Mobility and Immobility: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Migration and Settlement

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Conference Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 Opening Remarks
Belinda Dodson, PhD, Director of Collaborative Graduate Program in Migration and Ethnic Relations, (Geography), Western University
Francis Hare, PhD, Director of MA Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies, (School of Child and Youth Care), Ryerson University

10:15 – 11:35 SESSION I – THEORIES AND PERSPECTIVES
Discussant: Belinda Dodson, PhD, Director of Collaborative Graduate Program in Migration and Ethnic Relations, (Geography), Western University

Temporary Foreign Worker Programs In Canada: A Gendered Analysis Of The WIDS And SAWP
Crystal Gaudet, Women’s Studies and Feminist Research, Western University

Trapped In The Big Cities? Re-Thinking Regionalization Of Immigration
Marc Yvan Valade, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

The Mobility of Identities: Examining The Nexus Between Personal, Cultural & National Histories In The Narratives of Migrants
Nassisse Solomon, History, Western University

Between The German Black Forest, The Nicaraguan Mountains And The Pewenche Andes: Migrations And Erotism In Rayen Kvyeh's Poetry
Juan Sánchez, Hispanic Studies, Western University

11:35 – 11:45 Break and Refreshments
11:45 – 1:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Sedef Arat-Koç, PhD
Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University

“Exaltations Of A Shrinking Citizenship: Depoliticizing And Disciplining Citizenship In The New Hard Times”

1:00 – 2:10
Lunch

2:10 – 3:15
SESSION II – SETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION
Discussant: Valerian Marochko, PhD, MBA, CMC, Executive Director, London Cross Cultural Learner Centre

Predicting Levels Of Social And Emotional Support For Immigrants In Canada
Beth Martin, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

“We Had A Plan”: Exploring The Impact Of The Ontario Health Insurance Plan On New Permanent Residents
Andrea Bobadilla, Treena Orchard, Deborah Fitzsimmons
Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Western University

Toward An Inclusive Islam? A Comparison Of First- And Second-Generation Muslims In Canada
Aisha Birani, Sociology, Western University

3:15 – 3:25
Break and Refreshments

3:25 – 4:30
SESSION III – HOMELAND AND DISPLACEMENT
Discussant: Francis Hare, PhD, Director of MA Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies, (School of Child and Youth Care), Ryerson University

Mimicking Whiteness? Afropolitanism, Mobility And The Politics Of Identity In The African Diaspora
Rita Nketiah, Women’s Studies and Feminist Research, Western University

Challenging The Diaspora: A Case Study On Conceptions Of ‘Home’ And ‘Homeland’ Amongst Ugandan Asian Refugees
Shezan Muhammedi, History, Western University

"Home Is Where The Army Sends you!" How "Following The Flag" Affects Military Spouses Perceptions Of Home, Family And Belonging"
Amanda DeVaul-Fetters¹, Belinda J. Dodson², Victoria M. Esses¹
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4:30 – 4:40
Break and Refreshments
4:40 – 5:45

SESSION IV – MIGRATION POLICIES
Discussant: Victoria M. Esses, PhD, Director of Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations, (Psychology), Western University

*Mexican Transnational Citizenship: Mexican Emigration Policies And Civic Engagement In The Canadian Context*
Omar Lujan, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

*Anti-Trafficking: Canada’s Response To (Irregular) Migration*
Ann De Shalit, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

*Leveraging Their Rights: State Denial Of Philippine Labour To Saudi Domestic Labour Market*
Jon Malek, History, Western University

5:45 – 6:00

Closing Remarks
Victoria M. Esses, PhD, Director of Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations, (Psychology), Western University
Harald Bauder, PhD, Academic Director of Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement Studies, (Geography), Ryerson University

6:00 – 8:00

Dinner

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