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13TH ANNUAL ETHNIC AND PLURALISM STUDIES GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE: SUMMARY

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HIGH QUALITY OF GRADUATE STUDENT PAPERS FOR 2020 EVENT

The 13th Annual Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Graduate Research Conference was held on January 30 & 31, 2020, and was noteworthy for the high quality of the papers presented. 15 presentations, sorted into 5 sessions took place in Room 108N of the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, Trinity Site.

This year's student organizing committee was composed of David Howarth and Yu-Chen Chen from CERES, Adiba Hasan and Fatemah Ebrahim from MGA, and Lynda Chubak from the Department of Anthropology. The committee members set the conference program and each chaired one of the sessions during the two-day event.

Each presenter had 15 minutes to give their talk, and at the conclusion of all presentations, the faculty discussant was asked to comment on each paper. The presenters were then given the opportunity to respond to the comments, after which the session chair opened the floor for questions. All five sessions were very well attended, and discussions often continued over lunch and coffee breaks.

Faculty discussants were asked to nominate papers for the "Outstanding Conference Paper" awards, and this year's award recipients will be announced in a separate feature.

DAY ONE



R.F. Harney Program Director Jeffrey Reitz gave his opening remarks, and the conference started with Session 1 "Canadian Urban Integration".

Discussant: Claudia Diehl, DAAD Visiting Professor, Munk School (Sociology, University of Konstanz)
 Chair: David Howarth (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies)
 Coly Chau (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE, MEd program)
Tracing the "world traveller": disrupting narratives of Asian immigrant women spa workers in Toronto
 Tahmid Rouf (York University, Department of Geography, PhD program)
Toronto's Bangla Town and the Employment and Educational Experiences of Bangladeshi-Canadian Youth
 Christa Sato (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, PhD program)
Canadian-born Filipino Men and their Motivations to Attend University

The second session had "Borders" as its theme, and the faculty discussant was Julie MacArthur (Historical Studies, UTM).

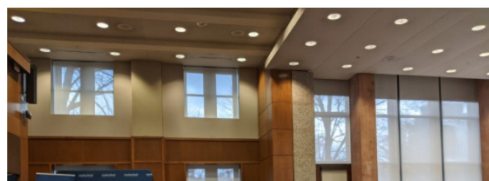
Chair: Lynda Chubak (University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology)
 Nidhi Panwar (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, PhD program)
The Killing of a Militant: Political Narratives in Kashmir and India
 Alicia Poole (McGill University, Department of Sociology, PhD program)
Migration as Conflict Risk-Management: A Case Study of Migration from Iraq to Canada
 Yu-Chen Chen (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, MA program)
Extreme Assimilation Policy in Xinjiang and Its Consequences: A Critical Review of White Papers in China (1991-2019)

The participants then moved to the adjacent Campbell Conference Facility for the keynote lecture by David FitzGerald (University of California San Diego) entitled "Refuge beyond Reach: How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers".

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**Refuge beyond Reach:
 How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers**
 January 30, 2020 2-4pm
 Campbell Conference Facility,
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 (1 Devonshire Place, University of Toronto)



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DAY TWO

We started the second day with Session 3 "Health", with faculty discussant Daniyal Zuberi (RBC Chair and Professor of Social Policy, Munk School, and Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto). The session was chaired by Yu-Chen Chen (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies) .



Cansu E. Dedeoglu (University of Toronto, Faculty of Information, PhD program)
Health Information-Seeking Behaviour Among International Graduate Students in Toronto: A Pilot Study
 Shen (Lanson) Lin (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, PhD program)
Racial inequities in late-life mental health burden: the prevalence of depression, distress, PTSD, anxiety and mood disorders among ethnic minority immigrants from the Canadian longitudinal study on ageing
 Yu Lung (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, PhD program)
Migration, Aging, and Place-Making: Affordable Housing Challenges among Immigrant Older People in Canada
 Hibah Sidat (University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE, MA program)
Investigating the Mental Health Impacts of Gendered Islamophobic Violence on Canadian Muslim Women and Responses from Mental Health Frontline Workers

Matthew Light (Center for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies, University of Toronto) was the discussant for Session 4 "Segregation/Incarceration". Fatemah Ebrahim (University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy) chaired the session.



Yusuf Bulbulia (University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, MA program)
Exceptionally Unjust: The Root Causes and Consequences of Disproportionate Mass Incarceration In the United States
 David Howarth (University of Toronto, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, MA program)
Housing Segregation and the Roma in Portugal: Rethinking Urban Exclusions to Chart the Way Forward
 Daniela Marciano (University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, MPP program)
Reconceptualizing the Canadian Criminal Justice System: The Over-Segregation of Indigenous Inmates in Federal and Provincial Correctional Facilities
 Jane Sanders (University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, PhD program)
"You Can Tell When Somebody is Scared of You": Barriers to Connection for Students Who Have Been Suspended or Expelled

The last session of the conference was on "Representation", with faculty discussant Phil Triadafilopoulos (Political Science, University of Toronto) and session chair Adiba Hasan (University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy).
 Lynda Chubak (University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, PhD program)
From defeat to re-ignition: Tracing Toronto's permanent resident voting rights campaign
 Fatemah Ebrahim (University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, MPP program)
Framing, Public Opinion, and Immigrant Integration in Canada
 Shervin Ghaem-Maghami (University of Toronto, Department of Geography and Planning, PhD program)
Factors impacting immigrants' candidacy and election for local government positions: A scoping review



We would like to thank all faculty discussants, graduate students, as well as those who participated in the discussion, and made this a very successful conference. See you next year!

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