



11th National Metropolis Conference

Frontiers of Canadian Migration

March 19-22, 2009

Calgary Alberta

The 11th National Metropolis Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to develop a better understanding of immigration and diversity. Although the scope of the conference is national, the Prairies will be highlighted. The Conference will bring together researchers, students, policy-makers, and community practitioners to explore the frontiers of research and practice in six policy priority areas: 1) Citizenship and Social, Cultural, and Civic Integration; 2) Economic and Labour Market Integration; 3) Family, Children and Youth; 4) Housing and Neighbourhoods; 5) Justice, Policing and Security; and 6) Welcoming Communities: The Role of Host Communities in Attracting, Integrating and Retaining New-comers and Minorities. Each plenary panel will consist of at least one academic researcher, policy-maker, and community member.

Preliminary Program

Thursday March 19

7:30-8:45 Continental Breakfast
9:00-12:50 Morning half-day Graduate Student Workshop
9:00-17:30 All Day Pre Conference Workshops
12:50- 17:30 Afternoon Study Tours
Evening Welcome Reception

Friday March 20

7:30 - 8:45 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Opening Address
9:15 - 9:30 Policy Address
9:30 - 11:00 Plenary Session 1 **Selecting for Optimum Economic Outcomes**
11:00 - 11:20 Refreshment Break
11:20 - 12:50 Plenary Session 2 **More than Jobs: Employers' Roles in Creating Welcoming Communities**
12:50 - 14:00 Lunch / Poster Presentations / Networking
14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent Workshops and Roundtables Block A
15:30 - 16:00 Refreshment Break
16:00 - 17:30 Concurrent Workshops and Roundtables Block B

Saturday March 21

7:30 - 8:45 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Invited Speaker
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9:30 - 11:00 Plenary Session 3 **The Electoral Representation of Immigrants and Minorities in Canada: Outcomes, Patterns and Mistaken Assumptions**
11:00 - 11:20 Refreshment Break
11:20 - 12:50 Plenary Session 4 **Changing Communities' Vulnerabilities to Gangs and Organized Crime**
12:50 - 14:00 Lunch / Poster Presentations / Networking
14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent Workshops and Roundtables Block C
15:30 - 16:00 Refreshment Break
16:00 - 17:30 Concurrent Workshops and Roundtables Block D
Evening Gala Dinner

Sunday March 22

7:30 - 8:45 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Policy Address
9:15 - 9:30 Announcement of 12th National Metropolis Conference
9:30 - 11:00 Plenary Session 5 **Housing and Neighbourhoods as Determinants of Mental Health and Wellbeing**
11:00 - 11:20 Refreshment Break
11:20 - 12:50 Plenary Session 6 **The Children of Immigrants: The Ultimate Barometer of the Success/Failure of Integration and Inclusion?**
12:50 - 14:00 Lunch / Poster Presentations / Networking
14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent Workshops and Roundtables Block E

Host Hotel:

Hyatt Regency, Calgary

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