



BUILDING MIGRANT RESILIENCE IN CITIES

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We are creating new knowledge about emerging trends in international migration and resilience.

We are deepening the links among academics, non-profits and government, creating new synergies that benefit from each sector's distinct knowledge and expertise.



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PI'S NOTES

Dear partners and friends:
We are at the beginning of an exhilarating journey. In Canada, just as it is around the world, migration is at the top of the political and policy agenda. BMRC is an opportunity to address how international migration will shape the lives of our children and grandchildren. I can hardly wait to share new findings and developments with you on our work over the years.

WHAT IS THE BMRC PROJECT?

Established in 2016, Building Migrant Resilience in Cities (BMRC) is a research partnership and a multi-sector collaboration.

It draws on over 20 years of experience in bringing together a range of key actors working on issues of immigration and settlement through CERIS, a leading Ontario network of migration and settlement researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

Our unique initiative explores the concept of social resilience to examine how institutions can facilitate migrant settlement in urban areas across Quebec and Ontario.

We are generating new knowledge for academic debate and discussion that will be made readily available to decision-makers and practitioners who strive to enhance migrant settlement.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The very nature of our collaboration promotes scholarly research that can inform evidence-based practice.

Our findings and analysis will inform policy at the national, provincial, and municipal levels, affecting migrants directly.



WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- We are comparing the political, socio-economic, and individual factors that affect how migrants settle in different local contexts.
- We are documenting how organizations and institutions contribute successfully to the strength and resilience of migrants as they settle into new lives in Canada.
- We are using the data and findings to pilot evidence-based strategies that can work in diverse contexts to foster healthy and successful settlement.
- We are working together to develop a model of social resilience for successful migrant settlement that can be used in academic discourse, policy development, and community practice.
- We are training emerging migration researchers, policymakers, and practitioners that will be influencing, making decisions on, and implementing ongoing and future work related to migration in Canada.
- We are developing a self-sustaining and bilingual research network that can respond to changing migration trends and issues now and in the future.

WHO ARE THE PARTNERS?

Our six City Networks work across our regions building local partnerships, identifying research agendas, and reaching out to local networks to disseminate our work. The networks design and carry out projects and are led by academic chairs and research participants. To learn more about our partners across the six city networks, go on <http://bmrc-rmu.info.yorku.ca/our-team/>.

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QUEBEC-ONTARIO

We work in cities across Quebec and Ontario. The two provinces have different immigration histories, institutional infrastructure and migration policies that allow us to compare and contrast migrant resilience in distinct environments. The social security systems are vastly different. In Quebec, the province has control over immigrant selection and settlement while in Ontario, the federal government has jurisdiction. The provinces also differ greatly in the relationship between non-governmental organizations and the private and public sectors and their migration histories.

Our initiative focuses on large and small urban areas. We work in Toronto and Montreal, two gateway cities that are the initial destinations for large numbers of migrants. In Canada's largest gateway city of Toronto, we also investigate resilience in suburban areas in York Region in order to provide an intra-urban analysis between downtown and the suburbs. We also study resilience in large and medium-sized cities such as Ottawa-Gatineau, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Windsor. We believe that understanding settlement in Quebec and Ontario cities can give us an in-depth understanding of the strategies that migrants use to overcome settlement challenges in municipalities across Canada.

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