

February 6, 2018

11TH ANNUAL ETHNIC AND PLURALISM STUDIES GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE: SUMMARY AND PHOTOS



The 11th Annual Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Graduate Research Conference was held on January 25-26, 2018 at the Munk School of Global Affairs, Trinity Site (1 Devonshire Place). 18 papers were presented in 7 sessions over those two days, with a keynote lecture by Professor Nancy Foner on the first day.

We would like to thank this year's organizing committee, comprised of student from our Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Collaborative Graduate Specialization: Delaney Campbell (Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work), Joanna Cotarlea (CERES), Sasha Gronsdahl (SPPG), Silviu Kondan (CERES), Alexandra Pileggi (SPPG), Lucinda Yae-Rim Ro (SJE/OISE), Robyn Smith (Faculty of Exercise Science), and Verena Tan (SJE/OISE).

One of the unique aspects of our conference is the presence of faculty discussants, who take the time to read and prepare comments for all of the papers in their session, thus providing invaluable feedback and adding depth to the discussion. We would like thank, in order of session, the following scholars who served as discussants: Professor Phil Triadafilopoulos (Political Science, University of Toronto), Professor Hae-Yon Choo (Sociology, University of Toronto), Professor Matthew Light (Criminology and Sociological Studies, University of Toronto), Professor Christopher Kyriakides (Sociology, York University) Professor Ellen Berrey (Sociology, University of Toronto) and Dr. Beesan Sarrouh (School of Public Policy, University of Toronto).

Here are some photos from the conference. For more details about each presentation please refer to the [List of Abstracts](#).



We also announced the two recipients of our "Outstanding Conference Award", please see special feature here.

DAY ONE: THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2018 (ROOM 208N)

9:05-10:40 SESSION 1 TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS



Discussant: Prof. Phil Triadafilopoulos (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science)
 Chair: Verena Tan (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE)

Silviu Kondan (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, MA program)

Nationalizing Minorities: The Politicization of Minority Policies in the Carpathian Basin

Nidhi Panwar (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, PhD program)

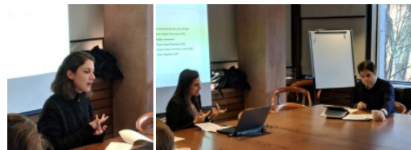
Homegrown Islamic Terrorism: A Case Study of India

Jason VandenBeukel (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, PhD program)

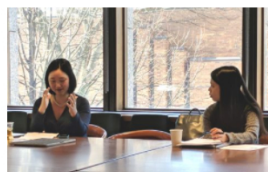
Beyond the Water's Edge: Diasporas, Party Politics, and Foreign Policy Creation in Canada

Selin Kepenek (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, MA program)

Voting from Abroad: Understanding Turkish Immigrants' Votes



10:50-12:00 SESSION 2 LABOUR MIGRATION POLICY (IES)



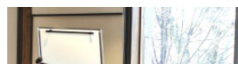
Discussant: Prof. Hae Yeon Choo (University of Toronto, Department of Sociology)
 Chair: Joanna Cotarlea (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies)

Wing Yeung Vivian Leung (University of Toronto, Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, PhD program)

Contemporary Parent Sponsorship Policies in Canada, Australia and the United States: The Unwelcomed Elderly Parents

Wei Si Nicole Yiu (University of Toronto, Department of Human Geography, PhD program)

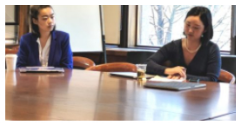
Queering Migrant Domestic Workers' Gathering Spaces



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12:50-14:00 SESSION 3 COMPARATIVE INDIGENOUS POLICY & EXPERIENCES



Discussant: Prof. Jeffrey Reitz (Harney Program Director, Munk School of Global Affairs)
Chair: Wing Yeung Vivian Leung (University of Toronto, Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work)

Brittany Witham (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, MA program)
Ethnicity in Healthcare Provision: Lessons from Sweden to Emulate and Avoid in Canadian Policy
Nicole Winger (University of Toronto, School of Public Policy and Governance, MPP program)
Canadian Indigenous Comprehensive Land Claims: A Comparative Analysis



14:30-16:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE (MUNK SCHOOL OBSERVATORY SITE BOARDROOM, 315 BLOOR STREET WEST)

Nancy Foner (Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York)
Racism in an Era of Mass Migration: Black Migrants in Europe and the United States



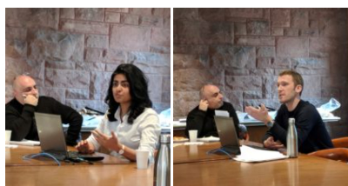
DAY TWO: FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2018 (ROOM 108N)

9:00-10:20 SESSION 4 RACIALIZATION IN POLICING AND THE MILITARY



Discussant: Prof. Matthew Light (University of Toronto, Centre for Criminology and Sociological Studies)
Chair: Prof. Jeffrey Reitz (Harney Program Director, Munk School of Global Affairs)
Lucinda Yae-Rim Ro (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE, M.Ed. program)
Cost of Patriotism: National Identity Formation and Integration: Race, Ethnicity and Militarism in U.S. and Canada
Verena Tan (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE, M.Ed. program)
Belonging and the Criminalization of Immigrant Youth
Terhas Ghebretcle (University of Toronto, School of Public Policy and Governance, MPP program)
Carding Practices and Racialization in Canada: Advancing the Policy Debate

10:30-11:45 SESSION 5 REFUGEE INTEGRATION



Discussant: Prof. Christopher Kyriakides (York University, Department of Sociology)
Chair: Robyn Smith (University of Toronto, Faculty of Exercise Sciences)

Aeliya Salman (York University, Faculty of Education, M.Ed. program)
Hunger Makes Us: An Exploration of Refugee Commensal Projects in the Greater Toronto Area
John Walker (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, MSW program)
School-based Syrian Refugees in Canada: mitigating the effect of non-migration trauma and discrimination on academic outcomes and neurobiological well-being

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13:00-14:15 SESSION 6 ETHNIC IDENTITY & SOCIO-CULTURAL INTEGRATION



Discussant: Prof. Ellen Berrey (University of Toronto, Department of Sociology)
Chair: Joanna Cotarela (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies)

Shannon Clarke (City, University of London, Department of International Politics, MA program)
The (Un)Making of Bimshire and the Black Englishman: Decolonisation and the Barbadian Diaspora in Britain
Fifty Years After Independence
Robyn Smith (University of Toronto, Faculty of Exercise Sciences, MSc program)
Assimilationist Narratives, Settlement policy, and Resilience: Immigrant Youth Settlement in Toronto
Viveka Ichikawa (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, MSW program)
Explicit School Rules and Implicit Work Place Expectations: How common sense is established and alienates



14:25-15:35 SESSION 7 GENDER AND ISLAM



Discussant: Dr. Beesam Sarrouh (University of Toronto, School of Public Policy and Governance)
Chair: Lucinda Yae-Rim Ro (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE)



Joanna Cotarela (University of Toronto, CERES, MA program)
Twisted Feminism: Motivations behind Western European Female Migration to ISIS
Nida Ali (York University, School of Social Work, MSW program)
Bill 62 (a.k.a. "The Veil Ban"): An Act To Foster Adherence to State Religious Neutrality?



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