

OTTAWA, IS THERE A PROBLEM? INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NUMBERS, JOB EXPERIENCES AND PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY

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KAREEM EL-ASSAL

MANAGING EDITOR OF CIC NEWS AND DIRECTOR OF POLICY & DIGITAL STRATEGY, CANADAVISA

Kareem has been active in the field of immigration since 2010 working for the federal government, non-profits, and the private sector. He has authored over 300 immigration publications, given over 50 presentations, and organized over 15 events featuring federal and provincial immigration ministers and leaders from other sectors. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Durham University.



ROBERT FALCONER

RESEARCHER, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Robert specializes in immigration and refugee related issues, with an interest in poverty and housing. He holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Calgary, where he completed a capstone research project surveying the refugee housing affordability in Calgary, and offering recommendations to improve affordability. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Toronto in Anthropology. Previous to his current work, Robert was a frontline worker at Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, a non-profit focused on the settlement and integration of refugees and immigrants in Calgary.



MIKAL SKUTERUD

PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Mikal's main research interests lie in the field of labour economics, especially in the areas of immigration policy, job search, and labour market regulations affecting the hours that people work. He is also a Research Fellow at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics and is affiliated with the Canadian Labour Economics Forum (CLEF). He received his Master's degree in Economics from the University of British Columbia and his Ph.D. in Economics from McMaster University.

**TUESDAY MARCH 09 2021
1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**



SAROM RHO

MIGRANT STUDENT WORKER ORGANIZER, MIGRANT STUDENTS UNITED, MWAC

Sarom Rho is an organizer with Migrant Students United at the Migrant Workers Alliance for Change. Migrant Students United is current and former international students who are organizing for good jobs, open work permits, access to healthcare and universal services, and full immigration status for all.



LEAH NORD

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE STRATEGIES AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH, CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Leah leads the Chamber's policy and projects related to industry 4.0 and the future of work and talent, employment standards and compliance and immigration. She also oversees the Canadian Chamber's inclusive growth initiative, including the Council for Women's Advocacy, the Indigenous Policy Committee and the Chamber's work to support mental health wellness and accessibility. She has a B.A. Honours (Russian Studies) from Dalhousie University, a M.A. from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs from Carleton University and a strong commitment to lifelong learning.



FRANCINE SCHLOSSER

ODETTE PROFESSOR IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION, UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR.

Francine's research contributes to understanding how educators, employees, migrants, and employers can stimulate entrepreneurial readiness and innovative knowledge-based strategic involvement; and manage mid- and late-career transitions. She focuses on the development of innovative, multi-disciplinary, work-integrated and multi-national experiential course student learning opportunities. Francine held the University of Windsor's Golden Jubilee Professorship at the Odette School of Business for research excellence from 2013-2018. For more than 15 years, she has engaged students with the Windsor business community through multi-disciplinary venture teams and consulting projects.

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