



Immigration and Integration:

Towards a Renewal of the Linkages between Research, Policy and Practice
3rd Regional Conference and Workshop

Radisson Hotel
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
September 21-23, 2000

Final Program
(September 19, 2000)

Background

Two previous Prairie Centre workshops were held in the past, in Regina and Calgary. Both workshops followed a similar format: having delegates meet in domain-based small groups, and having an opening and closing plenary session. Baha Abu-Laban, Terry Wotherspoon and Peter Li met in Toronto on March 23, 2000 to discuss the format for the Saskatoon Conference/Workshop, to be held in September 2000. It was felt that, at this juncture in the life of the Metropolis Centres, rather than continuing to have domain-based concurrent sessions, the conference should try a different format to have all the participants listen to all the domains and jointly discuss how each domain has been doing. Thus, the idea of having four domain-based plenary sessions was adopted. In addition, it was felt that it would be important to organize two plenary sessions on research, policy and community issues.

Goals

The goals of the Saskatoon Conference are to:

- (1) **Strengthen** the linkages between research, policy and practice;
- (2) **Review** the Prairie Centre's research program thus far and identify its strengths; weaknesses and major gaps therein;
- (3) **Showcase** selected domain-based studies funded by the Prairie Centre; and
- (4) **Guide** the development of future research agendas.

Barbara Leung, Director, Community Programs,
Alberta Learning
Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan
Robert Vineberg, Director, Prairies/NT Region
Citizenship and Immigration Canada

3:00-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break Michelangelo-A Room

3:30-5:15 p.m. Second Plenary Session Michelangelo-A Room

“The Incorporation of Immigrants in the Canadian Economy: Update of Research Results in the Economic Domain”

Description: An overview of Prairie Centre funded research and research themes in the Economic Domain will be provided. This is to be followed by reports and comments by selected researchers on key findings in the area of economic integration and related issues. Participants and researchers have an opportunity to discuss the research focus, research findings, and policy implications. The session also hopes to outline the research directions for the future.

Facilitator: Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan
Participants: Shiva Halli, University of Manitoba
Derek Hum, University of Manitoba
Wayne Simpson, University of Manitoba
Richard Wanner, University of Calgary
Lloyd Wong, University of Calgary

6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception Da Vinci Room

6:30-8:00 p.m. Banquet Da Vinci Room
(Sponsored by the Office of the President, University of Saskatchewan)

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Bruce Shepard, Diefenbaker Canada Centre

University Greetings: Dr. Michael Corcoran, Vice President (Research), University of Saskatchewan

Ministerial Greetings: The Honourable Chris Axworthy, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Saskatchewan

8:00-9:00 p.m. Banquet Speaker Da Vinci Room

Dr. Wsevolod Isajiw, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
"Between Heaven and Earth: Toward a New Modus Vivendi between Academic Research and Practical Social Policy."

Day 2 – Friday, September 22, 2000

8:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Da Vinci Room

8:30-10:15 a.m. Third Plenary Session Michelangelo-A Room

“The Educational Integration of Immigrants and Their Children: Update of Research Results in the Education Domain”

Description: The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of Prairie Centre funded research and research themes in the Education Domain. In addition, the session features reports and comments by selected researchers on key findings in the educational integration of immigrants and their children. Participants and researchers have an opportunity to discuss the research focus, research findings, and policy implications. The session also hopes to outline the research directions for the future.

Facilitator: Yvonne Hébert, University of Calgary
Participants: Nancy Arthur, University of Calgary
Tracey Derwing, University of Alberta
Yvonne Hébert, University of Calgary

10:15-10:45 a.m. Coffee break Michelangelo-A Room

10:45-12:30 a.m. Fourth Plenary Session Michelangelo-A Room

“Immigrants and Health: Update of Research Results in the Health Domain”

Description: The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of Prairie Centre funded research and research themes in the Health Domain. In addition, the session features reports and comments by selected researchers on key findings in immigrants’ integration in the health arena and their access to health services, among other issues. Participants and researchers have an opportunity to discuss the research focus, research findings, and policy implications. The session also hopes to outline the research directions for the future.

Facilitator: Linda Ogilvie, University of Alberta
Participants: Sonia Bitar, Changing Together... A Centre for Immigrant Women
Elizabeth Burgess-Pinto, University of Alberta
David Este, University of Calgary
Chuck Humphrey, University of Alberta
Rashmi Joshee, Canadian Heritage
Lynn Meadows, University of Calgary
Linda Ogilvie, University of Alberta
Denise Spitzer, University of Alberta
Jeanette Vanderveld, University of Alberta

12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Da Vinci Room
1:30-3:15 p.m.	Fifth Plenary Session “Perspectives on Research, Policy and Practice in Immigrant Integration”	Michelangelo-A Room
	<p><i>Description:</i> This is the second session dealing with public issues and concerns related to immigration, settlement and integration. The purpose of this session is to give voices to SPOs/NGOs, and other non-governmental stakeholders, with a view to having a constructive dialogue among academics, community leaders, NGOs, and other stakeholders. With reference to the Metropolis Project, some pertinent questions include: What are the successes? What are the major challenges for policy makers, service providers and academics? How can academic research better contribute to policy/practice development? What are the realistic and unrealistic expectations from this kind of research?</p>	
	<p>Facilitator:</p>	<p>Joan Brownridge, Program Coordinator, Race Relations Branch, City of Saskatoon</p>
	<p>Participants:</p>	<p>Fariborz Birjandian, Executive Director, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society Tom Denton, PCERII Program Committee Keith Karasin, Executive Director, Regina Open Door Society Christine Lwanga, Past President, Immigrant Women of Saskatchewan</p>
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Coffee break	Michelangelo-A Room
3:45-5:30 p.m.	Sixth Plenary Session “Social, Cultural, and Political Issues of Immigrant Life: Social and Cultural Domain”	Michelangelo-A Room
	<p><i>Description:</i> The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of Prairie Centre funded research and research themes primarily in the Social and Cultural Domain. In addition, the session features reports and comments by selected researchers on key findings in immigrants’ social and cultural integration and related issues. Participants and researchers have an opportunity to discuss the research focus, research findings, and policy implications. The session also hopes to outline the research directions for the future.</p>	
	<p>Facilitator:</p>	<p>Doug Durst, University of Regina</p>
	<p>Participants:</p>	<p>James Frideres, University of Calgary Madeline Kalbach, University of Calgary Nanci Langford, Athabasca University</p>
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Reception at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre University of Saskatchewan.	

Free evening

Day 3 – Saturday, September 23, 2000

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Da Vinci Room
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Concurrent meetings of domain-based groups to review input provided at the earlier plenary sessions and work out research strategies for the future	
	Facilitators:	
	Economic:	Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan, Verona Room
	Education:	Yvonne Hébert, University of Calgary, Naples Room
	Health:	Linda Ogilvie, University of Alberta, Shakespeare Room
	Social and Cultural:	Douglas Durst, University of Regina, Venice Room
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Coffee break	Michelangelo-A Lobby
11:00-12:30 p.m.	Closing Plenary and Reports	Michelangelo-A Room
	Facilitator: Terry Wotherspoon, University of Saskatchewan	
	Rapporteurs:	
	Economic:	Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan
	Education:	Yvonne Hébert, University of Calgary
	Health:	Linda Ogilvie, University of Alberta
	Social and Cultural:	Douglas Durst, University of Regina
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Tour of Wanuskewin National Historic Site (<i>Optional</i>)	