential of utilizing the expertise of International Medical Graduates to help address the shortage of family physicians in Canada. The session also explored the systemic barriers that keep qualified doctors out of the Canadian healthcare system and how they may be resolved.

Panellists included the **Honourable Dr. Stan Kutcher, Senator** (Canadian Senator for Nova Scotia), **Kareem El-Assal** (Principal of El-Assal Insights), **Dr. Therese Bichay** (leader and volunteer with the Internationally Trained Physicians of Ontario), and **Dr. Ishrat Saberin** (internationally trained physician, research fellow with EBM Connect Canada, and Teaching Scholar Candidate at SickKids).

# Lunch & Learns

April 2025

## Cities of Migration: Navigating Migration Challenges Across Canada's Varied Urban Landscapes

Chaired by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and moderated by the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, this event brought together academics, policymakers and practitioners to discuss how significant shifts to Canada's migration policies are reshaping urban planning and impacting municipalities, employers, communities, and settlement agencies across gateway cities, smaller cities, and rural areas. These discussions developed an understanding of the complex dynamics at various geospatial scales and effective strategies for navigating them.

Panellists included **Mary Rowe** (President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Urban Institute), **Doug Saunders** (International affairs columnist at The Globe and Mail), the **Honourable Paula Simons, Senator** (Canadian Senator for Alberta), and **Dr. Zhixi Zhuang**.



April 2025

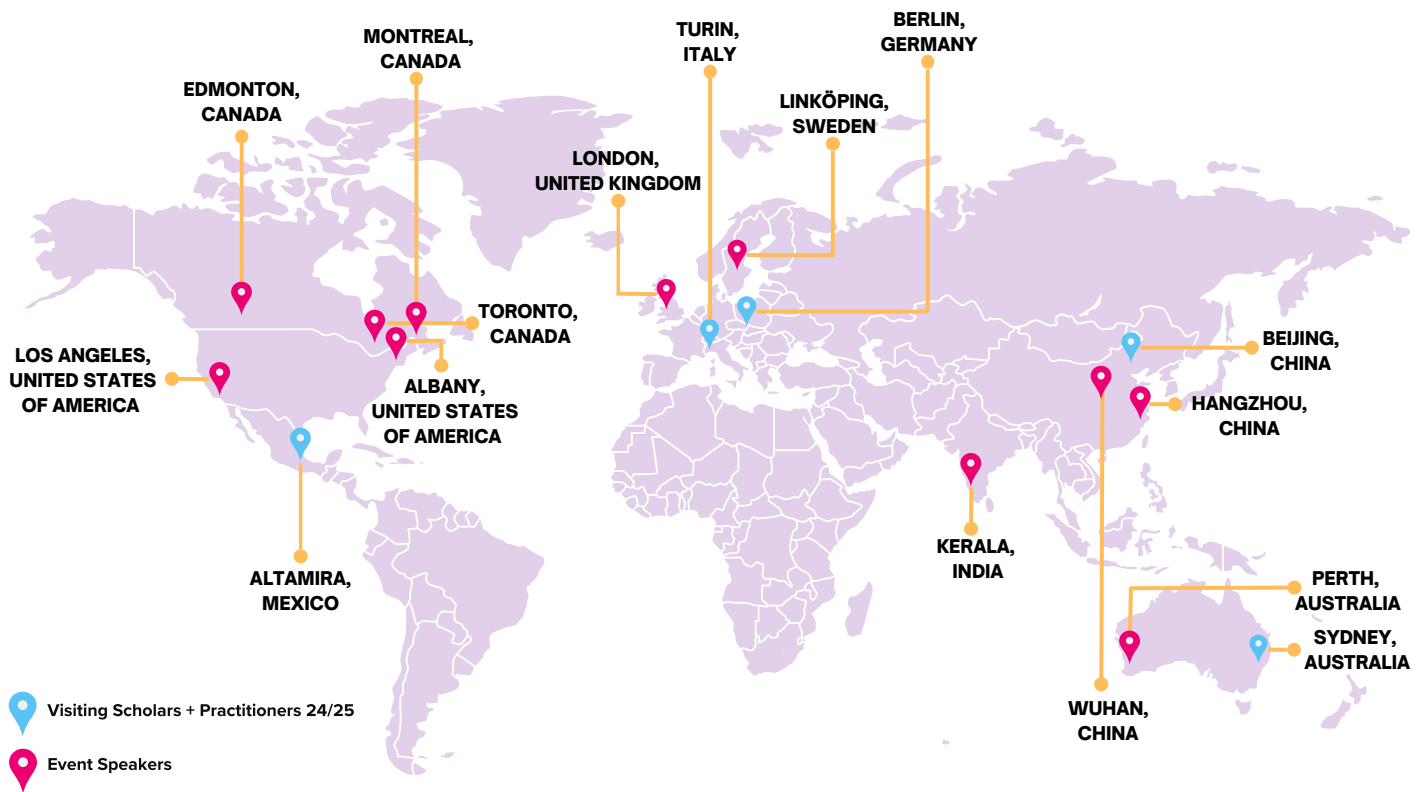
## Understanding Internal Migration Dynamics and Impact in Contemporary China

Co-hosted by TMCIS and International Association for China Planning (IACP), this webinar examined key aspects of internal migration in China, including the socio-economic impacts of rural-to-urban migration, the hukou system and policy shifts, and the (im)mobility challenges faced by migrant families. It also addressed topics such as housing inequality, social integration, and gender and intergenerational dynamics. The event was moderated by Dr. Zhixi Zhuang and Dr. Xiaomeng Wang (Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University) and co-sponsored by the Urban China Research Network.

Panellists included **Dr. Cindy Fan** (Professor, University of California), **Dr. Youqin Huang** (Professor, University at Albany, State University of New York), **Dr. Sainan Lin** (Associate Professor, Wuhan University), **Dr. Zhilin Liu** (Professor, Tsinghua University).

# Engagement Network

TMCIS is part of a vast global network of research institutions and a community of experts committed to addressing migration challenges and leveraging collaborative research opportunities. TMCIS has established a knowledge mobilization and engagement network with considerable international reach that includes new partners and collaborators, visiting scholars and practitioners, and event speakers from diverse geographic contexts. Our engagement network cultivates a deeper understanding of global migration and settlement issues across the globe by facilitating knowledge sharing, networking, and the exchange of valuable insights and diverse perspectives.



# TRAINING & ENGAGEMENT

## Research Coordinator

**Emery Firth-Masi | May 2024 - April 2025**  
Master of Planning, Toronto Metropolitan University

## Project Coordinators

**Juliana Moreno Baez | September 2024 - April 2025**  
Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Genevieve Albuerne | September 2024 - April 2025**  
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Raphaella Valeri | May 2025 - August 2025**  
Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Dina Dong | May 2025 - August 2025**  
Master of Philosophy in Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

## Highly Qualified Personnel

**Mo (Mariam) El Toukhy | February 2024 - Present**  
Master of Planning, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Jack Krywulak | September 2024 - Present**  
Master of Arts in Theory and Criticism Candidate, Western University

**Arshveer Dorka | May 2024 - January 2025**  
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Rushde Akbar | May 2024 - Present**  
Post-doc Fellow, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Jenelle Regnier-Davies | May 2024 - Present**  
Post-doc Fellow, University of Guelph

# Highly Qualified Personnel

## **Venus Cheung | June 2024 - April 2025**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Dorian Davidson | September 2024 - Present**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Asra Khan | September 2024 - Present**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Karian Chen | September 2024 - Present**

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Rajdeep Cheema | October 2024 - February 2025**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Dina Dong | October 2024 - Present**

Master of Philosophy in Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

## **Grace Jones | December 2024 - April 2025**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Riley Locke | January 2025 - April 2025**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Rifa Ali | February 2025 - Present**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Osman Ali | February 2025 - Present**

Master of Arts Immigration and Settlement Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Tsz Hei (Jason) Fu | March 2025**

Bachelor of Applied Mathematics Candidate, Brown University

## **Jane Tran | May 2025 - August 2025**

Master of Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Sara Lee | May 2025 - August 2025**

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## **Aia Bakir | May 2025**

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Toronto Metropolitan University

## Highly Qualified Personnel

### **Safiyah Memon | May 2025**

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Daniela Paredes Flores | May 2025**

Bachelor of Nursing Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Nadirah Sukhram | May 2025**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Isabel Vilarino | May 2025 - August 2025**

Juris Doctor Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Jenna Fairey | May 2025**

Juris Doctor Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Ream Zreik | May 2025 - August 2025**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

## Placement Students

### **Jini Moon-Kwon | May 2024 - June 2024**

Bachelor in Art and Contemporary Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Haram Siddiqui | May 2024 - June 2024**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Osman Ali | May 2024 - June 2024**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University

### **Vida Carranza Capote | May 2025 - Present**

Master of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies Candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University

# Visiting Scholars & Practitioners

## **Dr. Andrew Burridge | April - June 2025**

A visiting scholar and Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. His visit was funded by the Macquarie University Outside Studies Program. He was hosted by TMCIS to conduct research on his original project titled “The Global Detention Hotel: Spaces of Ad-hoc Immigration Detention 1984-2024.”

## **Angelina Grelle | September - October 2024**

A visiting scholar from the Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy. She was a short-term researcher for the Soli\*City Project: Insight from the Solidarity Network, Rete Kurdistan Rome (RKR) in Italy.

## **Darina Munoz Vasquez | May - August 2024**

A visiting scholar from Mexico. She was a short-term researcher for the Soli\*City Project: Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Global Perspective.

## **Sifka Etlar Frederiksen | September - November 2024**

An exchange student and research associate from the German Centre for Integration and Migration Research in Berlin, Germany. She was a short-term researcher for the Soli\*City Project: Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Global Perspective.

## **Yuan Qi | May - July 2024**

A PhD student, MITACS Globalink scholar from the University of Sydney, Australia. She was a short-term researcher for TMCIS to develop an urban analytics tool to assess park accessibility in multicultural neighbourhoods.

## **Yunqi Meng | June - September 2024**

A PhD student from the Communication University of China. She was a short-term researcher for the Soli\*City Project: The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in Refugee Medical Assistance: A Comparative Study of Toronto and Edmonton.

# AFFILIATE ENGAGEMENT

## Networking Events

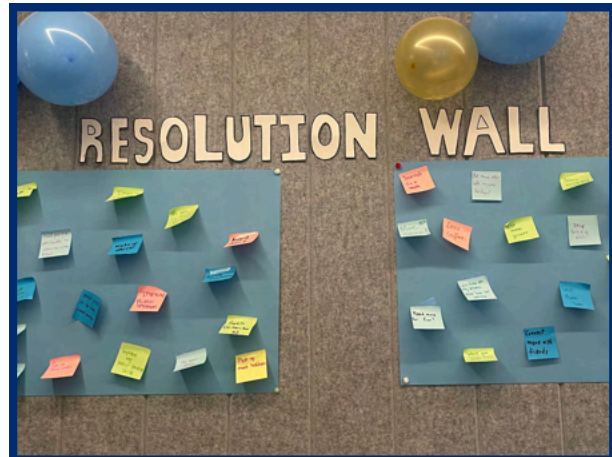
### October 2024 | Scarborough Community Food Tour

The Scarborough Community Food Tour was co-hosted by TMCIS and CERC Migration and Integration, and organized by the community partner Eat More Scarborough. This event brought together staff, researchers, affiliates and students for an engaging snack food tour in Scarborough to learn about migrant entrepreneurship, food insecurity, and explore the Golden Mile—one of the most diverse food suburbs in the world.



### December 2024 | TMCIS Holiday Social

The TMCIS Holiday Social was an opportunity for faculty affiliates, CERC Migration and Integration and Bridging Divides researchers, research assistants and students to mingle and celebrate the holiday spirit. Various activities took place that allowed attendees to share insights about their work, make connections, and set goals for the next year, demonstrating TMCIS' commitment to forming and nurturing bonds with TMU community members and beyond. The social also served as an opportunity for TMCIS to gather input from its affiliates. Through a Mentimeter activity, TMCIS gained a thorough understanding of the different research interests of its affiliates and how TMCIS can support their ongoing research work.



# FINANCES

## 2024/2025

Expense Category	Amount
<b>Director Release</b>	\$20,000
<b>Personnel</b> Career Boost funding has been utilized to support the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Research Coordinator: Career Boost position for full-time work (35hrs/wk, 18 weeks) in the Spring/Summer and part-time work in the Fall/Winter (10hrs/wk, 31 weeks)</li> <li>• 2 Project Coordinators: Career Boost positions for part-time work in the Fall/Winter (10hrs/wk, 31 weeks)</li> </ul>	\$18,357.89
<b>Operating Fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subscription fees for Canva Pro: \$169</li> <li>• 8 in-person Lunch &amp; Learn events: \$2,160.00</li> <li>• 2 social networking events for affiliates &amp; TMCIS banner: \$517.50</li> </ul>	\$3,404.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,762.35</b>

## Anticipated Budget 2025/2026

Expense Category	Amount
<b>Director Release</b>	\$20,000
<b>Personnel</b> (* \$22,000 in Career Boost funding has been successfully secured to support the following coordinator positions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Project Coordinator: Career Boost position for full-time work in the summer; matching funds \$10,500</li> <li>• 3 Project Coordinators: Career Boost positions for part-time work in the Fall/Winter; matching funds \$8,500</li> <li>• 1 RA to support multiple research projects and grant applications: \$6,000</li> </ul>	\$25,000
<b>Operating Fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subscription fees for Canva Pro: \$200</li> <li>• 6 in-person research series events: \$3,000</li> <li>• 3 social networking events: \$1,300</li> </ul>	\$4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>

# ACTIVITY PLAN 2025/26

## Introduction – A New Chapter

As we look ahead to 2026, TMCIS continues to serve as an essential hub for migration studies and community engagement at TMU. As of June 3, 2025, TMCIS enters a new chapter as it officially integrates into the newly established Global Migration Institute (GMI), approved by the Senate. TMCIS' longstanding strengths in community-based scholarship, interdisciplinary research, education and training, and public engagement will remain central to its identity and role within GMI, contributing distinct character and expertise to the broader migration research ecosystem. TMCIS will continue to deepen collaboration among scholars, students, visiting fellows, policymakers, and community partners.

## The Global Migration Institute\*

Positioned at the intersection of social justice and technological innovation, the Institute builds on TMU's 25-year legacy of leadership in migration studies and integrates a focus on digital tools and interdisciplinary collaboration. The mission of the Global Migration Institute is to advance cutting-edge research and apply emerging technologies in ways that support equitable, efficient, and inclusive migration systems and infrastructure. The Institute's vision is grounded in a human rights-based approach, where digital transformation serves to empower migrants and support resilient societies. The Institute's core objectives include: research and knowledge production, technological innovation for migration, policy advocacy and global governance, capacity building and education, and fostering collaboration and knowledge mobilization.

**\*See [link to the Draft Proposal to establish the Global Migration Institute](#), which has received official approval by the Senate.**

## TMCIS' Role within the Global Migration Institute (The Institute)

TMCIS will actively advance the Institute's mission, particularly in the areas of capacity building, community engagement, and education, in alignment with the Institute's core objectives to enhance interdisciplinary research collaboration and provide cutting-edge education and training opportunities.

## Capacity Building and Community Engagement

### Near Future (2025-2026)

TMCIS will play a key role in the Institute's research programming and knowledge dissemination and mobilization events. TMCIS' long-running 'Lunch & Learn Series' will be more effectively integrated with the Institute's research seminar series. In partnership with the CERC Migration and Bridging Divides teams — the two ongoing research programs housed within the Institute — these research dissemination and mobilization events will showcase the work of TMU faculty, visiting scholars, and civic leaders, fostering new connections across academic and community sectors. TMCIS will facilitate the pairings between TMU-based faculty and researchers and external scholars, practitioners, and community partners to co-present at these events, with the goal of deepening both theoretical and practical inquiries and promoting interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral collaboration.

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TMCIS will also continue to lead the Working Paper Series, providing an important open access outlet for emerging scholarship and research dissemination. Moving forward, we envision the development of enhanced research infrastructure to support faculty, students, and external academic and community partners, creating an inclusive, innovative research culture that supports both individual and collective growth.

## *Looking Ahead (2026+)*

TMCIS will continue to expand its work in community engagement and capacity building by fostering meaningful partnerships and relationships between the Institute and both internal and external academic and community partners — including students, faculty, researchers, and diverse community organizations. These partnerships will be reflected not only in collaborative events (e.g., field visits, neighbourhood walks, film screening, community fairs, arts-based activities, etc.) and knowledge-sharing initiatives (e.g., research speaker series, conferences, symposiums, workshops, etc.), but also in co-designed research projects (e.g., grant applications, community-based research, etc.) and publications (e.g., policy briefs, scholarly articles, blog posts, digital media, etc.). We aim to create clear pathways for interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral collaboration, enhancing the social and policy relevance and public impact of our research. We will also serve as a bridge between community-engaged research and digital innovation within the Institute, ensuring that human rights, equity, and ethics are central to tech-enabled migration solutions.

## *Education*

### *Near Future (2025-2026)*

TMCIS will continue to support key academic initiatives that nurture the next generation of migration scholars. This includes active engagement with students in the MA in Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS) program and PhD programs, such as Policy Studies, Urban Health, Communication and Culture, Environmental Applied Science and Management. TMCIS will also contribute to the design and delivery of a week-long Winter School program, scheduled for November 2025 (and every November after that), offering training, skill development, and networking opportunities for emerging scholars, graduate students, and practitioners in the field of migration studies. Through a series of interactive workshops, field visits, and collective learning, participants will critically engage with advanced topics in research methodologies, academic writing and publication, grant writing, community-based research, academic leadership, and capacity building.

### *Looking Ahead (2026+)*

TMCIS will contribute to the Institute's broader mandate by expanding its educational initiatives (e.g., research training and mentorship programs) through workshops, programs, and digital learning platforms tailored for students, emerging scholars, migration professionals, and policymakers. We will continue to expand the number and scope of research assistantships, internship placements, and mentorship opportunities for TMU undergraduate, master's, and PhD students. The Winter School will grow into a flagship program that brings together students, researchers, and practitioners, along with interdisciplinary and multisectoral speakers and mentors, to address the most pressing issues in migration studies.

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These experiential learning opportunities are essential for training the next generation of migration scholars and leaders — equipped with academic rigor, a community-centred approach, and strong leadership skills. Additionally, we remain dedicated to strengthening both our research and community networks, with a focus on mentorship programs and professional development for students, researchers, and practitioners in the field.

**To conclude,** TMCIS enters 2026 as a thriving and indispensable part of TMU’s broader vision for advanced migration research and education. Our integration into the Global Migration Institute marks not a departure, but a strategic evolution — one that deepens our community-based foundations, expands our interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral reach, equips us to navigate future challenges and opportunities, and enhances our capacity to support just, inclusive, timely, and evidence-informed responses to the complex and ever-changing realities of global migration.

# APPENDIX A

## Members & Affiliates

### **Fahad Ahmad | Assistant Professor, Criminology**

Areas Of Expertise: Systemic Islamophobia; securitization of migration; critical terrorism studies; civil society; philanthropy; race and ethnicity

### **Areej Al-Hamad B | Assistant Professor, Research Ethics Board Member, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing**

Areas Of Expertise: Refugee and immigrant health; women's health; food and housing insecurities; participatory action research, art-based research (photovoice, DYI and photo elicitation), intersectionality and social justice, international partnerships and collaborations, homelessness and marginalized populations, critical qualitative research methods; scoping and systematic reviews; ethnographic research; community-based research

### **Alean Al-Krenawi | Professor, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Social Work**

Areas Of Expertise: Mental health; multiculturalism; Indigenization; political violence; acculturation; refugees

### **Katty Alhayek | Assistant Professor, School of Professional Communication, The Creative School**

Areas Of Expertise: Gender and migration; food communication; audience research and fandom; forced displacement; and the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for social change

### **Mehrunnisa Ali | Professor, School of Early Childhood Studies**

Areas Of Expertise: Colonialism and immigration; immigrant children, youth and families; integration of immigrant families; parent–teacher relations; preparation of teachers to work with diverse populations

### **Hasina Amanzai | Assistant Professor, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing**

Areas Of Expertise: Immigrant and refugee health; women's health; older adult care; menopause in immigrant women; immigrant youth

### **Joan Andrew | Inaugural Distinguished Public Servant in Residence, Politics & Public Administration**

Areas Of Expertise: Immigration policy; employment equity; women's issues; labour market policy

### **Sedef Arat-Koç | Associate Professor, Politics & Public Administration**

Areas Of Expertise: Immigration policy and citizenship (especially as they affect women); transnational feminism; politics of imperialism; racialization and the politics of racism; reconfiguration of social and political identities under neoliberal globalization

### **Sara Asalya | Executive Director of Newcomer Women's Services Toronto Department, Newcomer Women's Services Toronto**

Areas Of Expertise: Refugee displacement, protection, and resettlement; access and pathways to higher education for immigrants and refugees; racialized immigrant women's economic resilience and advancement; labour market access for immigrants and refugees; policy critiques; advancing immigrants civic engagement

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**Cynthia Ashperger** | *Professor; Head of International and Special Projects, School of Performance, Faculty of Communication and Design*

Areas Of Expertise: Acting training; theatre and exile; issues of the audible minority as they relate to representation in theatre, film, and radio and TV

**Idil Atak** | *Professor, Lincoln Alexander School of Law*

Areas Of Expertise: Irregular migration; refugee protection; securitization of migration and human rights law

**Rupa Banarjee** | *Associate Professor, Human Resource Management & Organizational Behaviour, Ted Rogers School of Management*

Areas Of Expertise: Employment integration of new immigrants to Canada; institutional barriers facing new immigrants in the Canadian labour market; workplace diversity and ethno-racial discrimination, particularly as it applies to second-generation immigrants

**Harald Bauder** | *Professor; former founding director of TMCIS; former Graduate Program Director, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Geography & Environmental Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Sanctuary cities; solidarity cities; comparative immigration policy in Canada and Germany; newcomer-Indigenous relations

**Judith K. Bernhard** | *Professor, School of Early Childhood Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Precarious migration status; migrant and refugee family interventions; Latinos in the educational system; pedagogy of the oppressed; home language maintenance; cultural diversity in teaching human development

**John Carlaw** | *Assistant Professor, CERC Research Affiliate, Criminology*

Areas Of Expertise: Canadian politics; citizenship, immigration and refugee policy and politics; international relations; multiculturalism; neoconservatism; political economy; criminalization of migration and resistance

**Jenny Carson** | *Assistant Professor, History*

Areas Of Expertise: Women and gender; African-American women workers; women's labour organizing; precarious workers

**Roma Chumak-Horbatsch** | *Associate Professor, School of Early Childhood Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Language and literacy learning of young immigrant children; immigrant language parenting; home language maintenance and loss; classroom practices that promote multilingualism and multi-literacies

**Bridget Collrin** | *PhD Candidate, Policy Studies Program; Project Coordinator, Soli\*City Project, Policy Studies PhD, Faculty of Arts*

Areas Of Expertise: Comparative politics; Sanctuary Cities; migration and settlement policy; multi-level governance theory; migrant solidarity

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**Sara Edge** | *Associate Professor, Geography, Environment & Geomatics; Arrell Chair in Food, Policy & Society, University of Guelph*

Areas Of Expertise: Environmental justice and health equity; health, inclusion and resilience of immigrant and refugee populations; food security; collaborative governance and decision-making; urban inequalities and sustainability

**Hilary Evans Cameron** | *Assistant Professor, Lincoln Alexander School of Law*

Areas Of Expertise: Refugee law; evidence law; administrative law; fact-finding; deception; lie detection; risk perception; memory

**Grace-Edward Galabuzi** | *Associate Professor, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: Globalization from below - local community responses to global economic restructuring in the global North and South; the racialization of the Canadian labour market; social exclusion and the social economic status of racialized groups in Canada

**Sutama Ghosh** | *Associate Professor, Geography & Environmental Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Migration and settlement geographies; transnationalism; urban social geography; critical “race” theories; postcolonial theories; theories of space

**Enza Gucciardi** | *Professor, School of Nutrition*

Areas Of Expertise: Food insecurity and diabetes; diabetes self-management education and support; delivery of chronic disease self-management support services

**Sepali Guruge** | *Professor, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing*

Areas Of Expertise: Urban health; women’s health; health of immigrants; health inequities in connection with socio-economic marginalization, access to healthcare, education, employment, language barriers, housing insecurity, neighbourhood safety, racism, and discrimination

**Manavi Handa** | *Associate Professor, Midwifery Education Program, Faculty of Community Services*

Areas Of Expertise: Care for immigrant and refugee women; access to care for uninsured pregnant women; care for marginalized populations including language barriers and cultural appropriate care

**Tony Hernandez** | *Professor; Director, Centre for the Study of Commercial Activity, Retail Management, Ted Rogers School of Management*

Areas Of Expertise: Geographic information systems; retail geography; location research; Canadian retailing

**Graham Hudson** | *Associate Dean, Academic; Professor, Lincoln Alexander School of Law*

Areas Of Expertise: National security; human rights; criminal law and procedure; constitutional law and legal theory

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**Ilene Hyman** | *Adjunct Professor; Social Epidemiologist, Centre for Global Health, Social & Behavioural Health Sciences Division, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto*

Areas Of Expertise: Health and social equity; immigrant and refugee health; Indigenous health; gender and mental health; health

**Amina Jamal** | *Professor, Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Islam and gender; postmodernity; transnational feminism; race, gender and migration; feminism and feminist theory; Islamism; Islamic modernism, postcolonial nation-state formation.

**Yousef Khalifa Aleghfeli** | *Research Fellow, Data Science Department, CERC Migration and Integration*

Areas Of Expertise: Refugees and migrants; data science; mixed methods; education; social care

**Tariq Amin Khan** | *Associate Professor, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: The security state and securitization; the post-colonial state; international development; globalization and migration; political and militant Islam; nationalism and ethnicity; comparative study of multiculturalism; race and racism; issues of state and society in South Asia

**Mélanie Knight** | *Associate Professor, Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Race, gender, and precarious employment; entrepreneurship; Black diaspora; feminism; citizenship

**Mustafa Koç** | *Professor; Director, Centre for Middle East and North Africa Studies (MENA), Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Food studies, security, and policy; globalization; sociology of migration

**Gil Lan** | *Associate Professor, Law & Business, Ted Rogers School of Management*

Areas Of Expertise: International business law; government regulation of business; corporate governance; social enterprise; comparative law; Chinese law; law and development

**Anne-Marie Lee-Loy** | *Associate Professor, English*

Areas Of Expertise: Postcolonial identities; diaspora; transnationalism; Chinese Caribbean experience; Caribbean Studies; Asians in the Americas; Yellow Peril discourse; hemispheric Asian American studies; overseas Chinese

**Dayle Ann Levine** | *Director, Institutional Programs, Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation (OVPRI)*

Areas Of Expertise: Research grants; research funding; developing, securing, and executing major institution level projects and programs

**Howard Lin** | *Professor, School of Business Management, Ted Rogers School of Management*

Areas Of Expertise: International joint ventures; foreign direct investment; emerging markets; cross-cultural and comparative management; transnational and immigrant entrepreneurship; innovation and commercialization

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**Kateryna Metersky** | *Assistant Professor; Research Ethics Board Member Department, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing*

Areas Of Expertise: Immigrant and refugee health; women's health; population-centred care; interprofessional practice; nursing and health professions education; intersectionality and positionality, international partnerships and collaborations; vulnerable populations; qualitative research methods; scoping reviews

**Raktim Mitra** | *Associate Professor; Associate Director, Undergraduate Programs, School of Urban & Regional Planning, Faculty of Community Services*

Areas Of Expertise: Travel behaviour in the GTA; social and environmental barriers and enablers to walking and cycling; active transportation-related engineering solutions and programming; mobility of vulnerable population groups

**Carolyn Nicol** | *MA Immigration and Settlement Studies Department, Yeates School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Immigration policy in Eastern Africa; sex trafficking in Canada; sexual and gender based violence in Latin America; HIV/AIDS impacts on women and babies in Eastern and Southern Africa

**Dawn Onishenko** | *Associate Professor, School of Social Work*

Areas Of Expertise: LGBTQ rights, identity and liberation; jurisgenerative politics/praxis and social change; anti-oppressive social work practice; equal rights discourse and the shifting terrain for sexual minority refugee/asylum claimants

**Henry Parada** | *Professor, School of Social Work; Immigration & Settlement Studies (cross-appointed)*

Areas Of Expertise: Social development; children's and women's social welfare; violence prevention; analysis of institutional practices; social work epistemology; institutional ethnography methodology

**Allison Petrozziello** | *Assistant Professor, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: Gender; politics of migration; international development; human rights; statelessness; global social policy; intersectional feminist research; Latin America & Caribbean

**Osmud Rahman** | *Associate Professor, School of Fashion, Faculty of Community Services*

Areas Of Expertise: Consumer behaviour; design and culture; aging populations; fashion subculture and social identities

**Tracey Raney** | *Associate Professor, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: Political representation of women and ethnic minorities; political participation; national identity; social identities; Canadian social policy

**Yukari Seko** | *Associate Professor, School of Professional Communication, The Creative School*

Areas Of Expertise: Health communication; diasporic food practices; Asian immigrants; ageing; school food environment; disability studies; solution-focused communication; self-harm; suicide

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**John Mackie Shields** | *Professor Emeritus, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: Immigration Policy; Social Integration: Nonprofit Settlement Services; Labour Market Integration

**Myer Siemiatycki** | *Professor Emeritus, Politics & Public Administration*

Areas Of Expertise: Intersections of immigration, urban, and labour studies in Toronto; civic participation of immigrants

**Reena Tandon** | *Community-Engaged Learning & Teaching Coordinator, Student Experience Centre, Faculty of Arts*

Areas Of Expertise: Globalization; gender and labor; informal sector; precarious work; workers' organizations/organizing; health inequities; health and work/workers

**Cheryl Teelucksingh** | *Professor, Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Environmental justice and social inequality within the urban context; race and racialization; community-based research

**Anna Triandafyllidou** | *Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration; Professor, Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Migration management; labour migration; irregular migration; gendered migration; temporary and circular migration; migrant agency; networks and intermediate actors; governance at regional and global level; comparative analysis; migrant integration; migrant identity and belonging; nationalism; multiculturalism

**Vappu Tyyskä** | *Professor Emerita, Sociology*

Areas Of Expertise: Immigrant families; gender; youth; social policy

**Mandana Vahabi** | *Professor; Co-director, Centre for Global Health and Health Equity, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing*

Areas Of Expertise: Health equity; immigrants; cancer screening; women's health; food security; physical activity; HIV/AIDS; mental health

**Emily van der Meulen** | *Professor, Criminology*

Areas Of Expertise: Criminalization of sex work; Canadian anti-trafficking policy; prison health, harm reduction, and drug policy; gendered and transnational surveillance

**Shuguang Wang** | *Professor; Graduate Program Director, Spatial Analysis Department Geography & Environmental Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Immigrants' settlement patterns; immigrants' economic performance; ethnic economy; retail geography; spatial analysis; retail location analysis; internationalization of retailing; retail geography of China; research methods

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**Lu Wang** | *Professor, Geography & Environmental Studies*

Areas Of Expertise: Health; immigration; access to health care; retail geography; ethnic retail; GIS; mixed-method approaches

**Karline Wilson-Mitchell** | *Director, Midwifery Education Program, Faculty of Community Services*

Areas Of Expertise: Perinatal outcomes of refugee and migrant women and newborns; perinatal loss; cultural health beliefs; mental health issues facing newcomer women; psychosocial factors affecting pregnant Jamaican adolescents

**Josephine Pui-Hing Wong** | *Professor, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing*

Areas Of Expertise: Critical public health and urban health promotion; community-based action research; social identities and health practices; migration, HIV, and mental health; intervention research and implementation science; and community-driven capacity building and resilience strategies

**Lixia Yang** | *Professor, Psychology*

Areas Of Expertise: Aging; cognition; plasticity; memory; emotional processing; culture; immigration

**June Yee** | *Associate Professor; Academic Coordinator, Internationally Educated Social Work*

*Professionals Bridging Program, School of Social Work*

Areas Of Expertise: Race and racism; anti-racism and anti-colonialism; whiteness and white supremacy; organizational change and evaluation models; structural intersectionality and multiple positionalities; immigrant and settlement services

**Zhixi Cecilia Zhuang** | *Associate Professor, School of Urban & Regional Planning*

Areas Of Expertise: Placemaking; ethnic retailing; community design; multicultural planning; revitalization and suburban retrofit; international urbanization

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## Existing Partnerships

The Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Migration and Integration

Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides Research Program

The Rights for Children and Youth Partnership (RCYP)

The Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)

Diversity Institute, Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto Metropolitan University

Soli\*City, Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective partnership

University of Toronto

Sheridan College

CultureLink Settlement and Community Services

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT)

Settlement Assistance and Family Support Services (SAFSS)

Child Welfare and Immigration Centre of Excellence (CWICE)

Peel Children's Aid Society

The Arab Community Centre of Toronto (ACCT)

City of Toronto Newcomer Office

YMCA of Greater Toronto

York University

Syrian Canadian Foundation

The Brookfield Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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## Existing Partnerships

ACCES Employment

Mennonite New Life Centre

Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce

Scadding Court Community Centre

Matthew House Toronto

WINS Toronto

The Migration Initiative

Canadian Arab Institute

Virginia Technical Institute (International Refugee Research Project)

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)

Global Diversity Exchange (GDX)

Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Studies in Food Security (CSFS)

Toronto Metropolitan Masters of Arts in Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS) Program

Toronto Metropolitan Middle East and North Africa Studies Centre (MENA)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Canada India Research Centre for Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE, University of Guelph)

Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services

Muslim Children's Aid and Support Services

Private Refugee Sponsor Network (Ontario)