

CERC Migration Annual Report

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FOR A
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Cover image:

Amanda Bisong, European Centre for Development Policy Management, presenting at Narratives of Migration conference, May 2023.

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Top: Melissa Kelly, Brenda Yeoh, Hari K. C. and Nick Dreher at the April Migration Research Gym meeting.

Right: Mehrunnisa Ali presents at the April 2023 Migration Research Gym.

Bottom: WhereWeStand participants Izzeddin Hawamda (Winnipeg) and Aaron McKay (Minnedosa) in Brantford, Ontario, February 2024.

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Message from the Chair



The past year has been marked by increased migratory flows around the world driven by both conflict and economic opportunity. Civil war, urban violence and authoritarian regimes have forced people to leave their homes in Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Ukraine, Myanmar and elsewhere. The war between Israel and Hamas risks escalating into a regional conflict with significant consequences for populations in the broader region, while the situation of Palestinians in Gaza is a humanitarian catastrophe.

At the same time, people have been emigrating voluntarily in higher numbers along well-established migration corridors, such as from South and Southeast Asia to the Gulf countries, from Africa to Europe, or from Latin America to North America. Many of these movements are hard to categorize as voluntary or forced because people emigrate for a combination of factors, which include insecurity, environmental degradation, as well as to improve their lives and careers.

The post-pandemic world is not living up to the promise that a more efficient and just migration governance would emerge around the world. Rather, inequalities are exacerbated, and people and countries are left to fend for themselves in a climate of rising authoritarianism and populism.

Relative to global concerns, Canada may seem a safe haven, yet, it faces its own challenges. In December 2023, in response to an increasing concern that international student migration had spiralled, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced a significant overhaul to the system and a two-year cap on new study permits. A reduction in the temporary work permits was also announced. With permanent immigration levels set at 500,000 per year, there has been intense consultations as to how intake should be allocated among incoming high-skilled immigrants and temporary residents who have lived, studied or worked in the country for some years.

In this critical and interconnected global context, the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration (CERC Migration) research team has led important academic and public conversations engaging researchers and stakeholders from Canada and around the world.

We held our fourth international conference in May 2023 on *The Narratives of Migration: Between Politics and Policies*. The conference engaged panelists from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas paying special attention to the perspectives of origin and transit countries and their own narratives on migration governance. The papers presented are currently being prepared as a special issue of the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

In May and September 2023, we held two mini-conferences which brought together scholars from different world regions and disciplines, including data scientists and AI engineers, to delve deeper into how advanced digital transformation is shaping human mobility. We examined the trade-offs between surveillance and efficiency and how ADTs are shaping labour markets and workplaces. These reflections were further pursued in



January 2024 at our joint workshop with New York University Abu Dhabi, which has led to a new collaboration between Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and the CERC Migration.

In its second full year, the international team working on the MEMO partnership project published country and regional reports analyzing the drivers that shape migration flows in three regions under study. We ran our first geospatial modelling of how different drivers shape net migration and piloted a set of visualization tools that can support researchers and policymakers in their work.

Turning to the Canadian concerns, work on international student migration led to the publication of policy briefs and peer-refereed articles addressing the weaknesses of the current system. We also completed fieldwork on the decision-making of high-skilled migrants and international students. Our work revealed that, along with economic and career opportunities, migrants believed that Canada provides a 'good life' to new Canadians.

CERC Migration was a proud supporter of a successful initiative led by the Université de l'Ontario Français to establish an Observatory for Francophone Migration in Canada (outside of Québec). The Observatory, funded by IRCC, was announced at a special event in November 2023 with the participation of Minister Marc Miller.

Our team has continued its innovative work on digital scrollytelling to illustrate the interaction between migration drivers and migration policies within West Africa. We also launched the pioneering project WhereWeStand, which brought together 14 Indigenous and immigrant researchers to co-create artistic works that express their mutual relationship to the Land.

Last but not least, 2023 marked the launch of the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) program, Migrant Integration in the 21st Century – Bridging Divides, led by TMU with the participation of three other Canadian universities (University of British Columbia, University of Alberta and Concordia University in Montreal). The \$98-million project builds on the success and global leadership of CERC Migration and sets a new important milestone for migration research at TMU.

You will find many other highlights of our work in this year's annual report. I send my thanks to the many colleagues at TMU, across Canada and around the world, who have worked with us to advance a better understanding of the nature of migration and its governance in this ever-complicated and interconnected world.

ANNA TRIANDAFYLLIDOU
Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration

New research grants awarded in 2023–24

Contemporary Paradoxes and Struggles of Migration and Belonging in Canada	Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Fostering Integration Through the Arts (FIT-ART) (in collaboration with the Toronto Arts Council)	Partnership Engage Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Link4Skills	Horizon Europe
Observatoire en immigration francophone au Canada	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Trajectories of French Students in Canada	French Embassy in Canada
WhereWeStand	Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada

2.1 The governance of migration in a globalizing world

International migration is a transnational issue that requires cooperation among countries and a variety of stakeholders, including local governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations. Though important steps have been taken through international agreements, a coherent international institutional framework for the governance of migration has yet to emerge.

CERC Migration reviewed the transformation of the International Organization for Migration’s role in global migration governance following the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration and continues to assess how the United Nations Network on Migration has implemented the compact. At the time of writing (April 2024), a book on the evolution of the International Organization for Migration is in press.

The CERC team started work as part of the [GAPs](#) Horizon-Europe research project, which brings together 17 partner institutions from 10 countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. CERC Migration helped develop a new conceptual framework for coerced return migration of people with precarious or no legal status. CERC Migration also conducted a detailed mapping of Canada’s legal and policy infrastructures of return, highlighting tensions in policy objectives.

Innovative work is underway on migration governance partnerships between the European Union and Africa. A [CERC Migration Policy Brief](#) investigated these partnerships, which are designed to manage irregular migration, and argued that only when the needs of African migrants are at the centre of agreements will there be an effective way forward.

CERC Migration is researching the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on temporary migrant workers. [PANDEMIC RETURNS-2](#), a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council–funded project and in collaboration with a partner organization in Nepal has undertaken interviews of 150 temporary migrant workers originating in Nepal to understand

their post-pandemic return, reintegration and re-migration. Over a two-year period, primary data were collected from migrants returning to Nepal from the Gulf countries, Malaysia and India.

South-south migrations and the law from below: Case Studies on China and Nigeria



A new book by CERC Migration Research Fellow Orevia Olakpe won the Hart–SLSA Book Prize 2024. Based on her doctoral work, the book challenges readers to step away from classical approaches to international law and consider that systems of justice emerging at the local level in the Global South will be more equitable and will treat migrants with the dignity they deserve.

RESEARCH IN FOCUS

GAPS

Decentring the study of migrant returns and readmission policies in Europe and beyond

FUNDER: Horizon Europe

CERC MIGRATION TEAM: Anna Triandafyllidou, Younes Ahouga and Ovea Olakpe

CONSORTIUM:

GAPs project consortium comprises 17 partners from 15 countries:

Uppsala University

Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies

Stichting Radboud Universiteit

Özyeğin Üniversitesi

Hammurabi Human Rights Organization

Svenska Forskningsinstitutet i Istanbul

Hashemite University

Ethniko Kentro Koinonikon Erevnon

Association Migration Internationale

Toronto Metropolitan University

University of Nigeria

Bilim Organization for Research and Social Studies

Uniwersytet Warszawski

Migration Matters EV

University of Sousse

SPIA UG

University of Glasgow

TIME FRAME: Spring 2023 to spring 2027

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/gaps/gaps/>



GAPs' overarching goal is to contribute to the development of resilient and sustainable governance and cooperation models for global migration and returns.



CERC Migration is participating in a multi-country, comprehensive study on the drivers of migrant return policies and the barriers or enablers in international cooperation on returns.

Return migration is a significant aspect of international governance in both the Global North and Global South. Return can take many forms and needs to be seen on a continuum of degrees of voluntary and forced migration, repatriation, deportation and expulsion, among others, and requires ethical and effective models of cooperation. The GAPs consortium aims to contribute to the development of resilient and sustainable governance and cooperation models for global migration and returns. They are undertaking multi-disciplinary, qualitative and quantitative comparative research to examine the drivers of return, the barriers to cooperation, and the agency and autonomy of migrants, with the goal to contribute to new legal frameworks and policies, and ultimately, safer and more dignified approaches to return and readmission programs for migrants.

Two of the early contributions from CERC Migration were a collaboration on a framework paper on the concepts and typologies of returns and a country dossier: The legal and policy infrastructures of returns in Canada.

Work progressed on the multi-institutional project [Complex Migration Flows and Multiple Drivers in Comparative Perspective \(MEMO\)](#). Colleagues from three continents have been harmonizing data and analyses to piece together a system-wide view of migration flows in the regions of West Africa, South and Southeast Asia and the Americas. The first data modelling of a regional system has been completed, with West Africa as the subject; the other regional systems will follow. Nine Background Country Reports have been published, covering El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nepal, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Ivory Coast.

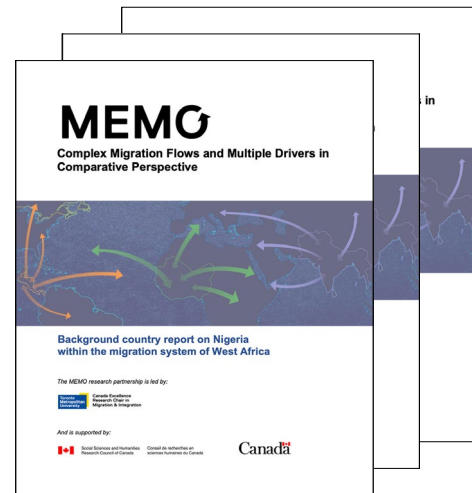
As a partner of the Horizon Europe 20-country consortium, [MirreM](#), the CERC team contributed analysis on the state of irregular migration in Canada. The team also helped develop comparative insights between European countries, Canada and other geographic regions on the [legal frameworks](#), [policies](#) and methodologies used by participating countries to estimate their irregular migrant populations. A country report and brief on Canada's approach to irregular migration are in press.

2.2 Managing labour migration in the 21st century

Global labour markets are transforming under the increasing use of automation and artificial intelligence, the offshoring of production units and the intensification of international trade. Despite increased mobility and interconnectedness, immigration policies at destination countries have become increasingly restrictive, with many preferring temporary schemes. CERC Migration is investigating issues concerning temporary labour migration in Canada and internationally.

CERC Migration completed its analysis of a study on the experiences and decision-making processes of highly skilled migrants. Focused on disseminating its insights, the [DEMA](#) project completed a documentary film and a data visualization platform. Both projects, soon to be released, will inform policymakers, service providers and scholars on the factors influencing highly skilled migrants and international students to migrate.

In the final year of [VIRTUAL BRIDGE](#), a three-year project supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, researchers released a study looking at how prospective migrants find information on Canada through social media and elsewhere online. A new visualization tool gave policymakers and settlement service provider organizations (SSPOs) a graphic introduction to the behaviours of potential migrants and the barriers they face. A toolkit for these organizations was produced to help staff use social media to support prospective migrants and newcomers to Canada. A final workshop provided SSPOs with tips on how to better engage employers to promote immigrant workforce opportunities. By the end of the project, researchers saw a marked increase in SSPOs' social media presence and an increase in their online engagement with newcomers.



MEMO, the multidisciplinary project to understand the drivers of regional migration systems, released comprehensive reports on the internal, intra-regional and intercontinental migration dynamics of the nine countries within the study area.

The pilot project [TEMPORARINESS](#) led to a research grant in 2023 for [IXS](#), a larger project delving into the challenges faced by international students navigating a three-step migration process from study permits to postgraduate work permits to permanent resident status. Two related policy papers and one report have contributed to the policy discourse surrounding the challenges of labour market integration of international students in Canada.

Another new study is looking at the [trajectories of international students who come to Canada from France](#). The project aims to understand their motivations, the length of their stay and the outcomes in terms of the education, professional skills, social networks and resources. The study is of particular importance in assessing the dynamics of the brain-circulation and -drain between France and Canada.

Migrant access to workforce opportunities is a primary focus of CERC Migration. [PLATFORM PATHWAYS](#) has developed a new conceptual understanding of job quality for migrants in the platform economy, highlighting how different types of platform work result in different experiences. A paper outlining this work is forthcoming in 2024.

[FAIR FARM WORK](#) produced a policy brief with recommendations to government for a systematic approach for better protecting migrant farmworkers that would lead to a reliable essential labour force while supporting workers' access to crucial human rights.

RESEARCH IN FOCUS



FUNDER: Horizon Europe

CERC MIGRATION TEAM: Anna Triandafyllidou, Chair; Stein Monteiro, Research Affiliate

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Association Migration Internationale

Erasmus University (Partner)

International Center for Migration Policy
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International Institute for Applied Systems
Analysis (Partner)

International Institute of Migration and
Development

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Komputerowych (Partner)

Scalabrini Migration Center Inc.

School of Public and International Affairs –
University of Georgia in Athens

Toronto Metropolitan University (Partner)

Ukrainian Catholic University

Universität Osnabrück (Partner)

University of Ghana

TIME FRAME: Winter 2024 to fall 2026

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/link4skills/link4skills/>



New emerging jobs require entirely new skill sets and knowledge. At the same time, capable individuals are underemployed. Link4Skills aims to provide countries with tools that will help them better understand skill demand and supply.

A country's competitiveness depends on its capacity to effectively adapt its human capital to the changing nature of work driven by forces such as technological advances, trade globalization and environmental and demographic change. To mitigate the impacts of labour market change, a country needs to ensure that (a) skill shortages are minimized and do not inhibit growth; (b) individuals are equipped with the skills to adapt to new types of jobs, such as those affected by advanced technology, including artificial intelligence; and (c) there is a fair recognition of skills and fair flows of migration, i.e., the impact of emigration on the country of origin is considered.

This project will address these issues by identifying emerging skill gaps caused by restricted labour force participation of migrants and women, the mismatch between the large migration flows from third countries and the labour market, and the increasing use of automation in the workforce. This project will compare existing and emerging skill corridors leading to the destination countries of Canada, Germany, Poland, Netherlands and Austria.

CERC researchers have begun investigating the growing movement of transnational digital workers. The Working Paper *Digital nomads: Toward a future research agenda*, asks a host of questions for future research, from whether Canada is equipped to attract this mobile talent to how countries should respond with policies and programs.

In 2023, CERC Migration started work as part of another large-scale Horizon Europe project: [Link4Skills](#), a €3 million, 14-institution project addressing the concern that new workers' skills will not match the demands of the changing labour market. By working in partnership with European, Asian and African research teams, CERC Migration will cast light on the transnational flows of people and skills. (See page seven for more information.)

2.3 Migration and the city

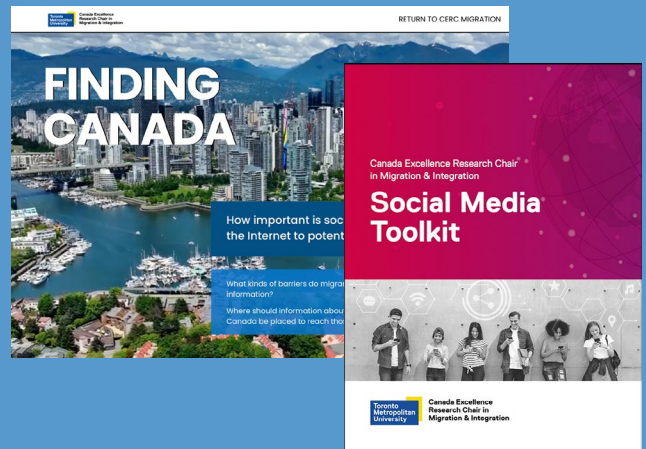
Migration is at the heart of urban growth, contributing to development and vibrancy. But it also adds challenges, such as competing claims for ethnic and cultural accommodation and inclusion. CERC Migration is interested in the opportunities migrant integration brings to large and global as well as small or medium-sized cities. The research team leads critical investigations into migrants' lived experiences, the challenges of settlement and integration, and regional attraction and retention.

The [Why Migrants Stay in Small and Mid-Sized Canadian Cities](#) project, which considered immigrant retention in non-metropolitan parts of Ontario, concluded with the publication of a special issue in the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, two stakeholder reports and one academic paper. The paper, published in the special issue, identified the place-based and life-course factors influencing immigrant retention in four rural counties.

Using a comparative approach, [BEYOND THE METROPOLIS](#) is investigating the attraction and retention of migrants to small and mid-sized cities in Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Fieldwork was completed in Alberta, Ontario, New Zealand and Australia. Presentations on how these locations welcome new immigrants were given at academic conferences and community events.

While there is growing recognition of the arts' potential to support immigrant integration in cities, empirical research on the effectiveness of programs and interventions is lacking. In partnership with the Toronto Art Council (TAC), CERC Migration is evaluating TAC's programs for newcomers and refugees to find out if arts-based initiatives influence the economic and social integration of newcomers and refugees. [Fostering Integration Through the Arts \(FIT-ART\)](#) addresses this gap by analyzing TAC's data and engaging with program clients to uncover the role that art can and does play.

Virtual Bridge: Delivering settlement services through social media



In the final year of VIRTUAL BRIDGE, a three-year project supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada researchers launched the visualization tool [Finding Canada](#) to help policymakers and settlement service provider organizations better understand how prospective migrants find information on Canada through social media and elsewhere online. CERC Migration created a toolkit to guide immigrant-serving organizations in their work supporting the information needs of immigrants to Canada.

Recognizing out-of-status migrants' precarious positions, researchers began a comparative study to understand the strength of firewalls – protocols to protect migrant information and facilitate access to key social and public services – in the sanctuary cities of Montreal and Toronto. Highlights of the study, produced in collaboration with the program [Soli*City: Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective](#) will be summarized in a forthcoming academic paper.

CERC Migration's [TRANSNATIONAL HOUSE](#), which investigates home ownership to better understand transnational migration, urban policies and the flow of capital, examined the patterns of real estate investment and home ownership experiences in the Iranian diaspora. The project provides a perspective akin to similar research processes in Istanbul. To expand scholarship and interest in this topic, CERC researchers organized a panel at IMISCOE's international July 2023 conference, titled Home Ownership and Inequalities in a Transnational Perspective, and published several peer-refereed papers.

RESEARCH IN FOCUS

Fostering integration through the arts (FIT-ART)

FUNDER: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council through a Partnership Engage Grant

CERC MIGRATION TEAM: Jérémie Molho, Anna Triandafyllidou, Alice Massari and Tomée Tzatzanis

PARTNERS:

Toronto Arts Council (TAC): Shawn Newman, Kadja De Paula

TIME FRAME: Fall 2023 to summer 2024

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/research/themes/project-brief/fit-art/>

While there is growing recognition of the potential for the arts to support immigrant integration, there is a lack of empirical research on the effectiveness of specific arts-based programs and interventions toward newcomers and refugees. Toronto Arts Council (TAC) runs a program that provides grants to help newcomer and refugee artists become better represented in the Toronto arts community. The Council has partnered with CERC Migration to analyze the impact of their program. The research team is using data collected by TAC and is engaging with the programs' clients to uncover what kind of role art can have in migration and integration.

The project team has reviewed program data and run a series of focus groups to hear directly from program participants. Their workshop "Leveraging Arts Funding for Immigrant Integration in Canada" at the spring Metropolis Canada Conference brought in additional collaborators from Conseil des Arts de Montréal and Université du Québec à Montréal to widen the conversation beyond the Toronto context. In late spring 2024, the team will host a policy workshop to explore a range of themes, from art as a tool for social and economic integration and the healing power of creativity to the challenges of professionalization and inclusivity that immigrants face in the art scene.



FIT-ART is learning about immigrant integration from the Toronto Arts Council program for newcomers and refugees.

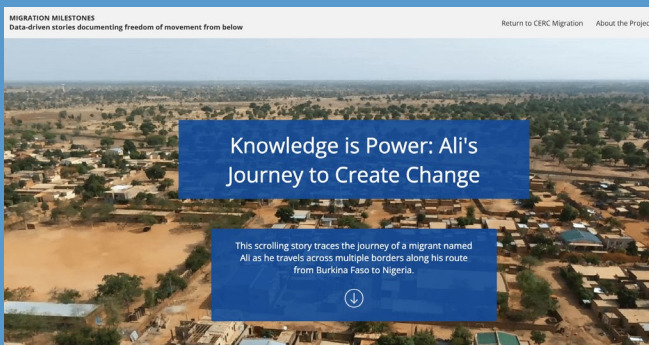
Work investigating Sino-African migration flows is shedding light on migration dynamics in the Global South. As part of [MIGRATION MILESTONES](#), a new scrollytelling visualization was launched depicting the journeys of five migrants in West Africa making their way to Lagos. Their first-hand account highlights the impact that the Protocol on Free Movement has on people moving within West Africa.

Investigating China's approach to irregular migration, [GUANGZHOU EXPRESS](#) provided the foundation for a 2023 [special issue of the African Human Mobility Review on decentering the study of Sino-African migrations](#).

For her work supporting the Migration Milestones project and other initiatives related to CERC Migration's research into Sino-African migration, undergrad student Aia Bakir was recognized with the Outstanding Professional Development Award from TMU's Career Boost centre.



Migration Milestones



Migration Milestones is an ethnographic study that follows the journeys of West African migrants as they make their way to Lagos, Nigeria. The project was undertaken to examine how individuals experienced the freedom of movement protocol established by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in 1979.

Five migrant stories are presented in a scrollytelling visualization that traces the journeys of the migrants as they cross borders and encounter challenges on their way to establish a new life in Lagos.

2.4 Narratives and politics on migration and integration

CERC Migration's narratives and politics on migration and integration theme explores migration discourses in the context of policies, practices and political movements in Canada and other major migration countries.

This theme took centre stage at the annual CERC conference, Narratives of Migration Politics and Policies, on May 10-11, 2023 (see also page 25), and nationally in February 2024, when the multimedia storytelling project [WhereWeStand](#) premiered at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford, Ontario. In the latter, a cohort of 14 student artists of Indigenous and newcomer backgrounds worked in pairs to co-create projects exploring their sense of belonging on Turtle Island, sharing powerful stories of identity, belonging, self-discovery and collaboration.

[CONTESTATIONS of Migration and Belonging](#) has focused on competing visions of Canada's migration present and future expressed by political parties, government and civil society actors (March 2020–2023). A recent blog article highlights the discourses that address access to permanent residence.

This project laid the foundation for a successful Insight Development Grant application ("Contemporary Paradoxes and Struggles of Migration and Belonging in Canada"; June 2023–2025), which examines the rapidly shifting post-2016 environment of migration policy and politics in a transnational context.

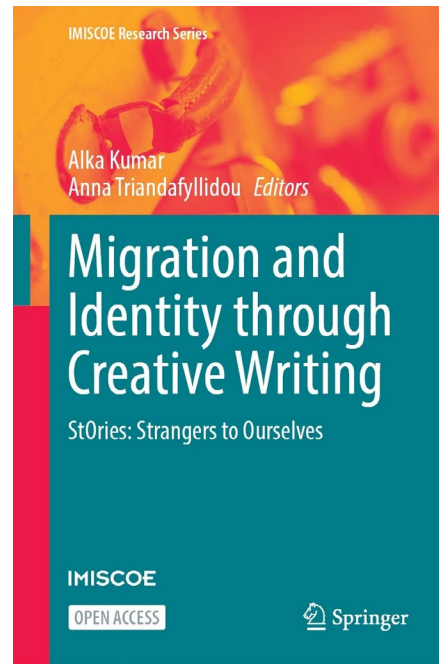
This past year, researchers began a study to better understand the role of social media in immigration narratives, and, ultimately, its influence over public opinion. They are particularly interested in the degree to which social media produces a negative bias and polarizes discussions on important issues.

[POST-SOVIET GEMs](#) continues to examine the challenges and opportunities faced by elite migrants, such as high-level artists and athletes as they navigate highly uncertain careers, short-term contracts and complex legal status categories. A book publication is forthcoming, and a new chapter appeared in the second edition of the *Routledge Handbook of Immigration and Refugee Studies*.

[StOries Project: Strangers to Ourselves](#) used literary writing to examine Canadians' lived experiences and generate new insights into complex multigenerational migration histories and contested notions of diversity, race and identity in Canada today. An anthology of the work, *Migration and Identity Through Creative Writing* was published as an open-access book in the IMISCOE Research Series.

CERC Migration's first MITACS-supported fellowship began the project [Stories of Impact](#), spotlighting challenges refugee women experience. Conducted in partnership with Catholic Crosscultural Services, the project employs storytelling and participatory research to understand migration journeys of refugee women from Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine who are now living in Ontario.

[VIGO](#), which began in 2022, looks at the visual representation of asylum emergencies in Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine by state and civil society actors to develop the concept of visual governance. It featured a recorded workshop on Theorizing the Role of Images in Migration Governance in fall 2023 and a new policy brief drawing on a study of the visual representations produced by government migration institutions in Canada and Europe. The brief recommended best practices that governments can use in their visual communications on migration.



The book *Migration and Identity Through Creative Writing* is a collection of short stories written by graduate students who share insights about their immigrant experience.



The one-day Marie Curie workshop on visual governance held in October 2023 brought together scholars from Canada and Europe to discuss the relationship between visibility, power and governance.



RESEARCH IN FOCUS

Contemporary paradoxes and struggles of migration and belonging in Canada

FUNDER: Social Science and Research Council of Canada through an Insight Development Grant

TEAM:

Project leadership: John Carlaw, CERC Migration and Department of Criminology, TMU, and Ethel Tunghan, York University

Research team: Kushan Azadah, Ji Yon Amy Choi and Alireza Gorgani, all CERC Migration

Methodological advisor: Yousef Aleghfeli, CERC Migration

TIME FRAME: Spring 2024 to spring 2025

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/research/themes/project-brief/paradoxes/>

The politics of migration in Canada are in significant flux and need to be understood in their global context. Emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic amidst global and domestic turmoil, change and increased right-wing polarization, Canada is experiencing several related paradoxes and struggles to define its immigration future and terms of societal belonging. Overall, while public opinion has looked upon immigration favourably in recent decades and Canadians perceive themselves to be generous toward refugees, shifts in Canada's immigration model have meant that growing numbers of non-citizens face insecure futures.

The PARADOXES research team is studying the existing and emerging migration discourses and policy stances from a wide spectrum of actors and examining their relationships using network analysis and qualitative approaches. The PARADOXES project aims to identify how boundaries of social inclusion can be widened and how policy and advocacy might respond to the kinds of social and political structures and barriers immigrants might encounter.

PARADOXES aims to shed light on currents of political and affective polarization, social exclusion and emerging movements of inclusion concerning immigration and refugee policy.



INTRODUCING

Migrant integration in the mid-21st century: Bridging Divides



Bridging Divides



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FUNDER: Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)

ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM:

Toronto Metropolitan University, Concordia University, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia

TIME FRAME: Spring 2024 to spring 2031

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.torontomu.ca/bridging-divides>



Atty Mashatan (TMU), Ethel Tungohan (York University) and Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai (UBC) at the Bridging Divides kick-off meeting hosted at TMU in October 2023.

Anchored by CERC Migration and building on TMU's deep experience in leading migration research in Canada, the Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides research program received \$98.6 million from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund to advance our understanding of migrant integration amid rapid social, economic and technological transformation. TMU leads this ambitious research project in partnership with three other academic institutions – Concordia University, the University of Alberta and the University of British Columbia.

Bridging Divides brings together 38 researchers and over 100 scholars, collaborating with 28 core partner institutions and a growing list of organizations and community partners, including service providers, NGOs and international organizations. In September 2023, Martha Munezhi was appointed Executive Director of Bridging Divides, joining Scientific Director Anna Triandafyllidou and Scientific Co-Director Ebrahim Bagheri to lead the seven-year, interdisciplinary program.

By adopting interdisciplinary and intersectoral strategies, the initiative aims to modernize global immigration policies and foster equitable, resilient communities. A key aspect of Bridging Divides is its integration of technological innovations into research methodologies, ensuring inclusivity and equity. Through four research streams – Immigrant Health and Well-Being, Employment and Lifelong Learning, Place and Infrastructure and Citizenship and Participation – the project explores various facets of migrant integration in Canada and beyond.



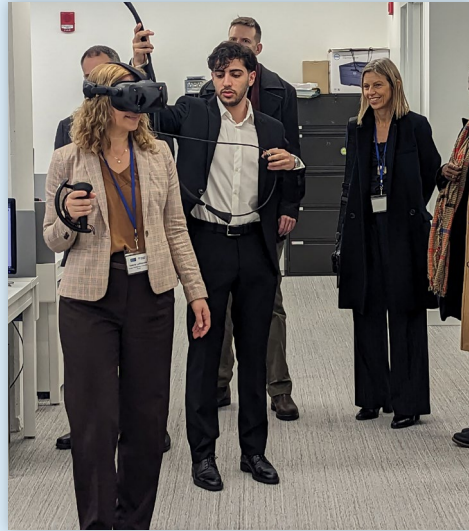
In 2023, Martha Munezhi began as Executive Director of Bridging Divides, where she now manages the program's administration, leads partnership efforts and facilitates knowledge exchange with the broader community.

38
research leaders

100+ scholars

28 core partners

200+
organizations



Representatives from the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat and the Bridging Divides program visited TMU's Synaesthetic Media Lab and the Laboratory of Innovations in Transportation in December 2023.

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Daniel Hiebert, University of British Columbia
Vince Hopkins, University of British Columbia
Suzanne Huot, University of British Columbia
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Sanjay Ruparelia, Toronto Metropolitan University
Frank Russo, Toronto Metropolitan University
Elizabeth Saewyc, University of British Columbia
Arthur Sweetman, McMaster University
Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto
Anna Triandafyllidou, Toronto Metropolitan University
Ethel Tungohan, York University
Josephine Wong, Toronto Metropolitan University
Sophie Yohani, University of Alberta
Zhixi Cecilia Zhuang, Toronto Metropolitan University

Cultivating connection and understanding through the arts



On Feb. 23 and 25, 2024, CERC Migration's multimedia storytelling project *WhereWeStand* premiered at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, Ontario. Through films, songs, spoken word and dance performances, a cohort of student artists shared powerful stories of identity, belonging, self-discovery and collaboration. The full cohort participant list can be found in Annex IV of this report.

WhereWeStand, led by Cyrus Sundar Singh, Gemini Award-winning filmmaker and scholar, and Nicole Lee, Anishinaabe Kwe filmmaker brought together 14 undergraduate and graduate students of Indigenous and newcomer backgrounds to work in pairs and co-create projects exploring their sense of belonging on Turtle Island, which we call Canada. The resulting creative work delved into themes, such as the connection to home, the relationship to the land, the experience of truth and reconciliation for newcomers, resiliency through grief and the unseen struggles faced by minority groups in Canada.

"*WhereWeStand* resulted in wonderful artistic work, but it also showed that strong bonds can be made when people of Indigenous and newcomer backgrounds have the opportunity to truly understand each other's connection to the land that they both call home," said Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration Chair.



3.0

Academic Engagement

3.1 Student development and engagement

CERC Migration graduate students

1) 2023–24 stipend recipients

Every year, CERC Migration provides financial support to students enrolled in a full-time Toronto Metropolitan University master's (for one or two years) or PhD program (for up to four years) who focus their studies on topics related to migration and/or the integration of migrants. For the 2023–24 academic year, CERC Migration awarded six MA's and three PhD scholarships in addition to maintaining seven ongoing PhD stipends. These scholarships benefit students across seven distinct programs at Toronto Metropolitan University, including Documentary Media, Economics, Environmental Applied Science and Management, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Management, Policy Studies and Public Policy and Administration. Scholarship awardees are integrated into the CERC Migration team, enjoying access to shared workspace, a mentorship program and the opportunity to engage in a variety of research training sessions and workshops throughout the year. Each graduate student is matched with a senior researcher, ensuring their academic and professional growth is nurtured and supported. At the conclusion of the academic year, all stipend students have the opportunity to present their work at a special Graduate Edition Migration Working Group, where they receive feedback from CERC Migration senior researchers, Steering Committee members and the Chair.

Master's

Luisa Cruz, Communications and Culture, Master of Science

Pablo Rincón Díaz, Documentary Media, Master of Fine Arts

Noah Draper, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Master of Arts

Nicole Gordon, Urban Development, Master of Planning

Mei-Ling Patterson, Environmental Applied Science and Management, Master of Science (second year)

Tomée Tzatzanis, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Master of Arts

PhD

Chika Agbo, Economics, PhD (fourth year)

Souhail Al-Alaoui, Policy Studies, PhD (fourth year)

Rica Agnes Castaneda, Policy Studies, PhD (third year)

Nick Dreher, Policy Studies, PhD (third year)

Jodi-Ann Francis-Walker, Policy Studies, PhD (in completion)

Sebastien Gibson, Policy Studies, PhD Program (first year)

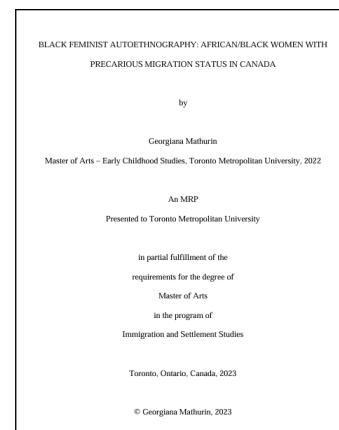
Dike Ike, Management, PhD (fourth year)

Irmak Kurtulmus, Policy Studies, PhD (third year)

Georgiana Mathurin, Policy Studies, PhD (first year)

Susan (Murong) Xing, Economics, PhD (second year)

Yu Wei Ye, Management, PhD (second year)



Georgiana Mathurin, CERC Migration graduate student stipend recipient, tied for first place for the best Major Research Paper (MRP) as part of her final work for her MA in Immigration and Settlement Studies.

Graduate student training – Research Gyms

Research Gyms provide specialized methodological and professional development training through intensive workshops. Their small class settings emphasize mentorship and hands-on learning.

The 2023–24 Migration Research Gym series consisted of five sessions and engaged a total of 180 participants. This year, the majority of the gyms were held in person, which resulted in an audience that was primarily from the Toronto area.

Fall 2023 (with workshop lead)

Focus groups: Purposes and processes (Mehrunnisa Ali, Professor, School of Early Childhood Studies, TMU)

Social media as data in migration research using Netlytics (Stein Monteiro, Senior Research Associate, CERC Migration)

Spring 2024 (with workshop lead)

NVivo fundamentals for organizing, analyzing and presenting qualitative data (Olesya Falenchuk, Research Systems Analyst, OISE, University of Toronto)

Using autoethnography, participatory action research and photovoice as research methods in migration studies (Alka Kumar, Research Fellow, CERC Migration)

d’art of digital storytelling: How to approach scholarly research through a creative lens (Cyrus Sundar Singh, Research Fellow, CERC Migration)



Migration Research Gyms are now held exclusively in-person to maximize opportunities for hands-on learning.



PARTICIPANT PROFILE: MIGRATION RESEARCH GYMS 2023–24

Affiliations

Grad student/Research associate	62%
Postdoctoral/Research fellow	13%
Other	10%
Not-for-profit/NGO	5%
Faculty	5%
Government	2%
Media	2%
General public	1%

Top disciplines

Immigration and settlement studies	34%
Other	20%
Politics	9%
Psychology	8%
Public policy and administration	8%
Planning in urban development	7%
Economics	6%
Social work	5%
Criminology	3%

3.2 International academic network

CERC Scholars of Excellence

Each year, the CERC Scholars of Excellence program hosts scholars for academic residencies of one to three months. The program brings international and interdisciplinary expertise to CERC Migration, nurturing lasting collaborations through the program's ever-expanding national and global network. With a robust in-person office environment, 2023–24 proved to be our busiest year thus far, with CERC Migration welcoming eight Scholars of Excellence for extended stays. While at CERC Migration, the scholars collaborated with CERC Migration Chair Anna Triandafyllidou to organize workshops that sought to de-centre Western paradigms and challenge established ways of thinking with international perspectives.

In April 2023, Binod Khadria convened a seminar on international labour governance and the impact of the brain drain on development. Oliver Bakewell and Nicola Piper led a spring

workshop challenging the normative discourse around safe and orderly migration. Gurpreet Mahajan followed with a workshop that interrogated multiculturalism's ability to withstand the rising tides of populism and contribute to a future of progressive and inclusive politics.

The fall academic year kicked off with a domestic focus as Mireille Paquet and Dan Hiebert led a workshop on the future of immigration attitudes in Canada. Gioconda Herrera shifted focus to the Americas, honing in on Central and South America as transit spaces and focusing on the complex drivers and motivations behind these migration flows. In a complementary workshop, Marcela Tapia Ladino focused the inquiry on Venezuela pathways in Latin America and the Caribbean. See Annex VII for a complete list of workshops and presenters.



BINOD KHADRIA

Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University



OLIVER BAKEWELL

University of Manchester



NICOLA PIPER

Queen Mary University of London



GURPREET MAHAJAN

Jawaharlal Nehru University (retired)



DANIEL HIEBERT

University of British Columbia



MARCELA TAPIA LADINO

Universidad Arturo Prat



MIREILLE PAQUET

Concordia University



GIOCONDA HERRERA

Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences

3.3 Global networks

Global Exchange Fellows

The Global Exchange Fellowship was established to create a global network of academic institutions to collaborate on research and make possible global exchanges for emerging or mid-career scholars. The program provides opportunities for PhD students and early-career academics who wish to spend a month abroad hosted by a partner institution. The exchange provides researchers with a number of potential opportunities, including conducting fieldwork, having access to archives, liaising with other scholars in their field, presenting work to a university or research community and developing professional networks. The program functions as an opportunity to send CERC Migration fellows to partner institutions and host fellows at Toronto Metropolitan University.

In 2023–24, CERC Migration welcomed three Global Exchange Fellows:

Luigi Achilli, Part-time Assistant Professor, European University Institute

Sevin Sagnic, PhD candidate, University of California San Diego

Theodora Lam, Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, Asian Migration Cluster

The following CERC Migration researchers took up seven Global Exchange Fellowships at partner institutions:

Sciences Po, Migration et Diversité – Younes Ahouga, Research Fellow

University of Witwatersrand, African Centre for Migration and Society – Jérémie Molho, Senior Research Associate

University of California, San Diego, Centre for Comparative Immigration Studies – Aziz Rahman, Research Fellow

European University Institute, Migration Policy Centre – Marshia Akbar, Research Area lead, Labour Migration and John Carlaw, Senior Research Associate

Monash University, Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre – Ashika Niraula, Senior Research Associate



While visiting CERC Migration from the National University of Singapore, Global Exchange Fellow Theodora Lam gave a presentation on her research into the challenges experienced by domestic workers and transnational families in Southeast Asia.



In fall 2023, Senior Research Associate John Carlaw (far right) visited the Migration Policy Centre of the European University Institute as a Global Exchange Fellow. While at the Centre, John gave a presentation that addressed intensified struggles over access to permanent residence and permanent immigration levels in Canada amidst and emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Civil Society & Public Administration Fellows

In 2022–23, CERC Migration held its second call for its fellowship program focused on engaging stakeholders from civil society and public administration sectors. The CERC Migration Civil Society & Public Administration Fellowship program welcomes practitioners from civil society organizations or government bodies who have international experience working in the field of migration or immigrant integration and inclusion to apply to for a one-month residency at Toronto Metropolitan University.

This program promotes international collaboration and learning exchanges between practitioners and researchers. It provides a unique professional development opportunity for practitioners to share and build on their field experience, connect to an expert team of Canadian and international researchers and local stakeholders or conduct their own field research.

The second cohort of six Civil Society Fellows was selected out of 100 applicants from around the world to join the CERC Migration team over the course of the 2023–24 academic year.



- Nadine Camp, Co-Director, Synergies migration, Lyon
- Florita Gunasekara, Assistant Director, Global Cities, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago
- Alexander Oturu, Assistant Director and Southwest Zonal Coordinator, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Lagos
- Raana Rahim, Head of Office, Country Coordinator, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Islamabad
- Daniela Segovia Hernández, Senior Protection Assistant, United Nations Refugee Agency, Mexico City
- Tobias Stapf, Senior Researcher on Migration and Digitalisation, Minor – Projektkontor für Bildung und Forschung, Berlin

“My time at CERC Migration as a Civil Society Fellow was profoundly impactful and incredibly resourceful. I gained invaluable hands-on insights into migration and integration in Canada and developed lasting connections.”

- Alexander Oturu, Assistant Director and Southwest Zonal Coordinator, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons

Visiting Researchers

To further our international engagement, CERC Migration also hosts a number of visiting researchers from global academic institutions through various independently funded internship and scholarship programs. In 2023–24, CERC Migration welcomed two graduate students; our first student stayed with us for one month and our second student stayed for two months.

Scot Hunter, PhD Candidate, University of Stirling

Maite Ibáñez Bollerhoff, PhD Candidate, University of Bristol

In early March 2023, CERC Migration also welcomed Mehdi Lahlou from Mohammed V University as a Visiting Researcher. Mehdi collaborates with CERC Migration through the GAPS and Link4Skills research projects.



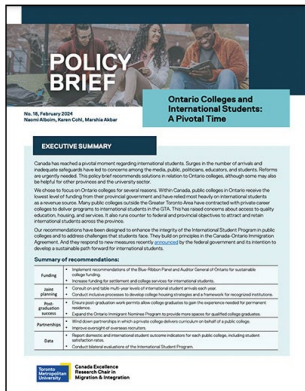
While visiting CERC Migration, Scot Hunter, a PhD student from the University of Stirling collaborated with researchers on a comparative study of the labour market performance of visible minorities in Canada and the UK.

4.0 Knowledge Exchange



Over the 2023–24 fiscal year, CERC Migration hosted a total of 52 events, including a French-language workshop, artist talks, lunch seminars and invite-only and project-based workshops, attracting over 5,700 registrants. Many team members also participated in speaking engagements hosted by external organizations located across Canada and internationally. In-person attendance at CERC Migration events was encouraged to create opportunities for richer dialogue and interaction with the audience, and we began to see a decrease in the preference for online participation that was established during the pandemic. Most events, however, provided an online option allowing for participation from an international audience. Approximately 170 individuals attended CERC Migration’s annual conference, held in May 2023. CERC Migration also promoted knowledge exchange through its Policy Brief and Working Papers series and its podcast, *Borders & Belonging*.

4.1 Policy Brief series



CERC Migration published seven more issues in its Policy Brief series, curated by Naomi Alboim, Senior Policy Fellow, CERC Migration, and Chair Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration. The series provides background and policy recommendations on critical issues facing decision-makers in Canada and internationally. Issues focused on Canadian themes and included recommendations for improving economic pathways for refugees and for Canada’s international students program. The international policy briefs addressed issues in different parts of the world, such as European Union-Africa migration cooperation, the loss of life of migrants transiting by sea, the gaps in the UNHCR’s urban refugee policy and the challenges faced by displaced populations in Mexico.

The Policy Brief series is distributed to decision-makers across governments, including elected officials and senior civil servants, as well as to heads of civil society organizations in sectors that include employment/labour, health, immigration, and immigrant and refugee settlement. A summary of the briefs written by CERC Migration researchers in 2023–24 can be found in Annex II and on the [CERC Migration Policy Briefs](#) web page.

4.2 Working Papers series

The Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Immigration and Settlement and CERC Migration produce a joint Working Papers series to give researchers an opportunity to stimulate discussion and collect feedback for their scholarly research. The Working Papers series includes work in any discipline on issues related to immigration and settlement. In the 2023–24 period, seven papers were published, four of which were authored by members of the CERC Migration team. A summary of the papers produced by CERC Migration researchers can be found in Annex II.



4.3 Webinars, hybrid workshops, exhibitions and premieres

In 2023–24, in addition to the workshops and conference noted separately in this report, the CERC Migration team hosted seven hybrid workshops, two webinars and two roundtable discussions. We strengthened our engagement with new audiences through innovative multimedia initiatives that addressed pressing issues in the field of migration in both the Canadian and the global contexts. The two-city world premiere of *WhereWeStand* is one example. The novel multimedia storytelling project of identity and belonging joined pairs of creative students with backgrounds as Indigenous peoples and newcomers to Canada. Their collaborative projects used a range of creative multimedia forms, from live storytelling and spoken word to film and dance, to reflect on their differences and common ground in their relationship to the land.

The *Parallel Routes* exhibition unveiled a five-year collaboration between the acclaimed artist Ghazel and the Afghan craftsman Mamadollah. Their joint work examined the migrant experience of exile, transit and precarity.

CERC Migration’s roundtable discussions and webinars opened new spaces to engage in conversations about new and concerning economic divergences among migrant groups and generations, emphasizing the need for a broad conversation about migration, socioeconomic integration, senses of belonging and their policy implications.



Anna Triandafyllidou (L) joined artist Soheila Esfahani (R) on stage for a conversation to mark the opening of the exhibition *Cultured Pallets* at the Aga Khan Museum, May 3, 2023. Depicted here, the pair view the artist’s installation, which explored the in-betweenness that migrants experienced as they negotiated new and old identities and cultures.

Affiliations

Graduate student/Research associate	22%
Not for profit/NGO	18%
Faculty	15%
Post-doc/Research fellow	9%
General public	10%
Government	9%
Other	8%
Private sector	5%
Media	2%



On Jan. 17, 2024, to mark the opening of *Talashi* at The Image Centre, CERC Migration researcher Jérémie Molho (R) interviews artist Alexis Cordesse (L) about his work that explores the transformative potential of the arts in challenging media narratives around conflict and migration.



CERC Migration researcher Amin Moghadam (R) sits down with artist Ghazel (L) on March 7, 2024, to discuss the inspiration behind her exhibition *Parallel Routes*, which was on display at TMU’s Innovation Studio at The Creative School.

4.4 Migration Working Group sessions

A total of nine Working Group sessions were held over the reporting period. As many as 50 scholars presented new work to over 1,800 online and in-person participants who represented a multiplicity of sectors, academic disciplines and geographic regions. The Working Group meetings addressed topics ranging from integration, migration governance and labour migration to diasporas and transnationalism, forced migration and migrants' agency. See Annex V for the full list of Migration Working Group presentations and speakers.

Affiliations

Graduate student/Research associate	32%
Not for profit/NGO	20%
Faculty	16%
Post-doc/Research fellow	12%
Other	7%
General public	6%
Government	6%
Private sector	3%
Media	1%



Visiting Scholars of Excellence Nicola Piper, Queen Mary University of London, and Oliver Bakewell, University of Manchester, chaired the April 2023 Scholars of Excellence workshop, which focused on de-centring global governance of migration and knowledge production to draw on new insights from Africa, Asia and Latin America.



Marshia Akbar, Research Area Lead on Labour Migration (far right), joins a panel at the Future Talent Summit held in Stockholm in June 2023, to showcase CERC Migration's research into the pressing challenges facing society when attracting migrants into the workforce.



At the IMISCOE annual conference in Warsaw July 2023, Anna Triandafyllidou (above) opens the workshop Rethinking Migration Studies for 2050, while CERC Migration researcher Maggie Perzyna (below) leads a group discussion.

4.5 Notre réseau francophone

Le CERC Migration a poursuivi ses efforts pour bâtir un solide réseau de recherche francophone dans le domaine de la migration. Le programme est fier de collaborer avec l'Université de l'Ontario français, qui a lancé le premier Observatoire de l'immigration francophone au Canada le 8 novembre 2023. Le mandat du nouvel observatoire est de mettre au point des données, des outils et des analyses afin de mieux comprendre l'immigration francophone au Canada; ce sont des connaissances précieuses pour les responsables politiques, les chercheurs et les professionnels, en vue de soutenir l'immigration francophone hors Québec au Canada. Le CERC Migration y apporte un soutien continu à travers son rôle au sein du comité de gouvernance de l'Observatoire.

En collaboration avec l'ambassade de France au Canada, le CERC Migration a commencé une étude sur les trajectoires des citoyens français qui arrivent au pays en tant qu'étudiants internationaux. La France est le quatrième pays d'origine des étudiants étrangers au Canada, et son rang est en hausse depuis quelques décennies. Cette étude examinera les moteurs de la mobilité des étudiants internationaux de la France vers le Canada et les trajectoires empruntées.

Le 7 mars dernier, le CERC Migration a tenu son deuxième atelier francophone annuel, Au-delà du transit : Repenser les temps et les espaces de la migration à l'ère des trajectoires complexes. Cette rencontre s'est déroulée en français et a examiné la nouvelle réalité de la migration, qui consiste en itinéraires non linéaires avec des espaces de transit multiples et des destinations variées, suscitant de nouvelles questions quant aux outils et aux méthodes nécessaires pour comprendre les processus migratoires. Parallèlement à l'atelier a eu lieu l'exposition Routes parallèles : Récits de Ghazel et Mamadollah, dont les œuvres artistiques représentaient les expériences partagées de l'exil, du transit et de la précarité auxquelles les deux artistes ont été confrontés dans leurs pays d'accueil, la France et l'Iran.



Jérémie Molho, Anna Triandafyllidou and visiting researcher Mehdi Lahlou (L-R) lead the discussion at Au-delà du transit, CERC Migration's French-language workshop.

CERC Migration continued its efforts to build a strong network of francophone researchers focused on migration. The program has been a proud collaborator with the Université de l'Ontario français, which launched Canada's first Observatory on Francophone Immigration in Canada on Nov. 8, 2023. The new observatory's mandate is to develop data, tools and analysis to deepen understanding of francophone immigration in Canada – knowledge that will be of value to policymakers, researchers and practitioners, with the aim of supporting francophone immigration in Canada beyond Quebec. CERC Migration provides ongoing guidance through its role on the Observatory's governance committee.

In collaboration with the French Embassy in Canada, CERC Migration began a study of the trajectories of French citizens who arrive as international students. France is the fourth-largest country of origin for international students in Canada, and its ranking has been on the rise for the past few decades. This study will look at the drivers of international student mobility from France to Canada and the pathways they follow.

On March 7, 2024, CERC Migration held its second annual francophone workshop, Au-delà du transit : Repenser les temps et les espaces de la migration à l'ère des trajectoires complexes. The conference was held in French and examined the new reality of migration, which is one of non-linear routes with multiple transit spaces and varied destinations, raising new questions regarding the tools and methods for understanding migratory processes. Coinciding with the workshop was the exhibition Parallel Routes: Ghazel & Mamadollah's Stories, which presented artistic works representing the shared experiences of the exile, transit and precarious statuses that both artists faced in their host countries in France and Iran.



Linda Cardinal, Associate Vice-President Research, Université de l'Ontario français, (far left) provided remarks at the Nov 8, 2023, event to launch the Observatory on Francophone Immigration Canada.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The narratives of migration: Between politics and policies



The politics of migration was the focus of the CERC Migration's two-day annual conference. International participants brought their local and regional experiences to contribute to a holistic view of how the world today constructs a narrative of migration and how it is shaped by power relations, transnational discourses and hegemonic views.

Almost 200 individuals participated in the conference, with 65% attending in person. The top affiliations of our attendees were 61% graduate students, 21% post doctorate/ research associates and 15% faculty. While the majority of participants were from Canada, attendees also came from Brazil, Germany, Ghana, India, the US, the UK and 10 other countries. Our speakers also covered a number of world regions, including Canada, Ethiopia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Israel, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, the US and the UK. Papers presented at the conference led to two special issues in international peer-refereed journals: *First Monday* and the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, currently both in press.

An evening panel discussion Reflections on Canada's immigration narrative preceded the conference. The video recording of the panel discussion, hosted on TVO.org, generated 3,400 viewers who watched the program for an average of almost nine minutes.

"The conference reminded me of the importance of comparative perspectives, and also that we need to pay attention to the absent narratives – the silences that may say more than what we hear." - Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration



Bindi Shah, University of Southampton (right), shared strategies on using social media data to uncover migration narratives among non-elites as part of the panel discussion on Migration narratives in the era of social media.

In opening remarks for the panel on Regional migration narratives: The cases of West and East Africa, Oreva Olapke, CERC Migration Research Fellow explained that, although intrinsic to African way of life for centuries, migration has been misrepresented by dominant external narratives.

During the Roundtable: Migration and mobility narratives in the arts, CERC Migration Research Fellow Cyrus Sundar Singh demonstrated that stories can be shared in all types of creative forms to create impact.

4.6 Borders & Belonging podcast

The second season of CERC Migration’s podcast, *Borders & Belonging* featured leading experts from around the world and people with on-the-ground knowledge to examine regional migration issues and how they connect to wider global forces. Host Maggie Perzyna aimed to shine a light on some of the most pressing migration issues and bring to the fore overlooked voices and stories.

Each episode included show notes of peer-reviewed references and related media. Together, the recording and background material serve as excellent resources for teachers and students and contribute to evidence-based discourse about the social impacts of migration. In 2023, *Borders & Belonging* won a Silver Award in the category of Activism, Public Service & Social Impact at the prestigious Signal Podcast Awards. See Annex III for the full list of podcasts produced over the reporting period.



In October 2023, Loly Rico, Executive Director of FCJ Refugee Centre (L), welcomed CERC Migration visiting scholars and researchers to their centre to learn about the advocacy work and communities they support in Toronto.



The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO), a community partner, hosted a site visit for CERC researchers to learn about the new Thorncliffe Park Youth Wellness Hub, which serves diverse neighbourhoods in East Toronto that are home to many newcomers living in high-density, multi-generational households.



Throughout the year, CERC Migration hosted “lunch and learns” in collaboration with the Toronto Metropolitan Centre for Immigration & Settlement to give the TMU community opportunities to hear from visiting experts. Pictured here, visiting Scholar of Excellence Dan Hiebert presents on visualizing Superdiversity in Canadian cities.



On March 22, 2024, Anna Triandafyllidou joined Dais Senior Fellow Martin Regg Cohn for a virtual event to interview Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and hear his views on caps on student visas, record levels of immigration and other current issues driving Canada’s immigration policies.

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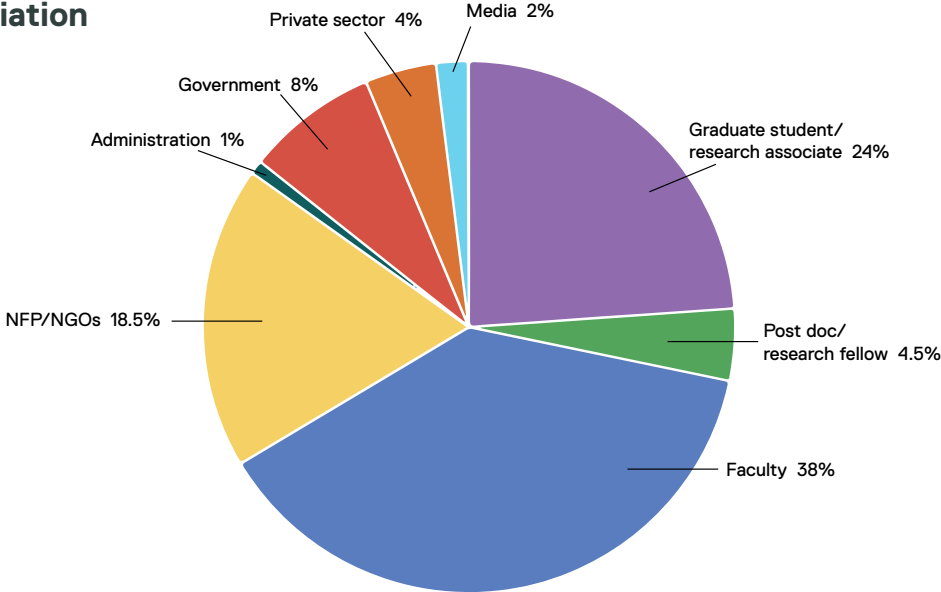
Extending Reach Through Digital Engagement & Media Relations

Through its monthly e-newsletter and social media activity, CERC Migration reached more than 18,500 subscribers and social media followers, a 30% increase over last year. From April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, approximately 86,365 visitors to the website accounted for more than 183,000 page views. Through ongoing promotions, the e-newsletter, *CERC Connections*, and social media channels drive high attendance rates at events. CERC Migration experts continue to be called on regularly for opinion and context by Canadian media outlets, such as *CTV News*, the *CBC*, *The Globe and Mail* and the *Toronto Star*. See Annex VII for a list of CERC Migration media coverage for 2022–23.

5.1 CERC Connections – Monthly e-newsletter

	Current year	% change over previous year
Total number of issues	9	-10%
Total number of subscribers	8,036	+14.72%
Average open rate	42.09%	+23.5%
Average click-through rate	13.6%	+26%

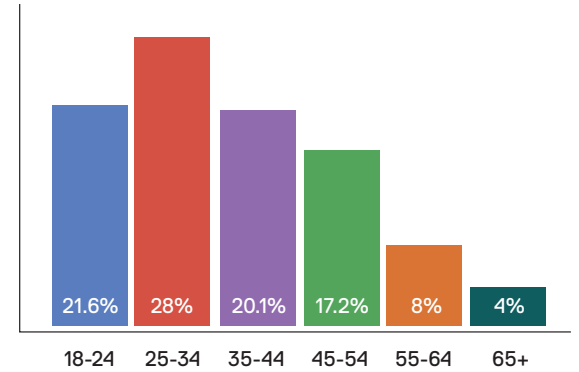
Newsletter subscriber affiliation



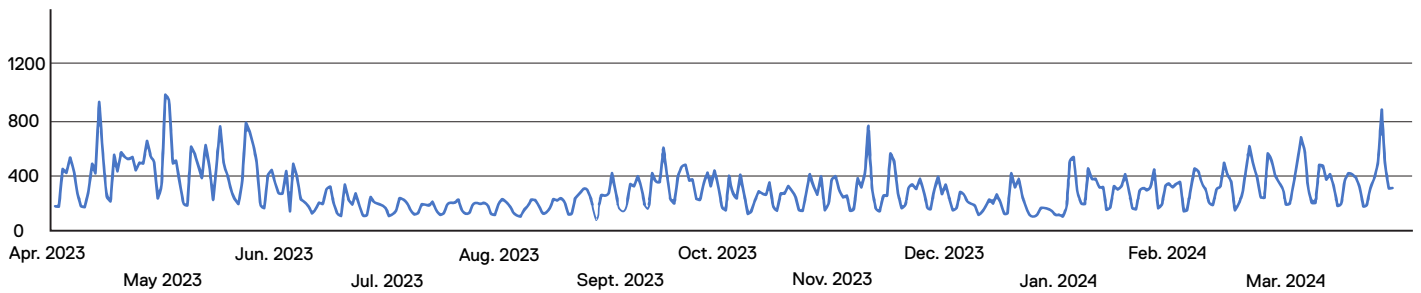
5.2 Website

	Current year	% change over previous year
Number of visitors	55,900	-8.5%
Total number of page views	194,690	-39.2%
Average length of session	3:58 minutes	+21.5%

Website age demographics



Website visits

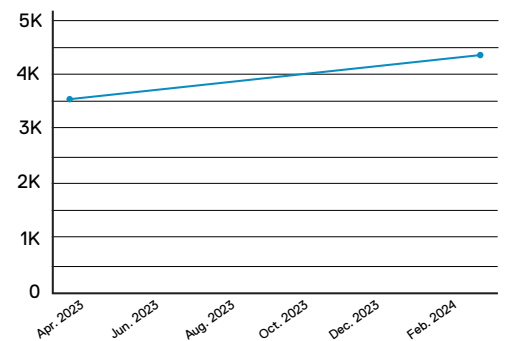


5.3 Social media

X (formerly Twitter)

	Current year	% change over previous year
Total number of followers	4,368	+23.46%
Total number of impressions	661,486	+30.45%
Total number of posts	1,136	+12.48%
Average engagement per post	5.47%	+36.75%

X follower growth



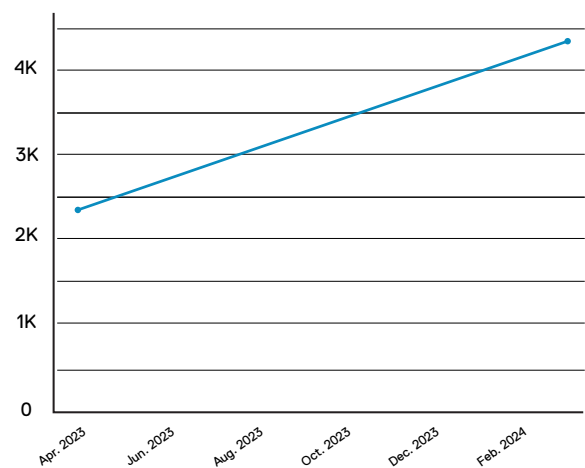
Facebook

	Current year	% change over previous year
Page likes	972	+14.22%
Page followers	1,126	+18.03%
Total number of posts	558	+60.34%
Average engagement per post	4.94%	-50.60%

LinkedIn

	Current year	% change over previous year
Followers	4,397	+90.35%
Visitors	4,010	+14.77%
Total number of posts	572	+75.46%
Average engagement per post	5.98%	+2.22%

LinkedIn follower growth



Instagram

	Current year	% change over previous year
Number of posts	55	+75.46%
Followers	469	+90.35%
Accounts reached	5,314	+14.77%

YouTube

	Current year	% change over previous year
Number of videos posted	26	-43%
Average view duration	3:40 minutes	+196%

6.0 Annexes

ANNEX I: People

CERC Migration research & administrative team

The CERC Migration team continues to grow, with 32 core staff positions (chair, research and administration), four graduate program placement students and four undergraduate student interns as well as an additional 15 part-time researchers employed over the course of the year through short- and long-term contracts. CERC Migration welcomed a number of researchers from institutions around the world for short stays (see pages 23 to 25). The following individuals held roles on the CERC Migration team over the course of the year.

Chair

Anna Triandafyllidou, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration

Management and Operations Team

Sayid Bangi, Research Support Assistant

Luisa Della Pietra, Social Media Coordinator

Claire Ellis, Operations Manager

Grace Esford, Digital Media Associate

Marissa Hawrylez, Research Support Assistant

Jessica Jung, Events Coordinator and Operations Administrator (interim)

Xia (Lisa) Li, Research Accounts Support Officer

Laura Matthews, Marketing and Communications Manager

Maansi Mendiratta, Events Coordinator and Operations Administrator

Berti Olinto, Events Coordinator and Operations Administrator (interim)

Maggie Perzyna, Operations Manager (interim)

Evelyn Siu, Partnership Engagement Manager

Undergraduate Student Interns

Aia Bakir, Migration Research Projects Assistant

Tashdeed Khan, MEMO Project Assistant

Negin Mohammadi, Financial Assistant

Nick Velez, MEMO Project Assistant

Graduate Program Placement Students

Samuel Ghebre, Immigration & Settlement Studies

Sébastien Lavoie-Ricard, Immigration & Settlement Studies

Hanna Lone, Immigration & Settlement Studies

Sara Qazimllari, Immigration & Settlement Studies

Research Team

Younes Ahouga, Senior Research Fellow & Project Coordinator

Marshia Akbar, Research Area Lead, Labour Migration

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ANNEX II: Research publications

The CERC Migration publications produced during the reporting period are organized according to the four thematic areas of our research portfolio:

- The governance of migration in a globalizing world
- Managing labour migration in the 21st century
- Migration and the city
- Narratives and politics on migration and integration

1. The governance of migration in a globalizing world

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ANNEX III: CERC Migration podcast: *Borders & Belonging*

The second season of CERC Migration's podcast, *Borders & Belonging*, examined regional issues and uncovered the global forces that shape them. All episodes were hosted by CERC Migration Researcher Maggie Perzyna.

Episodes from season two:

Episode 1: Why are so many undocumented migrants in the US Indigenous?, with Shannon Speed, University California, Los Angeles; Asad L. Asad, Stanford University; Odilia Romero, Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (Season 2,). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep1/> (2023, Oct. 24)

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Episode 3: Why is xenophobia so entrenched in South Africa?, with Loren Landau, University of Oxford and University of the Witwatersrand; Trevor Mgwane, University of Johannesburg; Silindile Nanzile Mlilo, University of Witwatersrand (Season 2, Episode 3). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep3/> (2023, Nov. 21)

Episode 4: Brokering borders – EU bilateral agreements and the price of “return migration,” with Andrew Geddes, European University Institute; Amanda Bisong, European Centre for Development Policy Management, Leander Kandilige, University of Ghana (Season 2, Episode 4). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep4/> (2023, Dec. 5).

Episode 5: Migration & technology – The rise of digital nomads, with Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration; David Cook, University College London; Holly Vipond (former digital nomad) (Season 2, Episode 5). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep5/> (2024, Jan. 10).

Episode 6: The Arctic: Climate, resources and migration in times of change, with Roger Norum, University of Oulu; Timothy Heleniak, the Nordic Centre for Spatial Development; Malini Sengupta, Yellowknife Immigration Partnership (Season 2, Episode 6). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep6/> (2024, Jan. 30).

Episode 7: Is Japan turning into a migration state?, with Nana Oishi, University of Melbourne; Ito Peng, University of Toronto; Nicholas Fraser, CERC Migration (Season 2, Episode 7). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep7/> (2024, Feb. 13).

Episode 8: Rising tides, sinking roots: Climate change, adaptation and mobility in Pacific Island nations, with John R. Campbell, University of Waikato; Tammy Tabe, Oceana Research Fellow at East West Center in Hawai'i; Robert Karoro (consultant from Kiribati) (Season 2, Episode 8). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep8/> (2024, March 12).

Episode 9: From oil to innovation: Changing economies in the Gulf, with H el ene Thiollet, Sciences Po; Laure Salma Assaf, NYU Abu Dhabi; Deepak Unnikrishnan, NYU Abu Dhabi (Season 2 Episode 9). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep9/> (2024, March 26).

Episode 10: Statelessness: No country to call home, with Noora Lori, Boston University; Allison Petrozziello, Wilfrid Laurier University; Rintu Borah, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (Season 2 Episode 10). In *Borders & Belonging*. CERC Migration. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/borders-and-belonging/s2-ep10/> (2024, April 9).

ANNEX IV: Webinars, hybrid workshops, exhibitions and premieres

Webinars

Panacea or placebo? Two-step migration trajectories and immigrant integration outcomes, June 19, 2023

Rupa Banerjee, Toronto Metropolitan University

Virtual Bridge Workshop 2 – Connecting with newcomers online: How can AI help?, Aug. 16–17, 2023

Marco Campana, Immigrant & Refugee-Serving Organization Digital & Communications Consultant

Nick Noorani, Immigrant Networks

Cong Chen, Halifax Regional Municipality

Elie Bahhadi, Jumpstart Refugee Talent

Ruslan Kurtveliev, The Neighbourhood Organization

Aimee Holmes, ACCES Employment

Waseem Jawad, Jumpstart Refugee Talent

John Allan, New Language Solutions

Virtual Bridge Workshop 3 – A framework for employer engagement, Sept. 13, 2023

Stein Monteiro, CERC Migration

Daniel Chen, Immigrant Employment Council of British Columbia

Rania Younes, Immigrant Employment Council of British Columbia

De-centring and pluralizing perspectives on Africa-EU migration - Book launch, Sept. 14, 2023

Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration

Pragna Rugunanan, University of Johannesburg

Oreva Olakpe, CERC Migration

Canada's rebalancing act: Immigration Minister Marc Miller at TMU, March 22, 2024

Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Martin Regg Cohn, Dais Senior Fellow and Toronto Star

Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration

Workshops

Datafication of borders and migration, May 25, 2023

Co-convened by **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration; **Koen Leurs**, Utrecht University; **Kaarina Nikunen**, Tampere University; **Younes Ahouga**, CERC Migration; and **Lucia Nalbandian**, CERC Migration and University of Toronto.

- Deterrence and ignorance: Agnotology at the border, Rine Vieth, Independent scholar
- Varieties of failure in the datafication of international borders, Philippe M. Frowd, University of Ottawa, and Benjamin J. Muller, King's University College at Western University

- The datafication of anti-trafficking: border securitization, automation, and the politics of 'rescue', Rob Heynen, York University
- Humanitarian experimentation with predictive technologies, Alphoncina Lyamuya, University of Southern California
- Voice biometrics and the value of the sounding voice at the border, Daniel Leix Palumbo, University of Groningen
- Industrializing migration management in Canada and its implications for automated decision making, Nicholas Lee-Scott, Independent scholar
- Smart Ellis Island? Tracing techniques of automated border governance, Philipp Seufferling, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Coded as criminal: Gang databases, border technologies, and colonial subjectivity, Michael Lechuga, University of New Mexico, and Sergio F. Juárez, Loyola Marymount University
- Digital refugees? Displaced youth's lives in and against the digital border, Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Datafication and digital witnessing infrastructure, Saskia Witteborn, Chinese University of Hong Kong

The future of human mobility, Sept. 28–29, 2023

Co-convened by **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration and **Robert McLeman**, Professor of Geography, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Panel 1

- What does a new analytical framework for mobility look like?, Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration
- Conceptual tools for rethinking the future of mobility: A migration perspective, Brenda Yeoh, National University of Singapore

Discussants: Ebrahim Bagheri, TMU; Ana Beduschi, Exeter University; Kristie Ebi, University of Washington

Chairs: Audrey Macklin, University of Toronto; Shiva S. Mohan, CERC Migration

Panel 2

- Migration, advanced digital technologies and the future of work, Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration
- Digitalization, inequalities, and the migration and development agenda, Gioconda Herrera, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences

Discussants: Igor Grossman, University of Waterloo; Richa Shivakoti, CERC Migration

Chairs: Rupa Banerjee, TMU; Marshia Akbar, CERC Migration

Panel 3

- Digital nomadism: The freedom romance and the reality of dependence, Igor Grossmann, University of Waterloo
- What is a digital nomadland?, Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration

Discussant: Ana Beduschi, Exeter University

Chairs: Christopher Gore, TMU; Stein Monteiro, CERC Migration

Marie Curie workshop on visual governance: Theorizing the role of images in migration governance, Oct. 24, 2023

Co-convened by **Alice Massari**, Marie Curie Global Fellow and **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration.

- Visual communication and migration governance at the age of social media, Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration
- The state of the art of the theory of images in international politics. What we achieved and what are we missing?, Lene Hansen, University of Copenhagen
- How the world is not a map: Forensic and humanitarian angles in the visual culture of migration, Krista Lynes, Concordia University
- Visual governance: Theorizing the role of images in migration governance, Alice Massari, CERC Migration and University of Copenhagen
- Assessing the impact of images portraying the Vietnam War and the struggle for civil rights on international refugee law: The case of the 1967 Refugee Protocol, Robert Barsky, Vanderbilt University
- Stories matter: Using photovoice to understand migrants' perceived and lived experiences in smaller Canadian cities, Zhixi

Zhuang, School of Urban and Regional Planning

- Visualizing migration in times of crises: Governing Polish-Belarusian and Polish-Ukrainian border movement – Perspectives from Poland, Karolina Nikielska-Sekula, University of Warsaw and Jagiellonian University
- Understanding migrants' use of government social media: A comparative study of user interactions, Maria Gintova, McMaster University

Research roundup: Is the Canadian dream broken?, Feb. 21, 2024

Convenors:

Rupa Banerjee, Toronto Metropolitan University

Wendell Nii Laryea Adjetey, McGill University

Jeffrey G. Reitz, University of Toronto

Panelists:

Debbie Douglas, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants

Gervan Fearon, President of George Brown College

Nicholas Keung, Toronto Star

Naheed Nenshi, Former Mayor of the City of Calgary

Premieres

One land, two hearts: Celebrating the world premieres of WhereWeStand Halifax, Feb. 23, 2024 and **Brantford**, Feb. 25, 2024

Project leads: **Cyrus Sundar Singh** and **Nicole Lee**, CERC Migration

Graduate student participants:

Andrea Baedak, Surrey, BC

Lúisa Cruz, Toronto, ON

Andrea Curley, Sydney, NS

Sarah Dennis-Kooji, Toronto, ON

Poornima Francis, Vancouver, BC

Izzeddin Hawamda, Winnipeg, MB

Christian Hui, Toronto, ON

Yanfei Lu, Toronto, ON

Aaron McKay, Minnedosa, MB

Nidhi Menon, Oakville, ON

William Monague, Midland, ON

Derek Sands, Walpole Island First Nation, ON

Deyowidron't Teri Morrow, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON

Maya Rose Simon, Toronto, ON

Exhibitions

In conversation: Artist Alexis Cordesse and Jérémie Molho, CERC Migration, Jan. 17, 2024, coinciding with exhibition *Alexis Cordesse: Talashi* at TMU's Image Centre, Jan. 17 – April 6, 2024.

Parallel Routes: Ghazel & Mamadollah's stories, March 6 – 8, 2024, exhibition curated by Ghazel, in collaboration with CERC Migration's **Amin Moghadam** and **Jérémie Molho**, at TMU's Innovation Studio. In conversation: Artist Ghazel and Amin Moghadam, March 7, 2024.

ANNEX V: Migration Working Group sessions 2023–24

April 25, 2023 – (Trans)nationalism

Chair: **Amin Moghadam**, CERC Migration

- Education, marriage and migration in the Indian diaspora, Harshita Yalamarty, Saint Mary's University
- Digital transnationalism: Strategies against vulnerability in the immigration journey of skilled Mexicans in Vancouver, Marla Esther Cervantes, University of British Columbia and Yale University
- How do they get there? A comparative analysis of the assemblages of Indian International students in Greater Toronto Area and Greater Sudbury, Sutama Ghosh, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Transnational cultural spaces and social remittances between Dubai and Southern Iran, Amin Moghadam, CERC Migration

June 6, 2023 – Year-end symposium

Chair: **John Carlaw**, CERC Migration

- Relation of immigrants and Indigenous people to the Canadian state: Scoping literature review, Layal Ajaj, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Master of Arts Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Black feminist auto-ethnography: Displacement of Black women with precarious immigration status within Canada, Georgiana Mathurin, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Master of Arts Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- You're the life of me, Shevan Bastianpillai, Documentary Media, Master of Arts Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- The politics of gender in durable solutions to refugees, Irmak Kurtulmuş, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- What steps Canada could take to establish responsive policies to prepare for a climate-induced refugee crisis, Erika Young, Public Policy and Administration, Master of Arts Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- The intersections of migration and housing: A scoping review, Sebastien Gibson, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- The role of public space activation in acculturating diverse migrant groups in marginalized residential areas in Toronto, Rasha Arous, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Welfare, immigration and redistribution, Souhail Al-Alaoui, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- An overview of the provincial nominee program, Chika Agbo, Economics, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Barriers to economic integration of former live-in caregivers in Canada, Sharif Ahmad Waheedi, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Master of Arts Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Measure and measures: Labour migration during the pandemic, Rica Agnes Castaneda, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Inclusion of racialized newcomers in Canada's environmental sustainability sector and growing green economy. Mei-Ling Patterson, Environmental Applied Science and Management, Master of Science Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- How do gender and immigrant background affect a company owner's decision to engage in direct or indirect exporting, Yu Wei Ye, Management, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Digital nomads: Who they are and why they matter for migration scholars, Nick Dreher, Policy Studies, PhD Program, Toronto Metropolitan University

October 31, 2023 – Digital media and migration narratives

Chair: **Stein Monteiro**, CERC Migration

- The interactive migrant narrative: Pitfalls and potentials, Juan Llamas-Rodriguez, University of Pennsylvania
- Being Chinese online: Discursive (re)production of internet-mediated Chinese national identity, Zhiwei Wang, University of Edinburgh

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- Institutional materiality of migrant-led and migrant-serving organizations: Tangible and symbolic capacities, Odessa Gonzalez Benson, University of Michigan
 - The use of digital communication strategies by irregular migrant women at the destination country, Adriana Calvo, University of Deusto

January 30, 2024 – Refugees and forced migration

Chair: **Shiva S. Mohan**, CERC Migration

- Shifting the migration narrative: Journey mapping refugee agency and autonomy, Lynn Weaver, Independent Researcher
- Emergent network patterns of internal displacement in Somalia driven by natural disasters and conflicts, Woi Sok Oh, Princeton University
- The resilience and embeddedness of refugee entrepreneurship, Tenzin Yeshe, Bremen University
- Integrating refugee employees, Stacey Fitzsimmons, University of Victoria
- Understanding the emergence of a transient refugee profile: The Uganda-Congo Bunagana border area, Clare Nakazibwe, Uganda Technology and Management University

February 27, 2024 – Labour migration and mobilities

Chair: **Richa Shivakoti**, CERC Migration

- A study on seasonal labour migration altering children's lives, Shalini Sen, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: (Re)gain mobility through the spaces of welfare, Riccardo Sacco, University of Urbino "Carlo Bo"
- Documents and North-Indian labour migrants: Governing labour mobility in Manipur, Ajeet Kumar Pankaj, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University
- What changed? Labour market experiences of Ukrainian migrant and refugee women in the Czech Republic, Olga Gheorghiev, Czech Academy of Sciences
- The transnational social contract in the Global South, Gerasimos Tsourapas, University of Glasgow

March 26, 2024 – Integration and migration governance

Chair: **Marshia Akbar**, CERC Migration

- What is integration-assimilation, how do we measure it and how do we know when it has been achieved?, Aryan Karimi and Rima Wilkes, University of British Columbia
- The hidden power of provincial and territorial immigration programs in shaping Canada's immigration landscape, Catherine Xhardez, Université de Montréal
- Opening the black box of asylum seeker reception of the Greek hotspots: Stakeholders' power negotiations and their influence on policy implementation, Maria Sofia Skaltsa, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- A social resilience lens to universities' contradictory role in international students' experiences, Luisa Veronis, University of Ottawa and Christina Gabriel, Carleton University
- The EU-Turkey cooperation in the field of migration and asylum: What is wrong with it and how to fix it?, Gamze Ovacik, McGill University Faculty of Law

ANNEX VI: Scholars of Excellence workshops 2023-24

April 19, 2023 – De-centring the governance and knowledge production on migration

Co-convened by **Oliver Bakewell**, University of Manchester; **Nicola Piper**, Queen Mary University of London; and **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration.

- Putting the “safe” in labour migration governance in Africa: The role of regional organizations, Amanda Bisong, European Centre for Development Policy Management
- African states and the EU: The trope and practice of “safe, orderly and regular” migration, Faisal Garba, University of Cape Town
- Middle space actors (intermediaries): The case of Nepali migrant workers to Malaysia, Yvonne Khor, Monash University Malaysia
- De-centring migration governance in a post pandemic world, Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC Migration
- Exclusions and disconnections: Migration and food insecurity in global and local knowledge production, Jonathan Crush, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wilfrid Laurier University
- The state in the field: Mitigation policy to counterbalance temporary workers’ vulnerability in Canada, Danièle Bélanger, Université Laval
- The politicization of migration in South America: Solving innovations and the weakness of legal frameworks regulating mobility, João Carlos Jarochinski Silva, Universidade Federal de Roraima
- Regional perspective/s on global governance of migration, Nicola Piper, Queen Mary University of London and Oliver Bakewell, University of Manchester

May 30, 2023 – Multiculturalism at a crossroads

Co-convened by **Gurpreet Mahajan**, formerly Jawaharlal Nehru University and **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration.

- Why minority protections are not privileges: on minority rights, equal citizenship and immigrant “integration”, Tamar de Waal, University of Amsterdam
- The status of foundational cultures in political thought on diversity, Geoffrey Brahm Levey, University of New South Wales
- Multiculturalism and transnationalism, Riva Kastoryano, Research Director, National Center for Scientific Research
- The questionable empirical and political-normative basis of superdiversity, Jan Willem Duyvendak, University of Amsterdam
- Can multiculturalism contribute to de-polarising the current political polarisation?, Tariq Modood, University of Bristol
- The politics of difference in the United States, Jeff Spinner-Halev, University of North Carolina
- Multiculturalism as an Integrative Process, Avigail Eisenberg, University of Victoria Abstract
- Multicultural values? Equality, diversity and inclusion, Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa

September 19, 2023 – The future of immigration attitudes in Canada: Illuminating blind spots and exploring interventions

Co-convened by Scholars of Excellence **Mireille Paquet**, Concordia University; **Dan Hiebert**, University of British Columbia

- Culture learning and culture shedding: Acculturation expectations among majority group Quebecers, Antoine Bilodeau, Concordia University and Audrey Gagnon, University of Oslo
- Public opinion the Canada and the US: Contours & foundations, Matthew Wright, University of British Columbia
- The consequences of presenting information about a non-restrictive immigration policy on immigration attitudes: Results from a survey experiment, Mireille Paquet, Concordia University
- The nature, drivers, and frequency of immigration misperceptions in Switzerland, Marco Bitschnau, University of Konstanz
- How do immigration policies affect voter support for low-skilled immigrants? Evidence from two survey experiments, Vince Hopkins, University of British Columbia and Andrea Lawlor, McMaster University

- Public support for humanitarian migration in Canada: Results from a survey experiment to correct misperceptions, Colin Scott, Concordia University
- Durable persuasion by demonstrably beneficial policymaking: How selective pro-immigration reforms can generate public support for all migration, Alexander Kustov, University of North Carolina

November 28, 2023 – Complex migration pathways: South and Central America as a transit space

Co-convened by **Gioconda Herrera**, FLACSO Ecuador; **Berti Olinto**, CERC Migration; and hosted by **Anna Triandafyllidou**, CERC Migration.

- Mexican borders as superdiverse waiting spaces, Bruno Miranda, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
- Shifting (im)Mobilities on a securitized US/Mexican border, Marie Price, George Washington University
- Transiting between hotels, “casas de seguridad,” buses and camiones: The politics of (im)mobilitites from the Andes to the U.S., Soledad Álvarez Velasco, University of Illinois at Chicago
- South American border regimes: Mobilities and immobilities of Venezuelan, Tania Bonilla Mena, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences
- State categories and migrant’s subjectification: Regularization programs towards Venezuelan migrants in Ecuador, Gioconda Herrera, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences and CERC Migration
- Between humanitarian reception and disrupted transit: The responses of the Mexican State to Venezuelan displacement, Luciana Gandini, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
- The governance of Venezuelan mobility in Chile: From calculated solidarity to migrant criminalisation, Marcia Vera-Espinoza, Queen Margaret University
- Insights from small island developing states in the Caribbean, Natalie Dietrich Jones, University of the West Indies
- Struggles in the journey north: Canada’s response to Venezuelan migration, Berti Olinto, CERC Migration

January 17, 2024 – Complex migration motivations: Venezuelan pathways in Latin America and the Caribbean

Co-convened by **Shiva S. Mohan** and **Anna Triandafyllidou**, both with CERC Migration

- Colchane and Iquique in times of pandemic: From the margins to the centre of the Venezuelan humanitarian crisis (2020-2022), Marcela Tapia Ladino, Universidad Arturo Prat
- Migrant solidarities in postcolonial territories: The case of Venezuelans in Trinidad & Tobago, Shiva S. Mohan, CERC Migration
- Venezuelans and Argentina’s migration policy: Does geopolitics matter?, Mercedes Isabel Botto, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences Argentina
- Insights from small island developing states in the Caribbean, Natalie Dietrich Jones, University of the West Indies

ANNEX VII: Media coverage 2023-24

Date	Title	Media outlet	CERC Migration spokesperson
April 4, 2023	Un observatoire pour mieux comprendre l’immigration francophone	<i>Le Devoir</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
April 14, 2023	The war on journalists, part two	<i>The Tye</i>	John Carlaw
April 16, 2023	Migrants abandoned on sinking ship had dreams of Canada	<i>CBC News</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
April 19, 2023	Desperate Canada-bound migrants abandoned to fate on sinking ship after crew fled	<i>CBC News</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
April 23, 2023	Migrazioni dal Sud-est asiatico: gli Scalabriniani promuovono un’indagine sulle famiglie	<i>PIME Asia News; World Magazine</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
April 28, 2023	Is Canada taking the wrong approach to the labour shortage?	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Naomi Alboim
May 1, 2023	“Last ones in”: Canada wraps up “extremely cautious” Sudan evacuation	<i>National Post</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou & Usha George
May 3, 2023	Triple-glass effect and language barriers erode Canadian charm, say experts	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	John Carlaw
May 9, 2023	Conference: Narratives of Migration	<i>ICI Radio – Canada Première CBEF</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
May 12, 2023	Nearly \$100M earmarked to study how tech can help immigrants integrate over next seven years	<i>New Canadian Media, The Philippine Reporter</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
May 23, 2023	How will migrants integrate into Canadian society? This 7-year program hopes to find out	<i>CTV News</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
May 26, 2023	Interview about research into migrant integration	<i>AM 1150 News, Talk, Sports (CKFR)</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
June 16, 2023	Temporary foreign workers need more paths to immigration, experts say	<i>Canadian Press, Toronto Star</i>	Naomi Alboim
June 21, 2023	Canada’s population reaching 40 million	<i>Bill Kelly Show</i>	Melissa Kelly
June 27, 2023	Le Canada autorise les titulaires de permis de travail à étudier pendant plus de six mois	<i>La Minute Info</i>	Naomi Alboim

July 25, 2023	Can relationships last beyond borders?	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Alka Kumar
Aug. 21, 2023	Pierre Poilievre says new immigrants are warning people off Canada – but are they?	<i>Canadian Press</i>	Stein Monteiro
Sept. 6, 2023	Social media is helping newcomers and refugees settle into life in Canada. Why isn't the settlement sector using it?	<i>Future of Good</i>	Stein Monteiro
Sept. 25, 2023	Interview about Roxham Road teardown	<i>CTV News</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Sept. 28, 2023	'In need of a critical rethink': Senate committee studying Canada's temporary foreign worker program	<i>CTV News</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Oct. 18, 2023	Canada's diaspora filled gap in response to COVID crisis: Report	<i>New Canadian Media, Yahoo News</i>	Melissa Kelly, Ashika Niraula
Oct. 22, 2023	Canada's Start-Up Visa program is struggling to fill the shoes of its predecessor	<i>The Conversation, Yahoo News</i>	Stein Monteiro & Bradley Bernard
Oct. 26, 2023	Temporary foreign workers in Canada have skyrocketed over the past decade, according to StatsCan. Here's a breakdown	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Naomi Alboim
Nov. 10, 2023	Un Observatoire en immigration francophone au Canada sera basé à l'Université de l'Ontario français	<i>L'Express</i>	Amin Moghadam
Nov. 10, 2023	Un observatoire à Toronto en vue de favoriser l'immigration francophone	<i>ONFR TFO</i>	Amin Moghadam
Nov. 17, 2023	Le ministre Marc Miller défend ses cibles contestées	<i>Le journal le Métropolitain</i>	Amin Moghadam
Nov. 24, 2023	The impact of diaspora support in a time of crisis	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Ashika Niraula
Dec. 6, 2023	What boundary crossing can tell us about the labour market experiences of immigrants in Canada	<i>The Globe and Mail</i>	Alka Kumar
Dec. 19, 2023	Canada, the UK and Australia all face immigration challenges. Why Canada's going a different way	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Naomi Alboim
Dec. 20, 2023	Opinion: We must focus on 'lived experiences' to make sense of migratory movements.	<i>The Globe and Mail</i>	Alka Kumar

Dec. 23, 2024	Opinion: Canada's program to le-galize undocumented migrants should be simple and comprehensive	<i>The Globe and Mail</i>	Audrey Maclin, Naomi Alboim, & Ann Triandafyllidou
Jan. 4, 2024	Is the Canadian dream dead?	<i>CBC Radio Vancouver Early Edition</i>	John Carlaw
Jan. 20, 2024	They are coming from traumatic, war-torn situations: Palestinian-Canadians prepare to welcome refugees	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Jan. 20, 2024	Study: Newcomers who use social media before arriving in Canada are more likely to find skilled work	<i>Canada News Media</i>	Stein Monteiro
Jan. 22, 2024	Job troubles and closed doors: International students face a rocky path to citizenship	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Marshia Akbar
Jan. 24, 2024	Millions are spent on pre-arrival settlement services. Do they work? Some say no	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Jan. 29, 2024	Data analysis: Canada's Gaza visa program the most restrictive of its kind. Why is that?	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Jan. 30, 2024	ANALYSIS: Concern is growing about new immigrants' values amid Israel-Hamas war	<i>The Epoch Times</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Jan. 30, 2024	Family of international student who succumbed to cancer says hospital delayed too long to act on test results	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Ashika Niraula
Feb. 1, 2024	Canadian researchers set out hopes for Horizon Europe association	<i>Science Business</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
Feb. 20, 2024	World premieres bring together Indigenous and immigrant voices in Canada	<i>New Canadian Media</i>	Cyrus Sundar Singh, Nicole Lee & Anna Triandafyllidou
Feb. 21, 2024	Is the Canadian dream broken?	<i>CBC Here and Now</i>	Rupa Banerjee
Feb. 21, 2024	Is the Canadian dream broken? – cohort study – in Portuguese	<i>OMINI – Vancouver</i>	Rupa Banerjee & Anna Triandafyllidou
Feb. 21, 2024	Is the Canadian dream broken?	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Rupa Banerjee
Feb. 22, 2024	Interview	<i>CBC Radio</i>	Rupa Banerjee
Feb. 22, 2024	Is the Canadian dream broken?	<i>CBC Radio</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou (in French)
Feb. 23, 2024	Storytelling project helps newcomers and Indigenous people find shared narratives	<i>CBC Indigenous</i>	Cyrus Sundar Sing & various artist participants

March 21, 2024	Diaspora iranienne :Une autre idée de l'Iran ?/ Iranian diaspora: Another idea of Iran?	<i>Radio France/Radio Franche</i>	Amin Moghadam
March 23, 2024	Federal cap on international students shouldn't affect universities, colleges that have been "good actors," Miller says	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
March 25, 2024	Justin Trudeau's point man says he's "not naive" as he tackles Canada's surging immigration numbers	<i>Toronto Star</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
March 27, 2024	Canada is a role model on immigration. But many Canadians feel it's lost its way.	<i>The Christian Science Monitor</i>	Anna Triandafyllidou
March 28, 2024	Recherche sur les parcours migratoires des étudiants français au Canada / Research on the migration trajectories of French students in Canada	<i>Ohdido Radio-Canada/Radio-Canada Acadie</i>	Amin Moghadam

