



# Western

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Migration and Ethnic Relations

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## Dr. Gaston Mabaya and Alexandra Janeiro



Trained as an Engineer in Electronics at University of Kinshasa (DR-Congo), Gaston NK Mabaya holds a Ph.D degree in Telecommunications (Fiber Optics) from the University of Ghent in Belgium. Dr. Mabaya, now retired, held many positions in the professional era and was a member of various Boards of Directors. He earned many Awards and Certificates for his volunteer work in the community. Dr. Mabaya is a writer and author. He has written numerous scientific articles and has published four books.



Alexandra Janeiro recently obtained her Master of Arts in Sociology at Western University, with a specialization in migration and ethnic relations. Her major research paper focused on the educational attainment of the children of immigrants in Canada. She has held a variety of positions in the area of sociology. While working on the book *Life in Canada*, she simultaneously volunteers for the position of copy editor and peer reviewer for the Journal of Social Thought at Western University.

### *"Life in Canada: My Family Speaks Out"*

Gaston and Alexandra will be discussing a book they are currently working on. In this book, Dr. Mabaya's family that migrated from Democratic Republic of the Congo to Canada in 1999 shares their experience of life in Canada as immigrants in the light of current Canadian Immigration Policy. During the MER talk, Gaston will discuss his journey from Africa to Canada. This family's life experience in Canada was unfolded through a series of interviews conducted by a Researcher from the Western Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations. This work led to a short video presentation during the sixth Annual Journeys of Migration. The correlation between research, policy making, and daily life becomes effective and useful once these three areas can interact. This book intends to bring information that will enhance, at a certain point, research and policy making in the field of migration. It is not, per say, the solution to all the problems of this wide and sophisticated field of migration. But, it may be seen as a grain of sand that might bring another ray of light to people's vision and perception of migration.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

4:00 pm, SSC 6210

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 6256

All are welcome!

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