

Invitation: 4. Integration CAN-D Workshop in Winnipeg

Dear colleagues,

We are very happy to be able to invite you to the fourth joint research workshop which will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba from March 16-18, 2020.

Together with the Canadian Erasmus+ Project, researchers from the University of Manitoba and supported by The Child and Youth Refugee Coalition (CYRRC), the project Integration CAN-D will organize a three-day workshop with two major topics: **“Participation in civil society – the roles of newcomers and the host society”** and **“Trauma – Mental health and Wellbeing”**:

- ✓ Migrant self-organization & volunteering of the host society
- ✓ Politization of civil society involvement
- ✓ Citizenship: Legal status, belonging and identity
- ✓ Trauma, mental health and wellbeing

Questions may include (but are not restricted to): (1) What are main trends that we can observe in civil society involvement regarding refugee aid and refugee settlement in Canada and Germany (e.g. who are the stakeholders involved etc.)? (2) How can this kind of involvement and participation in civil society be interpreted as a form of citizenship? (3) What connects and distinguishes the developments in civil society participation in Germany and Canada and what can both countries potentially learn from each other? (4) How can traumatized individuals and families be supported?

Regarding these topics and questions, we would like to invite you to share your projects, approaches, research results and experiences. We look forward to your contributions and ideas.

The objectives of the workshop:

- ✓ To provide a platform for exchange, brainstorming and joint working processes
- ✓ To identify and discuss good practices
- ✓ To bring Canadian and German researchers and perspectives together
- ✓ To develop research questions and comparative perspectives.

The workshop is designed for a total of 40 participants from both Canada and Germany. As the workshop is sponsored by the BMBF and the Erasmus+, Integration CAN-D is able to support the travel costs of up to 15 persons from Germany according to the BMBF funding guidelines (flight up to 1200 Euro and accommodation for four nights at 107 Euro each) and 5 persons from Canada. If you are interested in participating, please provide a short abstract (max. 1.500 characters including spaces) and **register by January 15, 2020** with muehlhaeusser@dipf.de .

Right after the joint research workshop, there will be also the chance to participate at the **22nd Metropolis Canada Conference** that will take place in Winnipeg from March 19-21. The Conference is the largest annual gathering of researchers, policy makers, and representatives from community and settlement organizations working in the field of immigration and settlement in Canada. You may find further information on the conference website:

<https://metropolisconference.ca/en/event/winnipeg-metropolis-conference/?view=Information>

We are looking forward to your registrations! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish you nice and relaxing holidays and a good start into the New Year!

Kind regards,

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