

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2023**

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## MAIN THEME

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN WORLD MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN THE CONTINUOUS ERA OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS AND POST COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

If you are interested in presenting a paper, workshop, panel discussion or poster presentation at this conference, please submit:

1. a maximum 250-word abstract of your paper, workshop or panel proposal, please specify sub-theme.
2. a biography of yourself and other authors (maximum 10 lines) in Word format to:

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# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STRANGERS IN NEW HOMELANDS CONFERENCE 2023



After three years of hibernation due to the COVID pandemic, we are pleased to announce that we are resuming the Strangers in New Homelands International Conference. We are now accepting proposals for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Migration and Settlement Conference, **Strangers in New Homelands**.

The many global disruptions associated with the raging COVID-19 pandemic, and current armed conflicts around the world have completely altered the global migration landscape. In most cases, refugee activity such as the ones from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Syria have increased, resulting in uneven welcoming and reception from host countries. Regular migration, including international student movements, have been severely restricted as many countries grapple with controlling the spread of the pandemic within their national borders. In some cases, these nations are simply using the pandemic as an excuse to increase restrictions to current migration and refugee activity. Refugee sponsorships have arrived to a virtual halt as national governments and private sponsors focus their attention on the dangers associated with shifting communities in their various locations. In the midst of policy changes and challenges, the future of migration, settlement and integration of migrants, refugees and other international student movements look bleak and uncertain.

Workshops and presentations for the conference may be developed, and presented around the main theme and/or any of the following sub-themes. This includes policy changes, research and practices related to the challenges and opportunities faced by various new coming population groups, and settlement practitioners and researchers.

### Sub-themes:

1. Contributors, not parasites: Highlighting the positive contributions of immigrants to their new homelands
2. Impact of continuous armed conflicts on the world refugee situation
3. Uneven reception and treatment of refugees from various armed conflicts by Western host nations
4. Refugees in transition, and challenges for asylum-seeking in host/receiving societies
5. Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Newcomers with precarious immigration status, including new asylum seekers, non-removed persons, and temporary foreign workers
6. Transition of newcomer youth into the educational systems in host societies
7. Impact of armed conflicts and the COVID-19 Pandemic on the world's food supply chain, and their impact on vulnerable population groups
8. Emergence of multiple forms of white supremacy towards racial minority groups in western societies.
9. Lessons learned, challenges and opportunities on the way forward for agencies in the reception and settlement of displaced persons from conflict zones and post-COVID services

Conference presentations and discussions will also be informed by resiliency of vulnerable population groups, in the face of current trying conditions, including, but not limited to the raging armed conflicts, the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictive policy changes in many newcomer receiving societies. In addition, academic research and practice in the migration field and the training of educators, settlement workers, health, and social service providers have largely focused on the challenges, risks and vulnerabilities of immigrant and refugee populations (i.e., emotional trauma and lack of official language proficiency.) However, these processes often happen without the recognition of the strength, resiliency, or the unequal social structures in which vulnerable populations are expected to integrate.

The 2023 Strangers in New Homelands International conference will acknowledge the realities of hardships and trauma experienced by these population groups, and the multiple structural barriers they face in their new homelands. It will also address their agency and capacity to navigate their way to accomplish their resettlement goals, and succeed in their new homelands.

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