

Name of organizer:	Martha Radice
Organization:	Dalhousie University, Department Of Sociology And Social Anthropology
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Title of workshop:	Home outside the home? Building inclusive public spaces (Un chez-nous au-delà du chez-soi? Bâtir des espaces publics inclusifs)
Format of workshop:	Presentation workshop (four 15-min presentations with discussant)
Theme:	Logement, vie de quartier et environnement
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Name of first presenter:	Gabrielle Desilets
Email address:	
Organisation:	The Australian National University
Title/Theme of presentation:	Valoriser la diversité ethnique et linguistique au sein de la communauté baha'ie de Montréal : une étude ethnographique
Name of second presenter:	Kathryn Khan
Email address:	
Organisation/Affiliation:	YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs, Halifax
Title/Theme of presentation:	Transforming the relationship between 'them' and 'us': Building inclusive space at the YMCA
Name of third presenter:	Cecilia Zhuang
Organisation/Affiliation:	Assistant Professor, School of Urban & Regional Planning, Ryerson University, Toronto
Email address:	
Title/Theme of presentation:	The Production and Consumption of Ethnic Retail Space: Case Studies in the GTA
Name of fourth presenter:	April Lindgren
Email address:	
Organisation:	Assistant Professor, School of Journalism, Ryerson University
Title/Theme of presentation:	Interpreting the city: Portrayals of the Greater Toronto Area in an ethnic newspaper (Ming Pao)
Name of fifth presenter:	Martha Radice
Email address:	
Organisation:	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Halifax; Research Affiliate of Atlantic Metropolis Centre
Title/Theme of presentation:	Can a place be cosmopolitan? Openness to the 'Other' in multiethnic neighbourhood commercial streets in Montréal
Discussant:	Jean Viel
Email address:	
Organisation/Affiliation:	Integration Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Ottawa.

Abstract

Looking beyond the issue of residential integration, what dynamics of interethnic relations are generated in public spaces in the city? We draw on studies of commercial spaces and religious and community organizations and media to explore how people from different backgrounds build inclusive public spaces, both by design and through everyday coexistence.

Summary

Much research on immigrant integration and interethnic relations is framed in terms of residential spaces (segregation or mixing in housing, relations with immediate neighbours). However, given the importance of everyday intra-urban mobility, public spaces in the city are equally crucial sites for establishing contact, interactions and relations between people of different ethnic backgrounds, and between immigrants and long-established residents. Such spaces include commercial streets and malls, places of worship, community associations, parks and leisure services, social service centres, arts events and festivals. What dynamics of interethnic relations are generated in these places? Do people consciously work at making them inclusive or welcoming to all? If so, who does that work and how? This workshop draws on case studies of (multi-)ethnic commercial spaces (Toronto, Auckland, Montréal) and multiethnic religious and community organizations and media (Halifax, Toronto, Montréal) to explore how people with different ethnic backgrounds and migration histories build inclusive public spaces. Our focus is on interethnic relations rather than the experiences of specific ethnic groups. The presentations show that inclusiveness can come about both by design, through sustained effort, and as a result of everyday coexistence in shared space. What are the conditions for inclusive public spaces? What are the challenges or barriers, especially in contexts where one group or identity – whether 'mainstream' or 'minority' – predominates? Taken together, these presentations raise the question of whether public spaces that are relatively 'freely chosen' (spaces for leisure, consumption, religion) generate distinct dynamics of interethnic interaction from those that are relatively

'compulsory' (e.g. schools, workplaces, health services). ***NB. Je peux fournir des traductions en français des résumés long et court et des titres des communications.***