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CALL FOR PAPERS & PROPOSALS FOR SESSIONS

Migration, Diasporas and Settlement Forum

January 30-31, 2025
Krakow, Poland

Deadline to submit: November 14, 2024

The process of migration can have an important impact on both destination and source countries. Migrants and their children who maintain ties to their country of origin, whether familial, cultural, social, economic, political or other, are referred to as members of diasporas. Among diaspora groups, distinct historic experiences and narratives have contributed to important variations in ongoing relationships with countries of origin and patterns of identity formation in countries of adoption. Over recent decades, changing migration patterns, globalization and technological advances have both facilitated and made more complex, these multifaceted relationships.

In destination countries, responses to migration trends have generated both challenges and opportunities. Growing fears and anxieties about immigration levels, for instance, have reinforced tendencies to regard migrants, whether designated as exiles, expatriates, alien residents, transnationals, dual/multiple-citizens or refugees, as 'the other' in their countries of adoption.

On January 30 and 31, 2025, the Metropolis Institute and partners will hold an international conference on Migration, Diasporas and Settlement. The aim is to reflect on how evolving diaspora engagement affects policies and practices in migrant sending and migrant receiving counties. We invite submissions in a variety of formats (workshops, roundtables and posters) that include but are not limited to the topics below.

Proposed Subjects

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

- Citizenship rights of diaspora members in countries of origin.
- Diasporas, Economic Assistance and Remittances
- Migration, Diasporas and Humanitarian Aid and Development
- Dual and Multiple Citizenship
- Diasporas and Multiple Identities
- Diasporas and Return migration
- Diasporas and Political and Civic Engagement in Countries of Origin and Adoption
- Diasporas and Language and Cultural Retention
- Diasporas and Multilingualism
- Diasporas, Transnationalism and Mobility
- Diasporas, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Diasporas, Networking and Technologies

Please note we may ask for selected presentations from the event to be published in our Canadian Diversity publication.

WORKSHOP FORMATS

Workshops/panel presentation sessions (60 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 (60 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 then 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.

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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.

- **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 also consider submitting an individual paper.

- **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 all presenters are required to register and pay the registration fee and 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.

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