



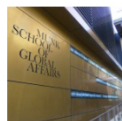
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## 10TH ANNUAL ETHNIC AND PLURALISM STUDIES GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE: SUMMARY AND PHOTOS

10TH ANNUAL EPS GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE JANUARY 26-27, 2017: SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EVENT

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Our 10th Annual Graduate Research Conference was held on January 26 and 27, 2017 at the Munk School of Global Affairs (Observatory Site, 315 Bloor Street West).

We listened to 23 presenters for the scheduled 7 thematic sessions and were particularly pleased to welcome three overseas participants (from Germany, Brazil and Sudan). With a keynote lecture on Day 1 and a special alumni session on Day 2, this was indeed a memorable event worthy of our tenth anniversary. We would like to thank all of the participants, presenters, speakers, discussants, session chairs, and of course, our student conference committee.

Here are some details and photos from the conference (click to enlarge photos).

Thursday January 26, 2017  
 9:00-9:05am Opening remarks  
 9:05-10:35am Session 1 "Nationalism and Representation"



Discussant: Prof. Robert Austin (History, University of Toronto)  
 Chair: Joanna Cotarela (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program)  
 Duygu Gul Kaya (York University, Sociology, PhD program): *Diaspora and Memory Practices: Remembering the Armenian Genocide in Canada*  
 Cristina Stoica (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program): *A Case Study of the Szekely Community in Transylvania: Will Self-determination Result in Territorial Autonomy?*  
 Brittany Witham (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program): *Ultranationalists in European Parliament: The Case of Jobbik*  
 Suzanne Van Geuns (University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion, PhD program): *Mirroring Multiculturalism: White Nationalist Religious Remembrance*

10:40am-12:00pm Session 2 "Religion and Integration"



Discussant: Dr. Jing Shen (Sociology, MZES, University of Mannheim)  
 Chair: Helen Mo (University of Toronto, Study of Religion, PhD program)  
 Beesan Sarrouh (Queen's University, Political Studies, PhD program): *Accommodating Muslim Minorities in Secular Societies: Public Education in England, Scotland, Ontario, and Quebec*  
 André Paes (Methodist University of Sao Paulo – Brazil, Religious Studies, PhD program): *Brazilian Diaspora and Brazilian Baptist Churches in Greater Toronto Area*  
 Lucy El-Sherif (University of Toronto, OISE, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, PhD program): *Unpacking Islamo-racism scholarship in Canada*

1:00-3:00pm Keynote lecture "Reflections on Belonging and Inclusion" (see details below)

3:10-4:40pm Session 3 "Temporary Workers and Precarious Labor"



Discussant: Prof. Luin Golding (Sociology, York University)  
 Chair: Dirk Rodricks (University of Toronto, CTL, OISE, PhD program)  
 Paul Pritchard (University of Toronto, Sociology, PhD program): *A Bifurcated Welcome? Examining the Willingness to 'Include' Seasonal Agricultural Workers in the Host Community*  
 Hadelzein, Elbeid (Sudan University for Science and Technology, Centre for Peace Studies and Culture of Peace, PhD program): *The context of migrant labor in Sudan: the case of domestic workers*  
 Georgette Morris (York University, Public Policy Administration & Law, MA program): *Live in Caregiver program: The Jamaican Canadian Experience 1973*

Friday January 27, 2017  
 9:00-10:45 am Session 4 "Human Capital and Economic Integration"



Discussant: Prof. Valerie Preston (Geography, York University)  
 Chair: Prof. Jeffrey Reid (Hanson Donovan Director, Munk School of Global Affairs)

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Many of our faculty, students, and staff are online engaging in a vibrant discussion on ethnic, immigration, and pluralism studies. Join the conversation!

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Rochelle Wijesingha (McMaster University, Sociology, PhD program): *Human Capital or Cultural Taxation: What Accounts for Differences in Tenure and Promotion of Racialized and Female Faculty?*  
 Justin Kong (University of Toronto, Sociology, MA program): *The Ethnic Economy and Labour Movement Renewal*  
 Sasha Grondahl (University of Toronto, SPPG, MPP program): *"Stranded Human Capital": Foreign Qualification Recognition for Immigrant Physicians in Canada*  
 Alexandra Pileggi (University of Toronto, SPPG, MPP program): *The High-Skill Problem: A Review of Best Practices for Foreign Credential Assessment in OECD Countries and Implications for Canada*  
 Nora Warrach (University of Cologne, Germany, Cultural sociology, PhD program): *"Emancipated" transmigrants? Biographies and transnational spaces of women in Germany and Turkey*

#### 10:50am-12:10pm Session 5 "Multiculturalism and Social Support"



Discussant: Prof. Irene Boeckmann (Sociology, University of Toronto)  
 Chair: Sasha Grondahl (University of Toronto, SPPG, MPP program)  
 Rachel Peters (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program): *How "How" Matters: Swedish and German family benefits and their effects on immigrant child poverty*  
 Dulani Suraweera (University of Toronto, OISE, Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, PhD program): *Understanding the Hegemonic Constructions of ESL Education through an Awareness of Power, Privilege and Intersectionality*  
 Johanne Jean-Pierre (Dalhousie University, School of Social Work, Post-Doctoral Fellowship): *Conceptualizing culturally responsive and community driven alternative disciplinary interventions*

#### 1:00-2:00pm Session 6 "Counter-radicalization and Policy"



Discussant: Prof. Ron Levi (Dir. Master of Global Affairs, University of Toronto)  
 Chair: Lucy El-Sherif (University of Toronto, CTL, OISE, PhD program)  
 Hadeer Shaheen (University of Toronto, SPPG, MPP program): *A Critical Analysis of Community-Based Responses to Counter-Terrorism in Canada*  
 Joanna Cofarlea (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program): *Homegrown Solutions to Homegrown Terror: A Comparison of Three European Counter Radicalization Programs*

#### 2:05-3:35pm Session 7 "International Crisis and Response"



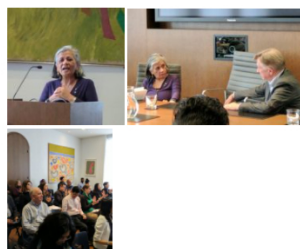
Discussant: Prof. Rachel Silvey (Geography, University of Toronto)  
 Chair: Siobhan Kirkland (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program)  
 Yasmin Khan (University of Toronto, Geography, PhD program): *The Enemy Refugee and Food Insecurity: The Rohingya in Myanmar*  
 Marko Kljajic (University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs, MGA program): *Letter From 2020: Explaining Rescuers in Bosnia-Herzegovina*  
 Man Xu (University of Toronto, Sociology, PhD program): *Covering Syrian Refugee Crisis – Immigration Discourses and the Politics of National Belonging*

#### 3:40-5:00pm Special session "The Fire Next Door: The 1967 Detroit Uprising in the Canadian Imagination" (see details below)

#### 5:00-6:30pm Reception (Library)



Keynote lecture: "Reflections on Belonging and Inclusion"  
 January 26, 2017 1:00-3:00pm (Munk School of Global Affairs, Observatory Site, Boardroom)



Keynote speaker: The Honourable Ratna Omidvar, C.M., O. Ont., Senator, The Senate of Canada, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Global Diversity Exchange (GDX) at the Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University



Ratna Omidvar is an internationally recognized expert on migration, diversity and inclusion. In April 2016, Prime Minister Trudeau appointed Ratna to the Senate of Canada as an independent Senator representing Ontario.

Ratna is the founding Executive Director and currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Global Diversity Exchange (GDX), Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University. GDX is a think-and-do tank on diversity, migration and inclusion that connects local experience and ideas with global networks.

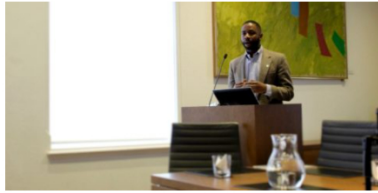
Ratna is a director at the Environics Institute, and Samara. She is the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council's Chair Emerita and was formerly the Chair of Lifeline Syria.

Ratna is co-author of *Flight and Freedom: Stories of Escape to Canada* (2015), an Open Book Toronto best book of 2015 and one of the Toronto Star's top five good reads from Word on the Street.

Ratna was appointed to the Order of Ontario in 2005 and became a Member of the Order of Canada in 2011, with both honours recognizing her advocacy work on behalf of immigrants and devotion to reducing inequality in Canada. In 2014, Ratna received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in recognition of her contribution to the advancement of German-Canadian relations.

Special Session "The Fire Next Door: The 1967 Detroit Uprising in the Canadian Imagination"  
 January 27, 2017 3:40-5:00pm (Munk School of Global Affairs, Observatory Site, Boardroom)

To read our summary on this event, please [visit this page](#).



This special session took place on the second day of the R.F. Harney 10th Annual Graduate Research Conference in Ethnic and Pluralism Studies (January 26-27, 2017), featuring Harney Program alumni Wendell Adjeteley. The presentation aimed to illuminate Canadians' perceptions and fears of U.S. racial violence.

Wendell Nii Laryea Adjeteley is a doctoral candidate in the Departments of History and African American Studies at Yale University, where he holds numerous awards and prizes, including the Falk Foundation, Felix G. Evangelist, and Douglass R. Bomeisler Fellowships. He is writing a dissertation on twentieth-century black activism and freedom linkages between Canada and the United States. Wendell is a Trudeau Scholar and a SSHRC Doctoral Fellow. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toronto.

Discussants: Prof. Akwasi Owusu-Bempah (Sociology, University of Toronto), and Prof. Ian Radforth (History, University of Toronto)



For this special anniversary event, we established a new award to recognize the best papers presented during the conference. Two winners were selected by the Harney Program Director for the 'R.F. Harney Award for Outstanding Conference Paper' and each received a certificate and a cheque for \$200.

Please see the Director's comments on the two recipients, Paul Pritchard and Beesan Sarrouh [here](#).

We also have special feature on the two recipients [here](#)



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