

Name of organizer: Michael C.K. Ma

Title of workshop: Immigrant Settlement Experience in Peterborough

Format of Workshop: Workshop

Name of co-organizer: Jane Ku

Organization: University of Windsor, Sociology and Anthropology/ Women's Studies

Name of first presenter: Hajni Hős

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Organisation: Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration & New Canadians
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Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable): *The Formation of Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration (PPCII): Work in Progress*

Name of second presenter: Jane Ku

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Organisation: University of Windsor, Sociology and Anthropology/ Women's Studies

Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable): *Immigrants Negotiating with the Neoliberal Multicultural Discourse in Peterborough*

Name of third presenter: Yvonne Lai

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Organisation: New Canadians Centre Peterborough & Peterborough Partnership Council on
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Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable): *A Qualitative Approach to Community Engagement of Immigrants*

Name of fourth presenter: Michael C.K. Ma

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Organisation: Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable): *Attacks on Asian Anglers: Incidents of Racism in Peterborough and the Kawarthas*

Name of fifth presenter: Cheryl Sutherland

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Organisation: Queen's University, Department of Geography

Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable): *Identifying Racism: Immigrant women negotiating public space in Peterborough, Ontario*

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Abstract

This workshop provides an overview of immigrant experience in Peterborough and local organizations' attempt to integrate newcomers. Each presenter offers their understanding of immigrant experience and its relation to popular and/or immigrant notions of settlement and integration. Policy and service implications will be drawn from their immigrant research and work.

Summary

The objective of the workshop is to provide an overview of immigrant experience in Peterborough and local organizations' attempt to integrate newcomers. Each presenter will present their understanding of immigrant experience and how it is related to popular and/or immigrant notions of immigrant settlement and integration, and draw policy and service implications from their research and work with immigrants. Our research and encounters with immigrants in Peterborough will be drawn upon to conceptualize immigrant integration (civic,

cultural, political, economic etc.). This workshop will also contextualize the discussion on the strengths and limitations of Peterborough as a community and city in welcoming and integrating immigrants. Immigrant capacity to integrate into the new society will be examined in this context. Immigrant experience and Peterborough's public culture and infrastructure are examined from the perspective of immigrants. Some papers may also consider Peterborough's relation to other cities and to national culture in integrating immigrants.

An examination of the specific experience of immigrant experience in Peterborough will allow the panel to explore the uniqueness and specificities of Peterborough and how they may affect immigrant experience. This exploration will facilitate policy making that takes local initiatives and experiences into account and contextualize in the larger provincial and national processes and interrelationships. In particular, this workshop will highlight immigrant perspective on integration to inform settlement policies, and to offer refinement of our conceptualization of immigrant integration.