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Monica Boyd is a professor at the University of Toronto and the Canada Research Chair in Immigration, Inequality and Public Policy, 2001-2015. Previously she was the Mildred and Claude Pepper Distinguished Professor at Florida State University and professor at Carleton University, Ottawa Canada. Trained as a demographer and sociologist, Dr. Boyd has written numerous articles, books and monographs on the changing family, gender inequality, international migration (with foci on policy, on immigrant integration and on immigrant women) and ethnic stratification. Her present research focuses on immigrant offspring including the 1.5 and 2nd generations, the migration of high skilled labor and immigrant re-accreditation difficulties, the nativity based stratification of STEM workers, and the racial and generational differences in home ownership. She has brought her expertise to many settings, including Canadian NGO groups, government agencies including Statistics Canada and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the United Nations and the OECD.

Racial and Generational Hierarchies in Home Ownership: What Do We Know and Where We Are Headed

Homeownership has been long viewed as a major indicator of social and economic status. However, disparities in homeownership rates exist among racial and ethnic groups and between immigrants, or more specifically, newcomers, and later generations. Increased homeownership for these groups thus is heralded as signaling diminished distance between groups, and in the case of immigrants, as indicating their increased integration in the receiving society. Conversely, the persistence of homeownership differentials particularly across generations implies the continued stratification and unequal opportunities and/or treatment of racial, ethnic and immigrant groups. Drawing on 2011 National Household Survey data for Canada's largest cities, Dr. Boyd's research analyzes racial, ethnic and generational differences for immigrants and the subsequent generations (1.5, second and third-plus generations) in home ownership generally and in condominium ownership specifically. Differences by racial groups are most striking for immigrants, particularly recent arrivals, with some convergence across subsequent generations. Her talk discusses these findings, assesses the impacts of housing and rental prices against the effects of differential characteristics of groups (such as household income). Her talk also highlights the usefulness of different types of data and the likely impacts of the heated housing market that exists today.

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4:00 pm, SSC 5220

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 5230

All Welcome!

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