

The 6th Metropolis Identities Summit

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

November 1-3, 2023
Hyatt Regency Calgary, Alberta

Deadline to submit: May 27th, 2023

The 2021 census reported that immigrants made up the largest share of the country's population in over 150 years and the federal government recently unveiled plans to increase the number of immigrants entering Canada to 500 000 by 2025. Immigrants continue to shape who we are as Canadians and contribute to ever deepening our cultural diversity with the ensuing changes felt across the entire country. This 6th annual Metropolis Identities Summit (previously Metropolis Measuring Identities) will examine the roles and responsibilities of the key actors and stakeholders that oversee migration and manage Canada's diversity. The Summit will examine the societal changes to which migration gives rise and notably its broader impact (s) on institutions and communities across Canada. It will look at how the country is faring in the ongoing fight against discrimination.

Amongst the questions to be considered: how and where do government(s), civil society, industry and other stakeholders fit into the immigration ecosystem? What good practices are in place and/or require adaptation in pursuing shared immigration objectives and goals? What does the sector need to prioritize as it collectively faces perhaps the largest influx of newcomers in the country's history? In what ways is the immigrant experience evolving and how does that affect the response from welcoming communities? How should policies and programs be adapted in the area of cultural diversity and the fight against discrimination?

We're inviting workshop, roundtable and poster submissions within the framework of the following 3 themes and topics:

Governance of Migration

- Re-thinking Canada's immigration ecosystem
- Cooperation on immigration between government, civil society and industry
- Effective intergovernmental cooperation on immigration, integration and inclusion
- The role of local communities in settlement, integration and inclusion
- Best practices in networking and partnerships
- Enhancing capacity to support migration
- Public/private partnership in health
- Healthcare delivery
- The respective roles of public and private institutions in the migration process
- Border management
- The state of the safe third country agreement
- Immigration Categories
- Temporary Migrants
- Migrants Rights
- Refugees
- Defining and measuring Inclusion
- The role of data in the development and monitoring of migration outcomes

Evolving Canadian Identities

- Dissagretated data
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit and Reconciliation
- Relations between communities
- Modernizing Official languages
- Citizenship
- Multiculturalism
- Anti-Racism
- Multiple identities/intersectionality
- Gender and sexuality identities
- Diasporas and Migrant Identities

Employment Economy/Housing Health

- The Housing Situation
- The changing workplace
- Creating successful conditions for newcomers
- Strategies for overcoming the skills gap
- Underemployment
- Entrepreneurship
- Technologies and migration
- Recognition of credentials
- Facilitating meaningful employment for immigrants
- Gender and participation in the labor force
- Access to health

WORKSHOP FORMATS

Workshops/panel presentation sessions (75 minutes)

Workshops will usually consist of a minimum of three to a maximum of five presentations of approximately 15 minutes each followed by at least 20 minutes of discussion. Workshop rooms will be equipped with a laptop, screen, and projector. Workshop organizers will preside over the session or designate another individual to do so.

Roundtables (75 minutes)

The roundtable format is suitable for more informal discussions of emerging issues or controversies. Roundtables are intended to facilitate discussion to a greater extent than time may permit in Workshop/panel presentation type sessions. It is a very effective format for the exchange of information and experiences among all participants attending the session.

Poster presentations

Poster sessions provide an alternative format through which conference participants can share research which has not been otherwise presented. Posters should provide some conclusive results, even if preliminary. Poster presenters must provide their own display materials of a maximum of 4' high and 3.5' wide posters.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

In order to open as many opportunities as possible for the most participants, we ask that:

- Organizers promote the participation of as many different presenters as possible;
 - Participants may organize more than one workshop (**please limit to 3 proposals per organization**) but on different topics;
 - An organizer can choose to participate in additional workshops as a chair, participant or discussant;
 - If you are listed as a presenter in more than one workshop, we may ask you to choose the workshop that you would prefer to participate in;
 - Each person listed as an organizer, participant, chair or discussant in a workshop must register to the conference either as a day or full conference participant and pay the applicable registration fees. Please inform your presenters of this requirement when inviting them to participate in your workshop.
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- **If you are interested in presenting a paper, we strongly encourage you to solicit colleagues from your area of expertise and from different sectors to submit a workshop proposal.** If you do not have the ability to put together a workshop proposal with other colleagues but you are still interested in presenting a paper, a research project or another presentation, please consider selecting a "poster presentation option" format when prompted.
 - **If you submit an individual paper presentation your paper will be grouped in a session with two other paper presentations** on the same general theme and you will each have approx. 15-20 minutes to present in the session.
 - **An Adjudication Committee will meet to review the workshop proposals after the submission deadline.** The Adjudication Committee will consider proposals that include a clear title, abstract and summary as well as a list of at least three confirmed presenters.

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The Adjudication Committee will place priority on:

- Workshops that have confirmed and combined presenters from the three sectors: academic, non-governmental and government policy
- Workshops that involve graduate students.
- Workshops that bring perspectives of those with lived experience and that include diverse representation.
- Workshops that include participants across various regions of Canada or the world.

Please note that all presenters are required to register and pay the conference registration fee as posted on the conference website.

Session organizers will be required to provide the information listed below during the submission process via our website:

- Name and contact information
- Format of your session (workshop or roundtable)
- Theme (from the 5 above) in which the session falls under
- Title of your session
- Names of co-organizers (if applicable)
- Names of presenters including their affiliation, email address and titles of their presentation
- 50-word abstract which will be included in the program (please make sure it is descriptive but is also formulated to interest as many conference participants as possible)

Please note that the information you provide us will be included in the conference program.

Please verify the spelling of your presenters' names and the titles of their presentations.

If you are organizing a session with both English AND French presentations, we ask that you provide us with the translation of the title and 50-word abstract for the program.