



# TransAtlantic Community Policy-LAB

## Agenda

DAY 1 (Wednesday, April 26, 2023)

| Time                     | Activity  | Descriptions  | Presentations   |
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| 9:00- 9:30<br>(30 min.)  | <i>Reception and Coffee Break 1</i>                   |   |   |
| 9:30- 9:45<br>(15 min.)  | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b>                              | Land acknowledgment and formal introduction to Glendon<br>Formal welcome and introduction of invitees<br>Present agenda and housekeeping details (photo/video)                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principle/Vice-principle of Glendon</li> <li>• Willem Maas</li> <li>• Maissaa Almustafa and Kathryn Barber</li> </ul>  |
| 9:45 – 11:15<br>(90 min) | <b>Presentation of Whole-COMM findings: Session 1</b> | This presentation session will focus on sharing empirical findings from the Whole-COMM project.<br><br><b>Format:</b> 10 minutes for each presentation + Q&A<br><br><b>Chair:</b> Tiziana Caponio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tiziana Caponio</b> (Associate Professor) and <b>Andrea Pettrachin</b> (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto): “General introduction of the project and overview of key findings”</li> <li>• <b>Birgit Glorius</b> (Professor, University of Chemnitz): “The power of local narratives: How economic, demographic and historic conditions impact approaches towards refugee integration in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas (SMsTRAS) in Germany”</li> <li>• <b>Anna Faustmann</b> (Researcher and Lecturer, Danube Krems University): “Arrival infrastructure, weak and</li> </ul> |



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|                         |   |   | <p>strong ties and the role of civil society in the governance of integration at the local level”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrycja Matusz</b> (Vice-Rector for Project and International Relations, University of Wroclaw): “Insights from small localities in Poland”</li> <li>• <b>Sinem Yilmaz</b> (Integration Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Group): “Data availability and limitations in analyzing migrant integration in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas”</li> <li>• <b>Abigail Fisher Williamson</b> (Associate Professor; Trinity College Hartford, CN): “Local Government Incentives for Welcoming Immigrants”</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 (30 min.) | <i>Coffee Break 2</i>                                   |   |  |
| 11:45 – 12:45 (60 min.) | <p><b>Policymaker, CSO and City Network Panel 1</b></p> | <p>This panel invites Canadian policymakers, CSO and City Network representatives to give a brief presentation on integration dynamics in their communities.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Willem Maas</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rais Kibonge</b> (Deputy mayor, Sherbrooke, QC)</li> <li>• <b>Maria Grazia Montella</b> (Project Officer Inclucities)</li> <li>• <b>Kathy Vassilakos</b> (Former City Councillor Stratford, ON)</li> <li>• <b>Niken Astari Carpenter</b> (New American Liaison, City of Erie, PA)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>  |
| 12:45 – 13:45 (60 min.) | <i>Lunch</i>  |   |  |



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| <p>13:45-<br/>15:30<br/>(105 min.)</p> | <p><b>Academic Paper Panel Presentations: Session 1</b></p> | <p>This session will offer Canadian researchers working on academic papers on integration in SMsTRAs the opportunity to present their findings and receive feedback from policymakers and academic peers.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Maissaa Almustafa</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tony Fang</b> (Professor and Chair of Political Science, Memorial University, NFL): “Exploring the New Journey: A Comparative Study of Settlement Experiences between Syrian Refugees and Non-Syrian Refugees in Small Canadian Communities”</li> <li>• <b>Tony Fang</b> (Professor and Chair of Political Science, Memorial University, NFL): “A National Project: Examining the Settlement Experiences of Syrian Adult and Youth Refuges in Newfoundland and Labrador”</li> <li>• <b>Anyck Dauphin</b> (Professor, Université du Québec en Outaouais): “Linguistic trajectories of Syrian refugees resettled in Gatineau, Quebec”</li> <li>• <b>Monika Thakur</b> (Assistant Professor, Algoma University): “Lived Experiences of Refugee Communities in Northern Ontario”</li> <li>• <b>Blair Cullen</b> (PhD candidate; Trent University): “Welcoming communities, Local Immigration Partnerships and municipalities: Where do non-traditional stakeholders in non-traditional settlement destinations fit in a new immigrant settlement landscape?”</li> <li>• <b>Rana Telfah</b> (PhD candidate, University of Guelph): “I am a princess who moves around a lot: Syrian refugee women and the shifting roles and responsibilities of settlement”</li> <li>• <b>Ame Khin May-Kyawt</b> (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of British Columbia): “Multiculturalism and refugee experiences of integration &amp; resettlement: Contradictions and challenges”</li> </ul> |
| <p>15:30-<br/>16:00</p>                | <p><i>Coffee Break 3</i></p>                                |  |  |



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| 16:00-17:00<br>(60 min.) | <p><b>Roundtable Session 1:</b><br/><i>Suggested theme:</i> Local integration policies and practices</p>            | <p><b>Discussion Question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What key factors (i.e. party politics, public opinion, radical right, socio-economic, demographic, civil society mobilization) influence local integration policymaking? To what extent do local government, civil society and private organizations contribute to migrant integration?</li> <li>• To what extent does local community size influence the decision-making process behind migrant integration?</li> </ul> <p><b>Format:</b> 2 questions for each participant, around 5' for each answer, followed by Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Canada team</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Birgit Glorius</b> (Professor, University of Chemnitz)</li> <li>• <b>Michael Jones-Correa</b> (Professor, University of Pennsylvania)</li> <li>• <b>Raïs Kibonge</b> (Deputy Mayor of Sherbrooke QC)</li> <li>• <b>Tony Fang</b> (Professor and Chair of Political Science, Memorial University, NFL)</li> <li>• <b>Leigha Horsfield</b> (Executive Director, Community Future, Vernon, B.C.)</li> </ul> |
| 17:30                    | <p>Networking Dinner at <b>Wild Chicory Restaurant</b> (525 Mt Pleasant Rd)<br/>Transportation will be provided</p> |  |  |



**DAY 2 (Thursday, April 27, 2023)**

| Time                     | Activity   | Description   |   |
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| 9:00 – 9:15<br>(15 min.) | <i>Coffee Break 1</i>                                    |   |   |
| 9:15- 10:45<br>(90 min.) | <b>Presentation of Whole-COMM findings:</b><br>Session 2 | <b>Format:</b> 15 minutes presentations with discussants, Q&A<br><br><b>Chair:</b> Birgit Glorius | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tiziana Caponio</b> (Associate Professor, Collegio Carlo Alberto and University of Turin): “Neither multilevel governance nor battleground. Understanding/Making sense of the politics of refugees’ integration governance in small localities in Europe”</li> <li>• <b>Andrea Pettrachin</b> (Postdoctoral Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto): “Understanding (the failure of) policy diffusion in integration policy in small European localities: a network-centred perspective”</li> <li>• <b>Måns Lundstedt</b> (Researcher, Malmö University) – “Local divergences in a state-centred framework: local integration policy in Sweden after the “refugee crisis””</li> <li>• <b>Elina Jonitz</b> (PhD candidate, Erasmus University Rotterdam): “Is there a battle on the ground? Negotiating local migration governance in small towns in the Netherlands”</li> <li>• <b>Michael Jones-Correa</b> (University of Pennsylvania and member of the Whole-COMM Advisory Board); <b>Abigail Fisher Williamson</b> (Associate Professor; Trinity College Hartford, CN):Discussants</li> </ul> |



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|                        |   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>   |
| 10:45–11:00 (15 min.)  | <i>Break</i>  |   |   |
| 11:00-12:15 (75 min.)  | <b>Policymaker, CSO and City Network Panel 2</b>        | <p>This panel invites Canadian policymakers, CSO and City Network representatives to give a brief presentation on integration dynamics in their communities.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Willem Maas</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mohini Singh</b> (City Councillor; Kelowna, B.C.)</li> <li>• <b>Shelley Campagnola</b> (Executive Director; COMPASS Refugee Centre; Kitchener-Waterloo, ON)</li> <li>• <b>Monica Abdelkadir</b> (Director of Settlement/Resettlement; Association for New Canadians; NFL)</li> <li>• <b>Leigha Horsfield</b> (Executive Director; Community Future B.C.)</li> <li>• <b>Kasie Foulk</b> (Planning and Research Specialist; City of Jamestown, NY)</li> </ul>   |
| 12:15-13:15 (60 min.)  | <i>Lunch</i>  |   |   |
| 13:15–15:00 (105 min.) | <b>Academic Paper Panel Presentations:</b><br>Session 2 | <p>This session will offer Canadian and Whole-COMM researchers working on academic papers on integration in SMsTRAs the opportunity to present their findings and receive feedback from policymakers and academic peers.</p> <p><b>Panel of academics:</b> 8 minute paper presentations and 20 minute question period</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Kathryn Barber</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gabriela Novotna</b> (Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, University of Regina): “In Search for Inclusion and Recognition: Immigrant Experiences in the Search for Professional Employment in Durham Region, Ontario”</li> <li>• <b>Carlos Teixeira</b> (Professor, UBC Okanagan): “Settling in a Mid-size City in the Interior of British Columbia: A Case Study of Recent Immigrants Housing Experiences in Kelowna (Central Okanagan)”</li> <li>• <b>Natalya Brown</b> (Associate Professor, Nipissing University): “Cricket in the North: The Impact of Sports Participation and Sponsorship on Immigrant Social Inclusion and Fostering Welcoming Communities”</li> <li>• <b>Melissa Kelly</b> (Senior Research Associate, Toronto Metropolitan University): “<i>How is Settlement and Integration Different in Rural Areas? Evidence from the Canadian Prairies</i>”</li> </ul> |



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|                       |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bree Akesson</b> (Associate Professor) and <b>Karen Frensch</b> (Research Manager, Wilfred Laurier University): “Socio-spatial initiatives to foster belonging among refugee families resettled in Canada”</li> <li>• <b>Shirin Khayambashi</b> (Assistant Professor, Brandon University): “The immigrant experience in Brandon, Manitoba: Challenges of Settlement in small towns and Rural Region in Canadian Prairies”</li> <li>• <b>Sohail Shahidnia</b> (PhD candidate, Toronto Metropolitan University): “Explorative Strategies in Retention of International Students in Northern Cities: A Comparative Study of Greater Sudbury and North Bay”</li> </ul> |
| 15:00-15:30 (30 min.) | <i>Coffee Break 2</i>  |  |  |
| 15:30-16:30 (60 min.) | <p><b>Roundtable Session 2:</b><br/><i>Suggested theme:</i><br/>Multilevel governance and political dynamics</p> | <p><b>Discussion Question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can local governments and civil society actors contribute to the shaping of immigrant integration policies that take local realities into consideration? How much leeway and discretion do actors have in developing specific integration tasks that respond to local necessities?</li> <li>• Are there any best practices of intergovernmental</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tiziana Caponio</b> (Associate Professor, Collegio Carlo Alberto and University of Turin)</li> <li>• <b>Abigail Williamson</b> (Associate Professor; Trinity College Hartford, CN)</li> <li>• <b>Blair Cullen</b> (PhD candidate; Trent University)</li> <li>• <b>Shelley Campagnola</b> (Executive Director; COMPASS Refugee Centre; Kitchener-Waterloo, ON)</li> <li>• <b>Kathy Vassilakos</b> (Former City Councillor; Stratford, ON)</li> </ul>  |



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|                         |                        | <p>coordination you are aware of in your country/region/province? What are in your view the challenges for intergovernmental coordination (local, regional and national) regarding migrant integration?</p> <p><b>Format:</b> 2 questions for each participant, around 5' for each answer, followed by Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Canada team</p> |   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 (30 min.) | <b>Closing remarks</b> |   | Willem Maas, Maissaa Almustafa and Kathryn Barber |



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