



*Building on Strength: Supporting Policy and Practice
through Immigration and Integration Research
November 8 - 10, 2001*

PROGRAM

<i>Day One</i>	<i>Day Two</i>	<i>Day Three</i>
<p>Aboriginal Centre 181 Higgins Avenue Winnipeg, MB</p> <p>Thunderbird House 715 Main Street Winnipeg, MB</p> <p>Evening Banquet held at the Fort Garry Hotel 222 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, MB</p>	<p>Fort Garry Hotel 222 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, MB</p>	<p>Fort Garry Hotel 222 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, MB</p>



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Background

Three Prairie Centre regional workshops have been held in the past: in Regina, Calgary and Saskatoon. The first two workshops followed a similar format: in addition to opening and closing plenary sessions, delegates met in domain-based small groups. The third workshop in Saskatoon followed a different format, in that it featured plenary sessions throughout, and domain breakout sessions at the very end. For the Winnipeg workshop, it is suggested that a new hybrid format be created, in order to more fully accommodate current needs. Domain-based concurrent sessions will be organized to address future directions for the Prairie Centre, and Domain reports will be received in the final Plenary Session. In this sixth year of Phase 1 of Metropolis, the workshop will provide an opportunity to showcase selected projects or research programs carried out by Prairie Centre researchers as well as featuring plenary sessions on policy and community issues.

Goals

The goals of the Winnipeg Workshop are to:

- (1) *Highlight* unique features and common themes in immigrant integration on the prairies;
- (2) *Strengthen* the linkages among the stakeholders of the Metropolis Project;
- (3) *Enhance* graduate student training and participation in Metropolis;
- (4) *Showcase* selected studies funded by the Prairie Centre; and
- (5) *Guide* the development of a research agenda for Phase 2 of Metropolis.



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Outline of Sessions

Day 1 – Thursday, November 8, 2001

11:00-12:00 p.m.	Registration (<i>continues all day</i>)	ROTUNDA, ABORIGINAL CENTRE
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Opening	ABORIGINAL CENTRE
	Facilitator	Dr. Tom Carter, <i>Geography, University of Winnipeg</i>
	Welcome	Mr. Damon Johnston, <i>President, Aboriginal Centre</i> Dr. Connie Rooke, <i>President, University of Winnipeg</i> Dr. James Gardner, <i>Vice-President (Academic) and</i> <i>Provost, University of Manitoba</i> Dr. Tracey Derwing, <i>Co-Director, PCERII</i>
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon	ROTUNDA, ABORIGINAL CENTRE
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Plenary Session I	The New Challenge: Phase 2 of Metropolis THUNDERBIRD HOUSE

Description: This is a future-oriented session in which stakeholders of the Metropolis Project provide new, hoped-for directions for the second phase of Metropolis. A goal of this session is to provide a forum for policy-makers, service providers and researchers to exchange views about the role of policy-relevant research. Some pertinent questions include: What are the likely challenges of Phase 2 of Metropolis? How can academic research better contribute to policy development and to practice?

Facilitator Mr. Robert Vineberg, *Director, Prairies/NWT Region, Citizenship and Immigration Canada*

Participants Mr. Meyer Burstein, *Executive Head, Metropolis Project, Citizenship & Immigration Canada*
Dr. Louis Grignon, *Director, Applied Research Branch, Strategic Policy, Human Resources Development Canada*
Dr. James Frideres, *Sociology, University of Calgary*
Dr. Joseph Garcea, *Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan*
Mr. Fariborz Birjandian, *Executive Director, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society*
Ms. Fatima Soares, *Executive Director, Manitoba Citizenship Council*

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Nutrition Break

THUNDERBIRD HOUSE

3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Plenary Session II Immigrant Integration in the Prairie Region:
Unique Features and Common Themes**
THUNDERBIRD HOUSE

Description: This session will feature presentations by a research team based at the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg. These presentations, combined, highlight the unique and common features of the settlement and integration experiences of immigrants and refugees on the prairies. Researchers and delegates will dialogue to identify possible directions for the future of immigration/integration research in the prairie region, both in terms of individual studies and comparative work.

Facilitator Dr. Royden Loewen, *History, University of Winnipeg*

Presenters

A Population History of Immigration to Prairie Cities in the 20th Century

Dr. Gerald Friesen, *History, University of Manitoba*

Comparing the Integration Experiences of Ethnic German Immigrants to Winnipeg, Canada and Bielefeld, Germany, 1945-1980

Dr. Hans Werner, *History, University of Manitoba*

Class and Ethnicity among Post-War Immigrant Factory Workers in Manitoba

Ms. Janis Thiessen, *History, University of Manitoba*

Caribbean Immigrants and the Health Care System in Winnipeg

Ms. Esvyllt Jones, *History, University of Manitoba*

Citizenship and the Nisei Japanese in Winnipeg

Dr. Peter Nunoda, *Aboriginal Focus Program, University of Manitoba*

6:00-6:30 p.m.	Reception	NORTH MEZZANINE, FORT GARRY HOTEL
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Banquet	CONCERT HALL, FORT GARRY HOTEL
	M.C.	Dr. Shiva Halli, <i>Sociology, University of Manitoba</i>
8:30 p.m.	Indian Classical Dance Performance	Manohar Performing Arts of Canada, Inc.
9:00 p.m.	Banquet Speaker	Mr. Phil Fontaine, <i>Past Grand Chief, Assembly of First Nations (Invited)</i>

Day 2 – Friday, November 9, 2001

8:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast PALM LOUNGE, FORT GARRY HOTEL

8:30-10:00 a.m. Plenary Session III Highlights of Major Research Projects at
PCERII
CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Description: This forum will feature research teams from the economic and social/cultural domains, as well as a research team for a major research project sponsored by CIC and the Prairie Centre. Each research team will be asked to spend 15-20 minutes outlining new findings and/or research plans. The audience (researchers, policy-makers/analysts, NGOs) will have the opportunity to ask questions and/or offer comments on the presentations and the work of the PCERII. Apart from the likelihood that it will be both interesting and informative, the session should provide insights about research directions for the future.

Facilitator Dr. Paul Bramadat, *Religious Studies, University of Winnipeg*

Participants

Composition of Immigrants' Admission Class and its Economic Outcomes

Dr. Peter Li, *Economic Domain Leader, University of Saskatchewan*

Dr. Shiva Halli, *Sociology, University of Manitoba*

Dr. Derek Hum, *Economics, University of Manitoba*

Dr. Wayne Simpson, *Economics, University of Manitoba*

Lessons Learned: An Evaluation of Northern Alberta's Experience with Kosovar Refugees

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban, *Co-Director, PCERII*

Dr. Tracey Derwing, *Co-Director, PCERII*

Ms. Marlene Mulder, *Sociology, University of Alberta*

The Integration Experiences of Immigrant Seniors

Dr. Sharon McIrvine Abu-Laban, *Sociology, University of Alberta*

10:00-10:30 a.m. Nutrition break CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

10:30-12:00 a.m. **Plenary Session IV Metropolis and Graduate Training: The Views of Current and Veteran Students**
CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Description: This session is organized to allow current and veteran graduate students to reflect on their research experiences and training within Metropolis and on how this involvement might have met their expectations and/or influenced their graduate education and career plans. Also, judging from their personal experiences and insights, the participants will suggest ways in which the payoffs to graduate students from the Metropolis program may be enhanced.

Facilitator Dr. Lori Wilkinson, *Sociology, University of Manitoba*

Participants Dr. Abdolmohammad Kazemipur, *Sociology, University of Lethbridge*
Mr. Jonathon Franklin, *Sociology, University of Winnipeg*
Ms. Alison Whittmire, *Sociology, University of Saskatchewan*
Ms. Trina Roll, *University of Calgary*
Ms. Katerina Maximova, *Sociology, University of Alberta*

12:00-1:30 p.m. **Luncheon** CONCERT HALL, FORT GARRY HOTEL

M.C. Mr. Tom Denton, *Manitoba Refugee Sponsors*

1:00-1:30 p.m. **Luncheon Speaker** His Worship Mayor Glen Murray,
City of Winnipeg

1:30-3:00 p.m. **Plenary Session V Provincial Perspectives on Research Priorities for the Prairie Centre**
CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Description: This session will feature representatives from the three Prairie Provinces who will present their perspectives on research priorities related their respective immigration/settlement policies and programs.

Facilitator Ms. Ximena Munoz, *Manitoba*

Participants Ms. Margot Morrish, *Manitoba*
Mr. Eric Johansen, *Saskatchewan*
Ms. Barbara Leung, *Alberta*

3:00-3:30 p.m. **Nutrition break** NORTH MEZZANINE, FORT GARRY HOTEL

3:30-5:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions for Existing and Selected Future Domains**

Description: These retreats will be organized to allow researchers and other stakeholders interested in a particular research area to address existing gaps and/or articulate new research questions for Phase 2 of Metropolis. Summary reports will be presented to the plenary on Saturday and each Domain will select its own rapporteur.

Economic Domain SALON A/B, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Domain Leader

Dr. Peter Li, *Sociology, University of Saskatchewan*

Education Domain SALON C, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Domain Leader

Dr. Yvonne Hébert, *Education, University of Calgary*

Health Domain TACHE, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Domain Leader

Dr. Linda Ogilvie, *Nursing, University of Alberta*

Social and Cultural/Political Domains

CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Domain Leader (*pro tem*)

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban, *Co-Director, PCERII*

Evening **Free**

Day 3 – Saturday, November 10, 2001

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** PALM LOUNGE, FORT GARRY HOTEL

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Presentations of Research Results**

Description: Concurrent sessions will be organized to present the results of research projects funded by the Prairie Centre. Each presenter will bring to the workshop about 30 copies of a 2-page handout in the form of a detailed abstract of the presentation for general distribution. A copy of the abstract is to be filed with the Prairie Centre. There will also be a report on the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance held in South Africa in August 2001. The presenters will confine their presentations to 15-20 minutes each, in order to allow sufficient time for discussion.

Session A Individual Research Reports

SALON A/B, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Facilitator Dr. Alison Hayford, *Sociology, University of Regina*

Presenters

International Students and Regional Immigration Policy
Dr. Liisa Cormode, *Geography, University of Saskatchewan*

Mandatory Retirement and the Economic Well-Being of
Elderly Canadian Immigrants
Dr. Hugh Grant, *Economics, University of Winnipeg*

Conceptions of Self and English Language Learning: Implications for
Educational Policy
Dr. Yvonne Hébert, *Education, University of Calgary*

Reflections on Resettlement
Dr. Laura Taylor, *Social Work, University of Windsor*
Dr. Maria Cheung, *Social Work, University of Manitoba*
Ms. Lan Doan, *Age and Opportunity, Winnipeg*
Dr. Paul Newman, *Social Work, University of Manitoba*
Dr. Len Spearman, *Social Work, University of Manitoba*
Dr. Sharon Taylor-Henley, *Social Work, University of Manitoba*

Session B Individual Research Reports

SALON C, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Facilitator Dr. Paul Gingrich, *Sociology, University of Regina*

Presenters

From the Four Corners of the Globe: Immigrant Family and Community in Winnipeg

Dr. Dan Chekki, *Sociology, University of Winnipeg*

Dr. Paul Redekop, *Menno Simons College, University of Winnipeg*

The Content and Functions of Canadian and Cultural Identities Expressed by First Generation Immigrants

Dr. Peter Grant, *Psychology, University of Saskatchewan*

Finnish Immigrants to Manitoba

Dr. Tuula Heinonen, *Social Work, University of Manitoba*

The Emergence of Canadian Identity in a Multicultural Society

Dr. Madeline Kalbach, *Sociology, University of Calgary*

Dr. Warren Kalbach, *Sociology, University of Calgary*

Dr. James Frideres, *Sociology, University of Calgary*

Session C Report on United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR)

CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL

Facilitator Ms. Sheri Musa, *Winnipeg Social Planning Council (Invited)*

Presenters

Edmonton NGOs Report on WCAR

Ms. Sonia Bitar, *Changing Together...A Centre for Immigrant Women, Edmonton*

Ms. Christine Baghdady, *Sociology, University of Alberta*

Ms. Tigist Dafla, *Catholic Social Services, Edmonton*

10:30-11:00 a.m.	Nutrition break	NORTH MEZZANINE, FORT GARRY HOTEL
11:00-12:15 p.m.	Plenary Session VI Closing Plenary and Domain Reports	CLUBROOM, FORT GARRY HOTEL
	Facilitator	Mr. John Biles, <i>Metropolis Project Team (CIC), Ottawa</i>
	Rapporteurs	Economic Domain Education Domain Health Domain Social and Cultural/Political Domains
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Acknowledgements	Dr. Baha Abu-Laban, <i>Co-Director, PCERII</i>
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Bag Lunch	NORTH MEZZANINE, FORT GARRY HOTEL