

# 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STRANGERS IN NEW HOMELANDS CONFERENCE 2018

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

October 31 - November 2, 2018  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

### **Main Theme: Assisting Vulnerable Migrant Population Groups to Succeed Amid Insurmountable Barriers in Receiving Societies**

Multicultural receiving countries usually assist in the integration of immigrants and refugees by removing most barriers to their participation in their new homeland, often leading to positive outcomes and a stronger sense of belonging in the long run. For example, the children of immigrants have better educational outcomes in Canada than in any other Western society with many outperforming the children of non-immigrant parents. However, some migrants face additional challenges shaped by systemic inequities, particularly with regard to their lack of access to resources and decision-making processes that inevitably have a negative impact on their lives. As a result, this population is more vulnerable to poor educational, health, and social processes.

Our 2018 Strangers in New Homelands conference will focus on improving outcomes for vulnerable migrant populations in Canada, United States, Europe, and other receiving societies where they face additional integration barriers. Specifically, presentations and workshops will examine how being a migrants interacts with potential oppressions and markers of identity such as race, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, age, religion, language, and socioeconomic status.

Workshops and presentations for the 2018 conference may also be developed and presented around any of the following sub-themes, which will include research and practice related to the challenges and opportunities faced by the following immigrant populations:

- Racialized populations
- Refugees
- Newcomers with precarious immigration status including asylum seekers, non-removed persons, and temporary foreign workers
- Women
- Religious minorities
- Children and youth
- Seniors
- Populations living with disabilities
- LGBTQ populations
- Relations between Indigenous and migrant populations

Conference presentations and discussions will also be informed by resiliency. Academic research and practice in the migration field and the training of educators, settlement workers, health, and social service providers has largely focused on the challenges, risks and vulnerabilities of immigrant and refugee populations such as trauma and lack of official language proficiency.

However, this process often happens without recognition of their strengths, resiliency, or the unequal social structures in which they are expected to integrate. In this regard, the conference will acknowledge the realities of hardship and trauma experienced by these population groups and the multiple structural barriers they face in their new homelands. It will equally address their agency and capacity to navigating their way to accomplish resettlement their goals to succeed in their new homelands.

#### **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
2. a biographic description of yourself and other authors (maximum 10 lines) in Word format to:

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