

The 2019 International Metropolis Conference is pleased to offer the following selection of workshops with no registration required.

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WK#	ROOM	TITLE	ABSTRACT	PANELLISTS
WESTIN HOTEL, Tues., JUNE 25, 14:00-15:30				
W26	W-Spruce	Integration of refugees into the Canadian workforce: strategies, coordination and employer perspective	This panel discusses the integration of refugees into the Canadian workforce, with a focus on the direct involvement of employers and corporate engagement.	Anita Carroll Dana Wagner Luisa Giroto Timothy B. Fuchs
W34	W-Oak	The challenges of working with migrants in an international context.	This presentation aims to show that assistance for migrants not only happens once they reach the host country, but also before, in international contexts, or when migrants are in limbo. The goal of the panel is to present different international contexts of aid intervention for migrants, and to highlight the different actors who offer this help.	Sonia Ben Soltane Sylvie Lapointe Howard Nadler Julie Rosicky Jill Hanley
W62	W-Birch	Mental health & refugees - when the one size fits all, fits none? How to build the right strategy	This workshop discusses the medical needs and mental health concerns in refugee populations and the ensuing policy implications based on recent experiences of welcoming refugees. The session aims to bring light to the need for evidence based research and recommendations to support the arrival and integration of refugees and vulnerable populations in host countries.	Caitlin Imrie Kevin Pottie Kwame McKenzie Astrid Guttman

W98	W-New Brunswick	Social inclusion and refugee integration: lessons learned	This session examines responses to the Syrian civil war crisis of 2015 and resulting refugee flows by evaluating cases of integration – or lack thereof – in Canada, Germany, and Central Europe. The cultural, scholarly and professional diversity of the discussants offers a wide range of analyses of the local population’s ability to respond to large inflows of refugees and measures for improvement in policy and practice.	Usha George Huda Bukhari Philina Wittke Georgeta Pourchot
W118	W-Alberta	Welcoming the stranger: The 2018 multi-sectoral approach to Canadian Blended Visa Officer Referral (BVOR) community refugee resettlement in Canada	This workshop asks key actors to reflect on a) the success of multi-sectoral partnerships in the response to BVOR 2018; and b) what success for BVOR sponsorship policy and practice could look like in the future, both in Canada and globally.	Emilie Coyle Ed Shapiro Don Smith

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W44	LG-Cangiante	Immigrants, media and technology	This workshop explores how Syrian refugees use technology to communicate with each other and with aid actors, and how communication technology can facilitate social change where traditional media has been compromised, by individuals engaging with the production of online news.	Amira Halperin David Hickey Thanh Lam Miu Chung Yan Sherman Chan Muzna Dureid
W157	LG-Chiarocuro	Mapping Out State and Non-state Actors in Refugee Protection, Mobility and Integration	States have lately proven to be unwilling, or rather selective, actors in facilitating the mobility, integration, and protection of immigrants and refugees. This workshop maps out case studies where multiple stakeholders, including employers and corporate/private sectors, partnered to address critical issues in the management of migration and integration.	Kiran Banerjee Selman Salim Kesgin Carlo Handy Charles Vic Satzewich

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W20	W-Spruce	Overcoming barriers to immigrant entrepreneurship: practical & regulatory solutions	For many new immigrants, entrepreneurship is a source of gainful employment and financial stability. The goal of this workshop is to analyze the challenges in the entrepreneurial world (such as credit histories) and deliberate potential solutions to these obstacles.	Wendy Cukier Henrique Hon Ruby Latif Erin Roach
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W33	W-Oak	How would you change the settlement sector, if you could?	How can immigrant and refugee-serving organizations lead the change? Can we work with existing and emerging actors to create a more responsive, collaborative, and impactful space for the people we serve? Can we build a knowledge transfer culture across the sector to better share and learn from each other, and collaborate? In this session you'll hear from organizations leading this type of collaboration in the Settlement sector.	Eliana Trinaistic Alysha Baratta Renee Black Chris Friesen Mustafa Alio
W59	W-Birch	Concerns about immigration and measures to improve public confidence	While Canadians have generally been supportive of their government's immigration policies, there are underlying concerns about their impact on public security, economy and social peace. Discussions evaluate: 1) ways to achieving full social and economic inclusion of immigrants and refugees in Canada; 2) communication techniques and rhetoric used to promote fear and intolerant ideologies; 3) immigration and role of media in the age of populism.	Afzal Upal Azmat Abbas Noor Din Patricia Wallinger
W155	W-New Brunswick	State & Non-state Actors in Attracting & Retaining Newcomers Outside the Big Cities and in Non-Traditional Immigrant Regions	This workshop explores policy and practice that aim at attracting and retaining immigrants and refugees in small and medium-sized cities located in areas that are not traditionally known as arrival destinations.	Narumi Taniguchi Jan Stewart Sergii Obratsov Natalia Obratsova Stephanie Pietrantonio Tony Fang Eddy Rempel
W147	W-Alberta	Engaging different levels of government in settlement and integration.	This workshop explores how coordination among different levels of government — the ins and outs — works in the process of settlement and integration.	Kelly Sims Daniel Ahmad Amanda Kletke-Neufeld

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W153	LG-Cangiante	The Problem of Credentials for Skilled Immigrants in Canada. What Can Be Done?	This session problematizes the issue of foreign education and work credentials in the Canadian immigration system, discussing aspects related to devaluation through transfer and impact on the labour market integration and on the Canadian economy.	Karun Karki Queenie Choo Onyi Okoronkwo Nafiz Zaman Shuva Paulette Rothbauer Yao Chen
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W17	W-Maple	Addressing the refugee crisis: the nexus between migration and international aid	This workshop examines how migration can cost and benefit countries of origin, and what developmental aid programs and policies have been initiated to address these impacts.	John Light Jack Jedwab Rupak Chattopadhyay Katelyn Gough
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W97	W-Birch	Critical reflections – exploring migration, settlement and social inclusion across Australia, Canada and Japan	Settlement practitioners, local government and social science scholars discuss distinguishing features of different migration and settlement programs and practices and the impact they have on successful settlement and social inclusion, in three different countries. Audiences are engaged to identify approaches that might be useful in their own country's context.	Astrid Perry Mario Calla Samantha Burdett Viktoriya Kim Om Dhungel
W107	W-New Brunswick	Wrap around family settlement	A unique approach to addressing settlement needs of vulnerable refugee women and their children. Presenters will discuss how a nontraditional partnership addresses settlement services gaps such as lack of: service for young children, family unit approach, continuation of support, and barriers such as: literacy, and access.	Lisa Loong Janice Simmons Zeena Al Hamdan Mary Kam Sandra Almeida
W126	W-Alberta	Integration prolonged? a resilience lens to newcomer settlement challenges	Drawing on presentations from academics, community and policy representatives, settlement strategies will be explored by examining specific challenges (social, economic, cultural) facing different groups of newcomers in varied urban contexts within their first ten years in Canada and beyond.	Henry Akanko Lily Xia Luisa Veronis Brian Ray Anyck Dauphin Jen Ridgley Nancy Mandell Noor Din Frédéric Déjean Patricia Ehrkamp

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W22	W-Spruce	Cities, employers and the labour market integration of immigrant professionals	Hear about the issues that are driving cities to make more concerted efforts to attract and retain immigrant professionals. What is working, how partnerships between the cities have helped accelerate impact and growth, the importance of employer engagement, and, what are the lessons learned in creating economic success for immigrants and for cities.	Henry Akanko Lily Xia Luisa Veronis Brian Ray Anyck Dauphin Jen Ridgley Nancy Mandell Noor Din Frédéric Déjean Patricia Ehrkamp
W83	W-Maple	How to secure an extra £7.5bn through self-integration	This session argues that in proselytising for policy-controlled integration, policy makers effectively create a life inhibiting Line of Control which stymies integration across all social, civic and economic dimensions. The notion of "Integration Premium" is used as a measure of refugee income disparity, highlighting how £7.5billion of income can be secured per 25,000 refugees if policy is focused on impact not outcomes.	Richard Thickpenny Tom Dixon

W85	W-Birch	Critical catalysts for the integration of refugee children and youth in Canada and Europe	In this workshop, you will be provided with multiple perspectives on promising programming and practices leading to the social and academic integration of refugee children, youth and their families in Canada, The Netherlands and Norway.	Antoinette Gagné Emmanuelle Le Pichon-Vorstman Kirsten Lauritsen
W94	W-New Brunswick	Cultural competence: models and practices from Europe and Canada for building global talents and inclusive society	The workshop explores three models (from Germany, Sweden and Canada) of developing cultural competence in workplace and community. Aligned with new realities and demands of a rapidly diverse world, the models offer a vision to dissolve cultural and ethnic binaries and duality oppositions global - local, national - international, us - them. The presenters explore challenges in implementation of cultural competence practices and the positive impact for business companies and the broader society for fostering inclusion and for and changing the governance policies and strategies in immigrant integration.	Tina Lachmayr Hugo Ortiz Dubon Sinela Jurkova
W146	W-Alberta	Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program (AIPP): Success through Partnership and Collaboration	The workshop showcases how multi-level collaboration and ongoing consultations with stakeholders is making AIPP a success. It brings together stakeholders from IRCC, provincial immigration departments, and Settlement Provider Organizations (SPOs) to share with the group how ongoing consultations and collaborations are working to make the AIPP successful.	Charles Ayles Megan Morris Lara Dyer

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W53	LG-Cangiante	Thinking outside the box: innovative pathways to refugee employment	Representatives from refugee-receiving communities discuss innovative models developed to ease refugee pathways to employment and support the invaluable work of employment counsellors and settlement workers.	Ian Hartlen Peggy Lau Hugo Ortíz Dubón Devon Franklin Helene Hasselskog
W103	LG- Sfumato	Deserving or undeserving? How shifting perceptions of migrants' shape pathways, experiences and bordering practices	Examining temporary foreign workers in Canada, work migrants and refugees in Norway, and the reception of the migrant caravans in Mexico and in the US, the workshop explores how groups of migrants are projected as for example 'grateful', 'acceptable', 'dangerous', 'genuine', 'ideal', or 'unwanted'. We discuss some of the implications that this might have for the migrants' situations, including how they select pathways for themselves and how it shapes feelings of belonging.	Olivia Ruiz Pauline Gardiner Barber Shiva Nourpanah Linda Marie Dyrliid Turid Sætermo

W90	LG-Chiaroscuro	Psychological well-being and socio-academic experience of refugee and immigrant students: the challenges to be addressed by school workers	This session focuses on the challenges to be addressed by the school system and school workers in order to promote the well-being and the integration of immigrant and refugee students.	Garine Papazian-Zohrabian Caterina Mamprin Alyssa Turpin-Samson Dania El Chaar Jan Stewart
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W35	W-Spruce	Immigrant integration at eye level: the diverse role of migrant organizations and networks	This workshop compares how migrant organizations and networks can contribute to local development and long-term integration in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Canada.	Fabienne Braukmann Maria-Alexandra Bassermann Sonja Basjmeleh Mustafa Alio Hugo Ortíz Dubón
W57	W-Maple	Behind the numbers: public opinion on immigration in North America and Israel	Speakers discuss information gleaned from surveys in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Israel on public opinion of refugees. The workshop examines the best uses of information from these surveys and reflects on the different perspectives on refugees in the different studied countries.	Jack Jedwab Ana Gonzalez-Barrera Lilian Ma Karin Amit
W162	W-Birch	Public Confidence in Migration --- Who's to Blame and What to Do?	Recent waves of populism, economic insecurity, and stress on public services have emboldened discourses, policy, and practice that weaken public confidence in the benefits of migration and in the capacity of governments to govern it to support well-being for all, whether in well-established immigration countries like Canada and US, or in other parts of the world like South Korea and Bangladesh. This workshop analyzes such trends in specific contexts, identifying ways in which public sentiment can be addressed positively and the role different stakeholders play in this endeavour.	Hayoung Cho Jiyoon Kim Neeraj Kaushal Jenny Gulamani Abdulla Joshua Williams
W120	W-New Brunswick	Improving skill utilization among immigrants: determinants and policy practices	This panel discussed potential factors affecting immigrant skill utilization with a focus on immigrant selection and labour supply and demand, followed by an in-depth case study of policy remedies	Yao Lu Feng Hou Rupa Banerjee Tingting Zhang Beka Tavartkiladze Cindy Si Yeon Mamta Chauhan
W182	W-Alberta	Encounters with Host Societies. Identity Reconstruction, Representation, Understanding	(Im)migration and displacement are profoundly transformative processes, requiring immigrants and refugees to rethink their identities in new social, political, economic and cultural contexts. This workshop explores how immigrants and refugees navigate such processes.	Aliya Kuzhabekova Luciara Nardon Ed Thomas Farhat Firdous Syeda Aliza Sajjad Rakibul Hasan

W76	W-Nova Scotia	The FIN Program and other initiatives to break the barriers to immigrant workforce integration.	This workshop presents the Federal Internship for Newcomers (FIN) Program and a multicultural peer mentoring program as models that promote diversity and inclusion in the work force and set the tone for the economic integration of immigrants (71% from visible minority groups) by offering work experience within the public sector, supported by mentoring and training. The experience that newcomers gain, combined with the supports they receive, allows them to journey more confidently toward their long-term career goals, facilitates workplace integration, and can increase chances of job retention and professional growth.	Claire Forman Karyn Steer Ledianis Rivero-Sosa Ayotunde Ayodele Kayode Soophia Ahmad
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W137	W-Spruce	Lessons learned on opening labor migration pathway for refugees.	Beginning in early 2019, through novel partnerships between the private sector, public sector and civil society, refugees are migrating through existing labour mobility pathways. This workshop is an opportunity to discuss how this worked in Canada and Australia, and how labour mobility for refugees can be expanded and applied internationally. The presenters will share lessons learned and practical guidance on implementation.	Sayre Nyce Bruce Scoffield Mohammed Hakmi Marina Brizar Omar Salaymeh
W152	W-Maple	Lived Experiences: Economic Insecurity & Unwanted Patterns in Labour Market Integration in Canada	This workshop discusses the findings of research on labour market integration in Canada of racialized immigrants and refugees, as well as the state of economic insecurity among newcomers, to identify systemic patterns of discrimination and policy implications.	Joseph Mburu Krystal Lowney Bosu Seo Alka Kumar Nahid Sultana David W. Rothwell
W154	W-Birch	Remittances & Development: Evidence in a Contested Nexus	This session critically examines the nexus between remittances and development, offering case studies for discussion that cast light on whether there is any causal link and to what extent policies and discourses in the field of development through remittances are supported by evidence.	Fida Hussain Dawit Haileyesus Deneget Ubaid Ali Mazhar Mughal Jamal Bouoiyour Oussama Zennati
W168	W-New Brunswick	Social Determinants & Systemic Contexts for Immigrant and Refugee Healthcare in Canada	This session focuses on the healthcare system in Canada and analyses critical policy and practice aspects of access to and equity of healthcare by and for immigrant and refugee populations, within the context of specific needs.	Neeru Gupta Daniela Ghio Massimiliano Bratti Valentina Antonipillai

W171	W-Alberta	Language in the Workplace. Approaches to Linguistic Skills Formation and Employability in Canada and Australia	Language is critical in labour market integration. This workshop engages with different approaches to and practices for linguistic skills formation for the labour market.	Yulia Desyatova Lillie Lum Yiran Zhang Peggy Lau Fariba Solati
W178	W-Nova Scotia	Education: The Roadmap to Integration for Immigrant & Refugee Youth?	This workshop critically analyzes education systems in Canada and elsewhere in the world, as they relate to immigrant and refugee youth integration. Their experiences are discussed, offering insight into the gaps of education services and the impact on their well-being both in schools and outside of the education institutions.	Louis Volante Marie-Carène Pierre Rene Douglas Fleming Valerie Schutte Ruth Kane Chavon A. Niles Edward Shizha
W161	W- Newfoundland	Digital Technology in Immigrant & Refugee Lives: Challenges & opportunities	Technology can both enhance and detract from the lives of immigrants and refugees in their migration journeys, from the country of origin to the destination. This workshop explores such challenges and opportunities, as they relate to influencing migration policy, education practices, labour market success, and health management.	Malaga-Georges Liboy Sohail Shahidnia Audrey Macklin Igor Shichkin Ping Zou