

Submitting Proposals for Workshops, Posters, and Individual Papers

The International Metropolis Conference creates a safe and rigorous intellectual space to discuss thoroughly how government, civil society and business have established policy and legislative regimes to protect migrants’ rights and maximize their socio-economic contributions. The 2019 Conference will explore the opportunities and challenges regarding the fulfillment of the “promise of migration” for the wellbeing of all involved, including migrants, host societies and sending communities. The Conference title is not an affirmation but an opportunity to pause and reflect. The discussions will be framed around plenaries and workshops, while integrating a wide range of cross-cutting policy themes.

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada and the International Metropolis Project invite the submission of proposals for workshops, individual papers, and posters for the 2019 International Metropolis Conference, which will take place at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa, Canada from June 24-28.

We welcome submissions in virtually all areas of migration and its management around the world, including economic migration, family reunification, refugees, citizenship, settlement and integration, and diversity. Proposals that address the overall conference theme or any of the plenary themes are especially welcome, as are those that approach these topics from an interdisciplinary and international comparative perspectives.

Please note that acceptable workshop proposals must satisfy these two basic criteria:

- cross-sectoral participation from at least two of the public policy, research (academia), and civil society sectors
- active participation from more than one country

Key Dates	
Deadline for submitting a proposal	February 15, 2019
Author notified of decision	March 08, 2019
Speaker registration	April 15, 2019
Deadline for submitting full presentations and photos of multimedia/research posters	May 15, 2019

As you decide on the topic of your workshop, individual paper, or poster, please consider the following:

Conference plenary themes

- Quest for Global Governance: Compacts and Sustainable Development Goals
- South-South Migration
- Non-state Actors and Migration
- Internally Displaced Persons
- The Economic Impact of Migration
- Strengthening Public Confidence in Migration
- Cities and Migration
- The Effects of Technology

Other topics of interest include:

- Return migration and reintegration
- Diasporas and transnationalism
- Migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons
- Migration health
- The role of migration consultants and brokers
- Migrant rights and nationalisms
- Multiculturalism and other integration approaches
- Education
- Social inclusion
- The migration-security nexus
- Climate change and migration
- Identity
- Gender, LGBTQ, and intersectionality
- Children and families
- Best practices – settlement, resettlement, admissibility

General requirements

- **All speakers/presenters will be required to register for the conference in order to ensure inclusion of abstract(s) in the final program and conference participation. Deadline for speakers to register is April 15.**
- **An abstract should contain sufficient information so that, as published in the conference program, it will offer a clear summary of the workshop/presentation/poster for conference participants.**
- **Submission provides consent to the publication of the abstract on the conference website and in any conference proceedings.**
- **Submissions can be made individually or co-authored.**

- **Abstracts can be written in English or in French and submitted in PDF format.**
- Tables or graphics should not be included.
- All formatting is preserved (italics, bold, superscripting, subscripting, and underlining) and symbol characters (i.e., \pm , μ , β) may be used.
- Abstracts must be free of typographical and grammatical errors.
- Standard abbreviations may be used for common terms only. Otherwise, any abbreviation should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the name in full is outlined in the body of the abstract.
- It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that details of the title, names and affiliation are correct and exactly as they should be published in all conference materials.
- Each abstract should be no more than 200 words, double spaced, 12 Times New Roman font type, with regular margins. The title should be short and catchy, alluding to the session content.
- Abstract documents should include:
 - Name of the author(s) and country(ies)
 - Affiliation(s)
 - Title of presentation
 - Type of presentation (workshop, individual paper, multimedia/research poster)
- All submissions must be sent to canada@internationalmetropolis2019.ca.

Workshop proposals

The conference workshops are a key forum for knowledge exchange and mobilization across sectors, disciplines, and borders.

- **Format possibilities:** panel discussions, roundtables or other interactive formats that allow ample opportunity for discussion and debate.
- **Duration:** 90 minutes per session; double sessions are available
- **Languages:** Workshops can be delivered in English or French
- **Speakers:** usually a maximum of 4 speakers (10-15 min. each) from a variety of sectors (e.g. NGO, academia, policy, corporate, community) and different countries. A higher number of speakers is not encouraged, unless they are part of a panel with shorter presentations.
- **Moderator/convener:** workshop proposals should identify a convener (usually the workshop organizer) who will be responsible for coordinating the workshop and for securing at least 30 min. of discussions per session.
- **The workshop proposal should include:**
 - The name(s), affiliation(s), and country(ies) of the organizer(s)
 - A short title for the workshop that will draw attention to the session
 - A short and clear description (max. 200 words) of proposed workshop, including policy and practice implications

- Names, affiliations, sectors (policy, research, civil society), and country of each presenter, including chairs and discussants

Individual paper presentations

Individual presentations that are accepted in the program will be included in workshops with similar themed presentations. Please note that your presentation should be brief, max. 10-15 minutes.

Posters

A poster should be comprehensive enough that different viewers would get the big picture of the topic at hand while reading at their own leisure. The author should be prepared to supplement, clarify, or discuss particular points raised by conference participants. Remember that people from different sectors (NGO, academia, policy-making, private industry) and of varying degrees of interest and experience may be viewing your poster at once. Therefore, you will want to make your points as complete and brief as possible.

Selected posters will be displayed on multiple levels of the conference venue.

- Posters will be approximately 48” long by 44” wide. The most effective use of the space would be in grid plan arranged in columns. This prevents viewers from having to cross back and forth in front of each other.
- Allow for distance when printing and planning layouts.
- Type should be easily seen from a short distance.
- Figures should also be easily seen from a distance. Use clear graphics and large type to accomplish this. The main points should be straightforward without extended viewing, but details should be readily available for those who might wish to discuss.
- Title
 - Prepare a banner for the top of the poster indicating the title, author(s) and affiliation(s).
 - Lettering should be about 1 1/4 inches high for the title, 3/4 inches high for the author's names and 1/2 inch high for affiliations.

For any questions, please send an e-mail to the International Metropolis Conference Project Team at canada@internationalmetropolis2019.ca.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to welcoming you to the 2019 International Metropolis Conference.