

# **Informing Migration Policy Through International Experience and Evidence**

**an FPA Research Series event**

**Organized by the Migration Policy Research Group (MPRG)**

October 3 – 4, 2019  
Richcraft Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Rooms, Carleton University

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## **Day 1 (October 3rd)**

**8:30-9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**9:00-9:15 Welcoming Remarks**  
Dean André Plourde, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University  
Christopher Worswick, Department of Economics, Carleton University

**9:15-10:45 Session 1: Canadian Immigration and Refugee Policy and Politics**

Chair: Meredith Lilly, NPSIA, Carleton University

“Refugees: The Politics of Rights versus the Politics of Non- Entry”  
Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta

“Birth Tourism, Conservative Politics and the Attack on Canadian Birthright Citizenship”  
Megan Gaucher, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University

“Canada and IOM. Partners in Migration Management”  
Martin Geiger, Department of Political Science and EURUS, Carleton University and  
Martin Koch, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Canada and the Global Refugee Regime: Opportunities for Partnered Research**

Moderated Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: James Milner, Department of Political Science, Carleton University

Jessie Thomson, Vice President, Partnerships for Global Change, CARE Canada  
Chris Gregory, Director, Protection Policy, Refugee Affairs, IRCC  
Mustafa Alio, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Jumpstart – Refugee Talent, and  
Member, Network for Refugee Voices  
James Milner, Associate Professor, Political Science, Carleton University

**12:30 – 1:45 Lunch**

Chair: Matthew Webb, Department of Economics, Carleton University

Lunch Speaker: “Canadian Immigration Policy and Research: Looking backward to move forward”

Arthur Sweetman, Department of Economics, McMaster University

**1:45 – 3:00 Session 3: Selection, Recruitment and Retention of Economic Immigrants**

Moderated Roundtable Discussion

Moderators:

Martin Geiger, Department of Political Science, Carleton University  
Bridget Healy, Migration for Innovation Project, Carleton University

Panelists:

Henry Akanko, Hire Immigrants, Ottawa  
Ronalee Carey, Ronalee Carey Law, Ottawa  
Debroy Chan, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council, Toronto  
Tony Fang, Department of Economics, Memorial University, St. John's  
Natalie MacArthur, Invest Ottawa  
Sangeeta Subramanian, Immigrant Employment Council of British Columbia, Vancouver

**3:00 – 3:15 Coffee Break**

**3:15 – 4:45 Session 4: Immigrant Settlement: Resiliency, Narratives and New Technologies**

Chair: Ali Arya, School of Information Technology, Carleton University

“Shifting the Narrative on Refugee Law: State Responsibilities under the 1967 Protocol”  
Robert Barsky, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University

“A Social Resilience Approach to Integration”  
Valerie Preston, Department of Geography, York University

“Democratizing Digital Storytelling in the Context of Migration and the Stories of Newcomers”  
Victoria McArthur, School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University

**4:45 – 6:00 Reception**

Atrium, Richcraft Building

**Day 2 (October 4)**

**8:45 – 9:15 Continental Breakfast**

**9:15 – 10:45 Session 5: Immigrant Health Data: Outcomes, Services and Mobility**

Chair: Anand Acharya, Department of Economics, Carleton University

“Internal Mobility of Immigrants in Canada: a comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of alternative data sources”

Ted McDonald, Department of Economics, University of New Brunswick

“Addressing public service needs of newcomers and immigrants through co-design and co-production approaches”

Gillian Mulvale, Health Policy and Management, McMaster University

“Caring for Newly Arriving Syrian Refugees to Canada”

Kevin Pottie, Department of Family Medicine and the School of Epidemiology, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Ottawa

"Mental Health of Immigrants and the Utilization of Mental Health Services: the Canadian Evidence"

Haozhen Zhang, Research & Evaluation Branch, IRCC

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Session 6: Temporary International Migration: Workers and Students**

Chair: Myra Yazbeck, Department of Economics, University of Ottawa

“The Relative Academic Achievement of International Students: Evidence from an Ontario University.”

Mikal Skuterud, Department of Economics, University of Waterloo

“Temporary Foreign Workers, Firms and Implications for the Labour Market.”  
Christopher Worswick, Department of Economics, Carleton University

“Contesting Gender Discrimination in the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program”  
Christina Gabriel/Laura Macdonald, Department of Political Science, Carleton University

**12:30 – 1:45 Lunch**

Chair: Megan Gaucher, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University

Lunch Speaker: “The Politicization of Immigration: Insights and lessons from the 2018 Quebec election”  
Mireille Paquet, Department of Political Science, Concordia University

**1:45 – 3:15: Session 7: Roundtable on Key Takeaways and Potential next Steps in terms of Research**

Chair: Christopher Worswick, Department of Economics, Carleton University

Christina Gabriel, Department of Political Science, Carleton University  
Ted McDonald, Department of Economics, University of New Brunswick\  
James Milner, Department of Political Science, Carleton University  
Valerie Preston, Department of Geography, York University

Roundtable participants and members of the audience will be asked to identify: i) research gaps, ii) promising over-arching research themes, and iii) potential research capacities/partnerships, based on the presentations and discussions at the conference.

**3:15-3:25 Closing Remarks**