

12TH ANNUAL STRANGERS IN NEW HOMELANDS CONFERENCE 2019

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

October 30 - November 1, 2019
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

MIGRANT RIGHTS AND REFUGEE RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

We are accepting proposals for the 12th Annual Strangers in New Homeland Conference. The deadline to submit is June 30, 2019. This year's theme will highlight migrant rights.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948, is a statement of the basic rights and fundamental freedoms owed to all human beings. As a declaration, it does not have binding force, but it is internationally-recognized as a cornerstone of human rights protection. Within this context, all human beings, who move from one country to another, either voluntarily or forced, should be accorded and allowed to enjoy these universally-accepted fundamental freedoms. The pace of forced migration has increased over the past decade, and as a result, nation-states, especially Western societies have continued to erect barriers or adopt policies and laws that make the entry and settlement of migrants more difficult. United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, observes for example that, "the human rights agenda out of which UNHCR was born, and on which we depend, is increasingly coming under strain.

The global economic crisis brought with it a populist wave of anti-foreigner sentiment, albeit often couched in terms of national sovereignty and national security." Maltreatment and abuse of asylum claimants and refugees as they attempt to enter western societies are on the rise. Children have been separated from their parents/care-givers at ports of entry with little or no consideration of the fact that these are human beings with rights. Voluntary migrants, for their part, face challenges shaped by systemic inequities, and discrimination with regard to their lack of Canadian job experience, and non-recognition of their foreign educational credentials. This difficult environment highlights the need to prevent the economic crisis from becoming a protection crisis at the expense of immigrant and refugee rights.

The 12th edition of the Strangers in New Homelands Conference will focus on discussing and examining these dangerous trends of systematic human rights abuses meted out routinely to vulnerable population groups and how their life outcomes could be improved around the world. Specifically, presentations and workshops will examine how migrants interact 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 2019 conference may also be developed and presented around any of the following sub-themes, which will include research and practice related to human rights abuses and challenges routinely faced by these population groups:

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

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:

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
JUNE 30, 2019**

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