



Workshop at the University of Victoria, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## **Immigration and Integration Policies in a System of Multi-Level Governance: A Canadian-European Comparison from an Urban Perspective**

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The workshop “Immigration and Integration Policies in a System of Multi-Level Governance: A Canadian-European Comparison from an Urban Perspective” addressed the complex governance structure within which migration and integration are managed. It addressed the following three sets of questions:

- How does the general commitment to recognizing diversity and protecting legitimate claims of minorities turn into initiatives, policies and institutional change in urban contexts where the issue is most pertinent in day-to-day life?
- What is the process of forming such policies? What are main arenas for political participation and institutional change? To what degree and in what form are the main stakeholders involved in the political process?
- How do different levels of government respond to the task of integrating newcomers/ minorities and challenges of cultural diversity? What are the effects of concurring powers of provincial and federal governments and the relative powerlessness of municipal (and European) authorities in developing initiatives in the field of immigration, settlement, multiculturalism and anti-racism policies?

The primary focus of workshop was on the urban context, where the issue of accommodating newcomers and cultural minorities is most acute, where state programs are implemented on the ground, and structures of an urban citizenship regime are produced. With this focus the workshop addressed a paradox, pertinent in Canada as well as in Europe: that the urban context is where the needs of immigrants and minorities are chiefly accommodated, yet legislative authority and fiscal resources are extremely limited at this level of governance. In the European context the attention also turned to the increasingly important role of the European Union as a level of governance at which initiatives are developed to target challenges related to migration and integration.

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## Workshop Program

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**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

5.30: Reception and Dinner

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** UVic, University Club

9.00 Welcome and introduction

Oliver Schmidtke: "Immigration and Integration Policies from an Urban Perspective: Current Research Perspectives"

9.30 – 10.45 - Panel 1

**Managing Migration: Urban Governance and Policy Formation from a Transatlantic Comparative Perspective**

- Friedrich Heckmann, University of Bamberg, Germany: "Diversity Policies in European Cities: Results from the CIIP Project (Cities for Local Integration Policies)"
- Myer Siemiatycki, Ryerson University: "Immigrant City: Toronto's Response to Global Migration"

Coffee / Refreshment

11.15-1.00 - Panel 2

**The Response to Global Migration in Canadian Cities**

- Warren Magnusson, Serena Kataoka, Mark Willson, University of Victoria: "Colonial Legacies: Immigrant Settlement in British Columbia"
- Caroline Andrew, University of Ottawa: "The Municipal Government Role in Immigration Settlement in Canada: Governance and/or Government"
- Kristin Good, Dalhousie University: "Municipalities and Multiculturalism: Explaining Variation in Responsiveness to Immigrants and Ethno-cultural Minorities in Vancouver and Toronto"

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 - Panel 3

**Transnational Migration and Citizenship**

- Daiva Stasiulis, Carleton University, "The Death of the Secure Citizen: The Challenges of Home and 'Integration' of Lebanese Dual Citizens"
- Willem Maas, York University: "Multilevel Citizenship in the Netherlands"
- Elke Winter, University of Ottawa: "Questions of Citizenship in the Context of Devolution: An Exploration"

Coffee / Refreshment

4.00-5.30 - Panel 4

**Integration of Migrants: Challenges in the Urban Context**

- Stephen Gallagher, McGill University: "Integration, Immigrant Youth and Urban Unrest: Lessons from the Banlieues of Paris and Montreal"
- Ahmed Allahwala, York University: "Migration, Diversity and Entrepreneurial City Politics: Notes from Toronto"
- Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto: "Integration Policy in Germany: Evidence from the Urban Context"

**Dinner downtown**



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Caroline Andrew, University of Ottawa  
Steven Baileys, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria  
Stephen Gallagher, McGill University  
Ben Gonzales, University of Washington  
Kristin Good, Dalhousie University  
Robert Gould, Carleton University  
Randall Hansen, University of Toronto  
Friedrich Heckmann, University of Bamberg (Germany)  
Serena Kataoka, University of Victoria  
Niels Klabunde, University of British Columbia  
Mirko Kovacev, University of Victoria  
Willem Maas, York University  
Warren Magnusson, University of Victoria  
Steffen Neumann, University of Victoria  
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