



CALL FOR PAPERS | PROPOSALS FOR SESSIONS

**MIGRATION GOVERNANCE IN THE
AMERICAS:
A SHARED VISION**

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Across the Americas substantial and spontaneous migration persists thus resulting in increased and varied challenges for policy-makers and civil society. Across the Americas there are several bilateral/binational migration agreements on such issues as temporary labour mobility, international students, border security, asylum governance, refugee resettlement, credential recognition and others. But divergent national interests and domestic political considerations have made it increasingly difficult to secure multi-nation cooperation on migration between immigrant sending and receiving countries. It is nonetheless imperative to identify the converging or shared elements of a broader Americas vision if we're to effectively meet the many and varied challenges ahead. With a focus on the best means for fostering cooperation on migration across the Americas this edition of Metropolis Americas invites policy-makers, researchers and civil society to submit proposals for workshops and round tables on the following topics.

Proposed Subjects

- **The impact of the US elections on immigration in the Americas**
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation on migration
- **Migration and global instability**
- Migration and the Role of States and Cities
- **Federalism and Immigration**
- Intergovernmental cooperation on migration
- **Legal pathways**
- Migrants integration
- **The business case for immigration as populations decline**
- Measuring and Assessing immigrant integration and inclusion
- **Narrative change and public advocacy on immigration**
- Policies on asylum seekers and refugees
- **Categories of refugees and refugee determination**
- Temporary workers
- **Humanitarian aid and migration**
- Noting, demographic cliff considerations are making international students a priority for years ahead
- **The role of civil society and philanthropic partners in immigration**
- Housing challenges
- **At the borders**
- Building welcoming communities
- **Policy change in support of immigrant employment access and inclusion**
- Immigration and forecasted skill gaps and skill needs
- **Recognition of international education and work experience**

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.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

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

- Participants may organize more than one workshop but on different topics;
- An organizer can choose to participate in additional workshops as a chair, participant or discussant;
- 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.
 - **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 Spanish presentations, we ask that you provide us with the translation of the title and 50-word abstract for the program.