

METROPOLIS 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

The 13th National Metropolis Conference, “Bringing the World to Canada”, took place in Vancouver in March of this year and was attended by more than 1,100 participants from the policy-making, practitioner and research fields. Given the large distance from Ottawa, fewer government participants from the National Capital Region were able to participate in this conference than in previous years. In response, the Metropolis Secretariat will showcase plenary videos throughout the month of August to give policy-makers in Ottawa a chance to hear expert presentations from what was one of our most successful events to date.

The video presentations will be accompanied by guest speakers who will field questions and participate in the discussion following the presentations. All viewings will be held in the Citizenship and Immigration Videoconference Room located on the second floor of the Jean Edmonds South Tower at 365 Laurier West.

CHANGING GLOBAL DYNAMICS

Monday August 8, 2011 from 12:00 – 13:30

Chair: Howard Duncan

Guest Speaker: Robert McLeman (TBC)

This opening plenary considered key emerging trends in the area of migration. From Hania Zlotnik’s discussion on global future population projections to Khalid Koser’s argument for the global governance of migration (recently presented to CIC’s Departmental Management Committee), these presentations gave context and critical thought to central global issues relating to migration. On hand at the Monday showing will be Robert McLeman who will field questions relating to his presentation on the growing issue of climate induced migration and his argument that it is unlikely to lead to mass migration flows and its impacts will vary widely across regions in the world.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Global Governance of International Migration

Khalid Koser, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Climate Change and Migration

Robert McLeman, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa

Global Asylum Issues 2011: A Whirlwind Tour

Peter Showler, The Refugee Forum, University of Ottawa

Population Change and International Migration

Hania Zlotnik, United Nations Population Division

DIASPORA POLITICS

Tuesday August 16, 2011 from 12:00 – 13:30

Chair: Brett Kubicek (TBC)

Guest Speaker: David Carment (TBC)

Few areas relating to immigration are as contentious as those concerning diaspora politics, whereby concerns proliferate over their influence on domestic and international politics, on their role within their host societies, and even in the success of the diasporas themselves. These presentations explored the full spectrum of the diaspora issue with a sometimes heated debate between presenters who passionately and persuasively highlighted the positive contributions of diasporas versus David Carment's warning that diaspora politics are becoming *the* defining feature of Canadian foreign policy and that this is leading to a political "slippery slope" both at home and abroad.

PRESENTATIONS:

Somali Canadians: On Belonging and Connection

Rima Berns-McGown, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, University of Toronto

Diasporas and Canadian Foreign Policy

David Carment, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

Confronting Conflict, Engaging Diversity

John Monahan, Mosaic Institute

Radicalization and Recruitment in Minnesota

Steven Weine, Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago

BUILDING AN INTEGRATED SOCIETY

Monday August 29, 2011 from 12:00 – 13:30

Chair: Debra Tunis (TBC)

Guest Speaker: Annick Germain (TBC)

The question over what exactly constitutes an integrated society can be as difficult to qualify as the term itself. These plenary presentations tackle this issue from a range of angles including the role of diversity in integration, the role of religion and communities in building successful societies as well as the threat of growing anti-immigrant sentiment in Europe to the goal of creating cohesive societies there.

PRESENTATIONS:

A Backlash against Multiculturalism in Europe?

Jan Rath, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies

Building an Integrated Society

Claire Dwyer, Department of Geography, University College London

A More Diversified but Less Integrated Society?

Annick Germain, Institut national de la recherche scientifique (NRS)

Role of NGOs in Promoting an Integrated Society?

Patricia Woroch, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia