

The 7th Metropolis Identities Summit

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

October 30-31, 2024
Sheraton Vancouver, British Columbia

Deadline to submit: June 21st, 2024

International migration is the principal contributor to recent unprecedented increases in Canada's population that have made us one of the planet's fastest growing countries. It will undoubtedly further diversify the country's ethnic, racialized, religious and linguistic landscape. Despite our ever-deepening diversity we still too frequently think in terms of immigrants and non-immigrants as ways of explaining complex relationships. Considerable diversity underlies these and other types of group categorization that are commonly used in public discourse. It is important to improve Canadians knowledge about diversity and migration.

This 7th edition of the Metropolis Identities Summit will focus upon the particular ways in which our society is evolving and what this implies for addressing the needs of the population across varying and intersecting gender, ethnic, racialized, religious, linguistic and other groups. How do we reduce social and economic disadvantage, maximize access to health care and education and promote citizen engagement? How best can we diminish tension between communities, foster dialogue and strengthen intergroup relations? How do we respond to misinformation and disinformation about diversity and migration? The Summit will invite reflection on good practices in combating discrimination, racism and prejudice.

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

Understanding Complex Identities and Promoting Inclusion

- **Examining Discourse and Concepts in the public conversation about identities and migration**
- **Quantitative and Qualitative Research on Identities and Migration**
- **Intersections and Multiple Identities**
- **Generational Mobility**
- **The role of diasporas in Identities and Migration**
- **Migration histories, narratives, and stories**
- **Improving public knowledge and literacy about migration and diversity**

Assessing and Addressing the State of Intergroup Relations

- **Fostering Harmonious Intergroup Relations**
- **Best Practices in Intercultural Dialogue**
- **Combating Racism, Discrimination, and Prejudice**
- **Citizenship and Citizen engagement**
- **First Nations, Métis and Inuit and Reconciliation**
- **Gender Identities**

Documenting Barriers to Service(s) and Reducing Disadvantage

- **Creating successful conditions for newcomers**
- **Documenting Social and Economic Disadvantage**
- **Housing Challenges**
- **Healthcare**
- **The changing workplace**
- **Strategies for overcoming the skills gap / Underemployment / Entrepreneurship**
- **Recognition of credentials**

SESSION 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)

This networking session adopts a roundtable setup, focusing on a specific theme under the guidance of a moderator to encourage open dialogue. Unlike traditional presentations, this format is designed for free-flowing, interactive discussions on current topics or debates. It offers a unique opportunity for participants to share insights and experiences in a more informal and engaging setting, ensuring everyone has the chance to contribute to the conversation.

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.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

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.