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The UBC Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) is an interdisciplinary, collaborative research centre housed on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. CMS promotes innovative research, graduate training, and community and policy outreach on issues of migration and mobility. We disseminate knowledge through seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, and publications, and seek to expand institutional and individual connections between UBC and institutions in Canada and beyond, and between UBC and settlement sector agencies and community organizations in British Columbia.

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This past year has been like no other. We all confronted situations that pushed us to our limits in unanticipated ways. Some of us have endured profound losses: the loss of loved ones, the loss of health, the loss of economic security. Some of us have been the target of heightened racism. Many of us have felt isolated, missing community and face-to-face interactions. Whatever work-life balance working parents among us had constructed prior to the pandemic, it fell like a house of cards in the face of school and daycare closures and the demands of home schooling.

As I am writing this, we are once again confronted with the atrocities of colonization as we mourn the 215 children who did not survive the Kamloops Residential School. We mourn with their families, communities, and survivors of the horrors of the Indian Residential School system. We recognize our own accountability to the first peoples of this land – the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwul7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ilwətaɁɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) – on whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories we work, live, and play.

Barely three years after the creation of the Migration Research Excellence Cluster, we continue to grow, with an on-campus community of now more than 70 UBC faculty and nearly 60 graduate students. Our partnerships with community partners are stronger than ever. In late 2020, our application to be recognized as a research centre within the Faculty of Arts was approved, and the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) established. This was a dream come true, even if we have not (yet) been able to celebrate together!
Before I share in more detail our plans for the upcoming year and reflect on some of the achievements of the past, I want to express my gratitude to the many people without whom none of this would have been possible. A heartfelt thank you to the 19 members of the CMS Executive Committee who have so freely given their time, energy, and expertise. Thank you especially to Dan Hiebert (Professor, Geography) for his work as the Centre’s Policy Liaison, Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology) for his role as Community Liaison, Sandra Schinnerl (Interdisciplinary Studies) and Molly Joeck (Allard School of Law) as our graduate student representatives, and Katie Crocker (Chief Executive Officer, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC) and Kathy Sherrell (Associate Director, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia) as our community representatives. Just three days before we moved into remote work at the beginning of 2020, we were lucky to hire Douglas Ober as the Centre’s Research Coordinator. Without him, little of what we accomplished over the past year would have been possible. Our work has also been supported by the many graduate students who provided essential administrative and research support to the Centre. A special shout-out to Ph.D. students Emily Amburgey (Anthropology) and Atieh Razavi Yekta (Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) for hosting our Zoom speaker series, to Dustin Gray (Geography) for communications and newsletter support, and to Saguna Shankar (Library, Archival and Information Studies) for her community liaison work.

We acknowledge the manifold sources of institutional support UBC provides us with. For continued financial support through the GCRC program we thank the Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation. We are deeply grateful to the institutional sponsors of the Centre for Migration Studies for their generous support: The Faculty of Arts, the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, and the Peter A. Allard School of Law. For their willingness to believe in us and make the Centre happen, a special thank you goes to Gage Averill and Brett Eaton in the Faculty of Arts, and to Richard Price in Political Science.

I would now like to take the opportunity to reflect on the year behind us and offer a glimpse of our plans ahead.

**RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS**

The Centre for Migration Studies is a community of migration and mobility scholars who engage and collaborate across disciplines. Many of our collaborations take place in organized research groups. This year, we were delighted to welcome two new groups. The Research Creation group brings together researchers and artists at UBC and beyond to explore the intersection of the arts and scholarship in the study of migration. The group is coordinated by Erin Goheen Glanville (Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures) and Anne Murphy (Associate Professor, History). The Political Behaviour group, coordinated by Matthew Wright (Assistant Professor, Political Science), engages with current research on immigration as it connects to topics in political behaviour and public opinion.

These new groups join longer established groups in the areas of Borders (Group...
Coordinator: Ben Goold, Professor, Allard School of Law), Community-University Partnerships (Group Coordinator: Suzanne Huot, Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy), Migration and Indigeneity (Group Coordinator: Rima Wilkes, Professor, Sociology), Mobilities (Group Coordinator: Gaoheng Zhang, Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies), and Narratives (Group Coordinator: Markus Hallensleben, Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies).

Research groups meet to discuss work-in-progress and readings (including migration comics!), apply for research grants and co-author work; organize conferences, graduate student roundtables, and webinars; network with scholars across North America, Europe, and Asia, and organize a public arts competition and documentary film screening. CMS research groups are open to all of our affiliates, including faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and community partners. If you’d like to explore ways of becoming involved, simply email the group coordinator.

Last year, CMS provided matching funds for 4 SSHRC Connection grant-funded workshops. These workshops, which brought together faculty, graduate students, and community partners, are detailed in the “Year Highlights” section of the report. In 2021/22, the Centre will once again make available financial support to new research collaborations through matching funds for SSHRC Connection grants.

In order to showcase the migration research happening at UBC, 2021/22 will further see the publication of an Open-Access CMS Working Paper series, edited by Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science) and Graduate Research Assistants.

IMMIGRATION DATA HUB
Over the past year, Dan Hiebert (Professor, Geography) and graduate student Sandra Schinnerl (Interdisciplinary Studies) have developed an impressive Data Hub that collates and graphically presents immigration-related statistics collected by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Statistics Canada. The Immigration Data Hub can be accessed through the CMS website and will go live this summer. It will be of interest not only to researchers – faculty, students, and independent researchers – who seek to analyze Canadian immigration data but also to instructors and community organizations looking for data presented in visually appealing dashboard form. The CMS will run training sessions and offer an annual prize for student papers utilizing the data. The Immigration Data Hub initiative builds on Dan Hiebert’s work as CMS Policy Liaison which, over the past year, has included regular immigration data presentations to B.C. immigrant serving agencies (see the “Community and Policy Outreach” section in this report for further detail).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
As we put in place governance structures for CMS, our Community Liaison Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology), Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy), and Katie Crocker (Chief Executive Officer, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia) have begun holding focus groups with
community representatives to support the establishment of a **Community Advisory Board**. This process will continue over the summer months and we hope that, by fall 2021, we will have in place an advisory board composed of representatives of immigrant serving agencies and other community sectors.

It’s been a busy spring for our CMS Community Liaison! Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology), supported by Ph.D. student Saguna Shankar (Library, Archival and Information Studies), conducted an **Organizational Survey** to assess the research capacity, activities, and research needs of immigrant serving agencies across B.C. The Centre through a GRA position further supported the Storytelling for Change Filmmaking Campaign organized by the Community-UBC Refugee and Migration Working Group (see “Year Highlights” for more information about this important grassroots initiative and collaboration). In the coming year, the CMS Community Liaison will support Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA) in exploring the creation of a province-wide **Research Advisory Council** to guide community-university partnerships.

**GLOBAL MIGRATION PODCAST**

One of the most exciting legacies of the pandemic has been our Global Migration Podcast. The brainchild of Douglas Ober, our Research Coordinator, the podcast has now seen two seasons. Season 1 *COVID-19 and Beyond* focused on the pandemic’s impact on migration and integration and featured academics, policy makers, and settlement sector workers. Season 2 *Geographies of the Heart: Life-writing from Newcomers to Canada* was hosted by international speaker and award-winning advocate, Mohammed Alsaleh. This season was born out of a year-long writing project Stories from Newcomers to Canada with a group of newcomers who have been authoring their own stories of migration on topics such as love, loss, displacement, exile, belonging and disruption. If you haven’t yet had the chance to listen in you can continue to do so on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts. Just search "Global Migration Podcast"!

**POLICY-ENGAGED TEACHING AND GRADUATE TRAINING**

Supported by a **UBC Killam Connection Award**, with matching funds from CMS and the UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, Dan Hiebert (Professor, Geography) will teach a graduate course this coming fall on **Migration Policy** in collaboration with two Washington D.C. based policy practitioners, Demetri Papademetriou and Margie McHugh. Papademetriou is the founder of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) and convenes the Transatlantic Council on Migration, while McHugh is a leader in the field of immigrant education. We remain optimistic that both will be able to cross the border by September and join in person in what will be an exciting array of **policy-related programming and teaching**, ranging from a policy maker conference on “rebooting” migration in post-COVID Canada, Mexico, and the U.S., to a workshop on local immigrant integration. More broadly, we are also exploring options of establishing a **Certificate in Migration Studies** for UBC graduate students. If you would like to be involved in this initiative, please get in touch with me!
In September 2021, the CMS will fund a virtual Migration & Citizenship pre-conference at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Organized by Matthew Wright (Assistant Professor, Political Science), the pre-conference will provide graduate students and early career scholars working on migration research with opportunities to network with more established scholars, as well as facilitate discussion on post-COVID immigration politics. As in past years, we will continue to support our graduate student affiliates by offering migration conference travel stipends. These travel grants allow graduate students to network and present their research to an interdisciplinary audience – a must for any migration scholar!

After a year of busy online programming – the CMS hosted 27 online events from September 2020 through March 2021 – we are excited to return to campus this fall to reconnect in person. We look forward to seeing you at our Public Speaker Series and the many events organized by the Centre’s research groups. We warmly invite you to join us at our monthly Community Luncheons which give faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and community partners the chance to socialize over food and expand and deepen our connections. And of course we cannot wait to celebrate with you at our (belated) Centre Inauguration Party this fall!

I wish everyone a rejuvenating summer, filled with health and everything that brings you joy.

With gratitude,

ANTJE ELLERMANN
DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES
On paper, CMS was formally launched in November 2020 when the UBC Faculty of Arts announced its creation. Its history, however, goes back much further to when a small network of UBC migration scholars led by Antje Ellermann, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for European Studies, began exploring the idea of establishing a more formal research collective. In late 2018, Ellermann met with colleagues to discuss the possibilities of filing an application with the Vice President’s Office of Research and Innovation (VPRI) at UBC to form an “Immigration Research Cluster” as part of VPRI’s new Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters (GCRC) competition. As an immigrant to Canada and a scholar of migration, Ellermann had long felt that Vancouver and UBC, in particular, was an apt location to launch such a research initiative.

At a moment when the Trump administration was moving forward with a series of restrictive immigration policies, violence in Myanmar was displacing nearly one million ethnic Rohingya Muslims, and the EU was stumbling in managing the massive migratory flows of refugees from the Middle East and Africa, Metro Vancouver was—and is still—often seen as a model space for new immigrant settlement. Yet it is not without its own problems. Rising tensions related to the ethnically tinged concerns of foreign buyer speculation and skyrocketing housing prices often overlap with concerns over competition for jobs and rental housing from temporary foreign workers. With international students comprising 24% of UBC’s Vancouver campus student body, questions of “taking seats away” from domestic students are frequently asked by parents, students, and the media. At the same time, there are growing calls for Canada to acknowledge its settler colonial past and present, particularly with regards to ongoing immigration. In seeing these issues, Ellermann recognized that public discourse, transparency, and engagement with migration was required now more than ever. Having a collective research body that could help inform these conversations from an interdisciplinary and evidence-based approach could help solve not just these problems but the wider global challenge of international migration and mobility. When VPRI announced its awards, Ellermann’s “Migration Research Excellence Cluster” was born.
Over the course of the next two years, the Migration Cluster more than tripled in size, growing from an initial 17 faculty members to more than 50 UBC faculty and 40 graduate students across the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Health Sciences. As both faculty and graduate student membership increased, so did the Cluster’s interdisciplinary research expertise. The initial focus on migration governance, immigrant integration, and national identity formation was soon joined by a growing body of scholars exploring questions of Indigeneity and migration, the politics of belonging and narratives, and mobilities and immobilities. With its growing footprint, the Migration Cluster developed partnerships with 11 local community organizations—most of whom work in the settlement sector—and 2 academic partners, the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative (BIMI) at University of California Berkeley and the Centre for the Study of Politics and Immigration (CSPI) at Concordia University.

Through subsequent application cycles, the Migration Cluster’s commitment to research excellence, graduate training, community outreach, and policy engagement was recognized by VPRI through an additional year of funding as an “emerging cluster” in 2019/20 and as an “established cluster” in 2020/21. In 2019, Ellermann was joined by Suzanne Huot, Assistant Professor in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Sciences, who served as the Cluster co-Lead from 2019 – 2020.

In early 2020, a task force composed of four Migration Cluster affiliates and led by Ellermann began working on an application to institutionalize the Cluster as a formal research Centre in the Faculty of Arts. Later that year, after more than a year of consultation and careful planning, the Migration Cluster’s formal establishment as the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) was realized through the generous financial support from the UBC Departments of Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, and the Peter A. Allard School of Law, with matching funds from the UBC Faculty of Arts. Additional support, at the time of this writing, continues to be provided by the 2021 GCRC award arising from the Excellence Funds from the Office of the Vice-President of Research and Innovation. CMS is the first interdisciplinary research centre in the Faculty of Arts.

This is the first annual report for CMS and although its official status only began in late 2020, this report covers the entirety of the 2020/21 fiscal year from April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.
CMS is led by its Director. The current and Founding Director of CMS is Antje Ellermann. Ellermann is Associate Professor in Political Science and also Director of the Institute for European Studies. Her research focuses on the politics of migration and citizenship in liberal democracies. She is particularly interested in the nexus between international migration and the politics of policy making and implementation, coercive state power and resistance, legal precarity, and questions of migration and citizenship in the context of settler colonialism. She is the author of two books, *The Comparative Politics of Immigration: Policy Choices in Germany, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and *States Against Migrants: Deportation in Germany and the United States* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

In addition to the Director, CMS is governed by a 18-member Executive Committee that meets 6 – 8 times a year. The Executive Committee provides advice and strategic guidance on current programs and initiatives, helps guide the future direction of CMS, and contributes to its short and long-term goals. Executive Committee members also serve as evaluation committees for awards offered internally by CMS. Formal procedures concerning Executive Committee membership terms and protocols are currently being determined. At present, membership in the Executive Committee is governed by the following principles: each departmental sponsor is allocated one seat on the Executive Committee and the coordinator of each Research Group is provided a seat. Additionally, there are two community representatives, two graduate student representatives, a policy liaison, and a community liaison.

At the end of the 2020/21 fiscal year, the Executive Committee comprises 15 faculty from across nine units at UBC: Efrat Arbel, Associate Professor, Allard School of Law; Alexia Bloch, Professor and Head, Anthropology; Amanda Cheong, Assistant Professor, Sociology; Antje Ellermann, Associate Professor, Political Science; Erin Goheen Glanville, Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures; Ben Goold, Professor, Allard School of Law; Markus Hallensleben,
Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies; Dan Hiebert, Professor, Geography; Suzanne Huot, Assistant Professor, Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy; Sean Lauer, Associate Professor, Sociology; Geraldine Pratt, Professor and Head, Geography; Rima Wilkes, Professor, Sociology; Matthew Wright, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Gaoheng Zhang, Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies; Yang-Yang Zhou, Assistant Professor, Political Science.

2 doctoral students hold seats as representatives of the graduate student body: Molly Joeck, Ph.D. student, Allard School of Law; Sandra Schinnerl, Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies. Community voices are represented by 2 community seats: Katie Crocker, Chief Executive Officer of Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA); Kathy Sherrell, Associate Director, Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC).

Ellermann directs the Executive Committee and is also supported by a full-time Research Coordinator (Douglas Ober, Research Associate, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs), a Policy Liaison (Dan Hiebert, Professor, Geography), and a Community Liaison (Sean Lauer, Associate Professor, Sociology).

Collectively, the Executive Committee represents all university ranks (i.e., graduate students; assistant, associate, and full professors and a sessional lecturer). In 2020, Ellermann and Richard Johnston (Professor Emeritus, Political Science), were awarded a UBC President’s Research Excellence Chair (PEC) in Global Migration and the PEC will serve as co-Director with Ellermann once in situ. A Community Advisory Board (CAB) is set to be established in 2021. A CAB member will hold a seat on the Executive Committee.

The research excellence of the Executive Committee has been recognized with numerous distinctions: 2 Canada Research Chairs, 1 Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 2 Peter Wall Early Career Scholars, 2 Green College Leading Scholars, a Jacob Biely Research Prize, a Killam Research Prize, a Killam Graduate Mentoring Award, a Canadian Association of Geographers’ Scholarly Distinction Award, a Sam Black Award for Education and Development in the Visual and Performing Arts, and an Honorary Doctorate.

In their respective disciplines, Executive Committee members have served on 13 editorial boards and as editor of the Canadian Review of Sociology, President of the Canadian Sociological Association, Co-President of the American Political Science Association’s Migration and Citizenship section, Executive Board Member of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, and Chair of the International Society for Occupational Science. Engagement with policy makers is reflected in memberships on the Advisory Committee for Statistics Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Deputy Minister’s Advisory Committee, IRCC Research Advisory Committee, IRCC Migration Experts Group, Global Affairs Canada’s Global Compact on Refugees Advisory Committee, BC Information and Privacy Commissioner’s External Advisory Board, and the City of Vancouver Mayor’s Working Group on Immigration.
RESEARCH AFFILIATES
CMS creates and supports unique opportunities for faculty and graduate students to engage in innovative cross-disciplinary research collaborations and to uncover new insights into migration studies. Our network of research affiliates comprises 74 UBC faculty and postdoctoral fellows, and 53 UBC graduate students. They come from more than 30 units across campus. [1]

Several affiliates hold senior administrative positions at UBC including the Dean of Arts, the Associate Dean of Arts, Faculty and Equity, and the Heads of Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, and Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies. While CMS is firmly grounded at UBC, it is also part of a larger network within the lower mainland of British Columbia and across the globe more widely. Within BC, this includes 7 faculty and 2 graduate student affiliates from Simon Fraser University, University of the Fraser Valley, and University of Victoria. These affiliates partner and participate in many special events, publications, initiatives, research projects, and groups.

Affiliation with CMS carries multiple benefits for both CMS and individual affiliates. Affiliates are eligible to apply for internal CMS workshop competitions, prizes and research funds, and are provided networking opportunities that allow them to explore ways to foster new research collaborations. CMS communicates and publicizes the migration research of its affiliates, thereby maximizing its impact. Graduate student affiliates are provided access to training opportunities and gain critical experience by working directly with faculty, research experts, and community partners. In the future, we hope to provide additional research support services to affiliates, including postdoctoral fellows and research associates, through the management and administering of certain grants.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS
Community outreach and partnership is an essential component of CMS. At the end of the 2020/21 fiscal year, we have formal relationships with 10 community partners serving immigrant and refugee populations across Metro Vancouver. These are: Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMMSA); Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (ANHBC); Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC); Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC); MOSAIC BC; Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House; Options Community Services; Réseau en Immigration Francophone C.-B.; S.U.C.C.E.S.S.; and World University Services of Canada (WUSC)-UBC. We also have less formal partnerships

[1] Anthropology; Art History, Visual Art & Theory; Asian Studies; Business; Central, Eastern & Northern European Studies; Centre for India and South Asia Research; Centre for Sustainable Food Systems; Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies; Community & Regional Planning; Economics; Educational Studies; English Languages & Literatures; French, Hispanic & Italian Studies; Geography; History; Interdisciplinary Studies; Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality & Social Justice; Institute for European Studies; Journalism; Language & Literacy Education; Law; Library, Archival & Information Studies; Music; Nursing; Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy; Political Science; Population & Public Health; Public Policy & Global Affairs, Social Work, Sociology.
with Mount Pleasant, Collingwood, Kiwassa, Little Mountain, and South Vancouver Neighbourhood Houses.

In the past year, we continued to expand our community partnerships and collaborations despite the immense challenges thrust upon community relationship building by the global pandemic. To illustrate a few examples, in December 2020, CMS Executive Committee members Erin Goheen Glanville (Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures) and Efrat Arbel (Associate Professor, Allard School of Law) partnered with Kinbrace Community Society for a Partnership Recognition Fund from the UBC Office for Community Engagement to produce the “Refugees and Borders Webinar.” Earlier in the year, Executive Committee member Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) delivered two webinars on Francophone immigration with RIFCB, a CMS partner, and also launched a project on assisting newcomers with another CMS community partner (Options Community Services). The latter project involved a CMS Ph.D. student affiliate (Atieh Razavi Yekta, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy). Additional collaborative partnerships with communities are highlighted below (see also, Appendix B and F).

In addition to community partnerships, we have also developed partnerships with two academic institutions in the US and Canada: the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative (BIMI) at the University of California Berkeley and the Centre for the Study of Politics and Immigration (CSPI) at Concordia University. We will strategically reach out to additional university partners in 2021-23.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Our administrative staff consists of a Research Coordinator (1.0 FTE), Douglas Ober. Ober joined CMS in March 2020. He works with the Director and Executive Committee to support research and policy projects of CMS and to advance the role of CMS within UBC and in the broader community. In addition to overseeing CMS’ annual program of events and initiatives, and managing group research projects and budgets, he is also responsible for communications and supporting grant-writing activities. Ober is also a Research Associate in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs. He holds a Ph.D. in Asian Studies from UBC.

The Research Coordinator is supported by three UBC graduate student administrative assistants, all of whom work on a part-time hourly basis (typically ranging from 3 – 5 hours weekly): Dustin Gray, a Communications Assistant and Ph.D. student in Geography; Atieh Razavi Yekta, an Events and Social Media Assistant and Ph.D. student in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy; and Emily Amburgey, an Events and Social Media Assistant and Ph.D. student in Anthropology.

The work of the Community Liaison, Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology), is also supported by a graduate student, Saguna Shankar (Ph.D. student, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies). Together, Lauer and Shankar work to build relationships between academic and community partners that bring about new research and other collaborations.

In 2021, CMS will be hiring a part-time (.7) Administrative and Program Assistant (CUPE
An additional 2950) staff member who will be tasked with event planning and coordination, expense processing and documentation, marketing support, and physical infrastructure support.

Long term plans for resource management will require securing an increase in base funding for personnel costs if current levels of programming are to be maintained. With the significant expansion of research and other programming led by an active CMS faculty and graduate student affiliate body and community partners, increased and stabilized permanent staffing will be essential. Currently, personnel expenses are covered by Arts and Departmental funds with graduate student support provided by external grant revenue.

PHYSICAL SPACE
At present, CMS is located at the northwest end of the UBC Vancouver campus on the third floor of the C.K. Choi Building (1855 West Mall). We hold two offices: one for the Research Coordinator and one for the CMS Director. Formally, these facilities are shared with the Institute for European Studies (IES), of which Ellermann is also Director. Ellermann’s term as IES Director ends June 30, 2021 and it remains unclear what kind of impact that will have on CMS space. However, our shared use of these offices has made clear to us the critical importance of having faculty in-residence as a catalyst for institution-building and collaboration, the benefits of housing visiting scholars, as well as the daily challenges of not having our own dedicated meeting space (the IES does not have meeting space). We realize that securing permanent and sufficient space for CMS as we envisage will likely require additional resources and we recognize the overall scarcity of space on campus. We plan to work with Arts Development and Alumni Engagement and/or the UBC Development Office to solicit donor funding for physical space in coming years.

In the past year, all events were held online due to the pandemic. However, under normal circumstances, most larger CMS events are held in the C.K. Choi conference room. The conference room is wheelchair accessible and accommodates up to 60 people seated. Its equipment includes a podium, tables, chairs, built-in screen, sound system, overhead projector, white board, coat rack and Wi-Fi. Adjacent to the conference room is a common lounge which accommodates 100 seated, 130 standing and has tables, chairs, whiteboards, coat rack, sink, bar area, fridge and dishwasher. Use of the conference room and lounge is subject to availability and is shared with IES, as well as the Institute of Asian Research (IAR) and Liu Institute for Global Issues, both part of the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA). IAR and SPPGA programming holds
FINANCIAL RESOURCES
Since its inception, the work of the Migration Cluster (now CMS) has been funded through the annual GCRC competitions from UBC’s Excellence Funds, a joint initiative of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Vice-President, Research and Innovation. While we have been successful in securing GCRC awards in the past (see Appendix A for further financial details), the GCRC program pilot phase will end in March 2023. Even if the program is renewed, GCRC funds are not designed for the long-term funding of research units; they serve as seed funds with which to pursue financial sustainability from other sources.

In late 2020, when the application to become a research centre within the Faculty of Arts was approved, CMS secured a combined $550,000 of funding for 5 years from five UBC departmental sponsors ($275,000) along with matching funds ($275,000) provided by the UBC Faculty of Arts. These funds are paid in annual increments over the course of the first 5-year term of CMS. (Note: Year 1 of CMS’ first term was truncated in order to align with the UBC fiscal calendar, so while Year 1 ran from December 2020 – March 2021, subsequent years follow standard fiscal calendars: i.e., Year 2, April 2021 – March 2022; Year 3, April 2022 – March 2023; Year 4, April 2023 – March 2024; Year 5, April 2024 – March 2025).

The contributions by UBC departmental sponsors and matching funds by the UBC Faculty of Arts are used to pay two staffing positions: a full-time (1.0) research coordinator and a part-time (.7) CUPE administrative support position who will be hired in early 2020. The GCRC funds are allocated to support research collaborations, programming, networking, and outreach until the end of the program’s pilot phase (spring 2023).

In spring 2020, CMS will begin working with Arts Development to secure donor funding to cover non-staffing expenses currently paid for by the GCRC funds and new initiatives (such as a postdoctoral fellowship). During CMS’ first term, we will also pursue third-party grant funding, including from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

In 2020/21, CMS research affiliates also leveraged additional funding in the amount of $322,096 through research awards and grants which were then carried into co-supporting CMS programmes, initiatives and research projects. This brings the total funds secured in 2020/21 to just over $1 million. In 2020, CMS affiliates also applied as PI or co-applicants for more than $2.8 million dollars of additional funding. Further details regarding grant proposals and applicants are outlined in Appendix A (Budget Overview).
CMS is governed by an Executive Committee whose mandate is to provide strategic guidance and advice on CMS research initiatives, policy, and community outreach, and help achieve the goals and objectives of CMS’ strategic plan. The Executive Committee also oversees the allocation of CMS funding.

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COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

CMS is committed to providing a respectful environment where equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) are valued and recognized as a source of excellence. Collectively, we are a large and diverse group, coming from disparate personal and professional backgrounds and serving as faculty of all university ranks, graduate students, and staff from 30 units across UBC. Our 10 community partners both work to support and represent the mosaic of Metro Vancouver’s immigrant, refugee, and newcomer populations. Our 19-member Executive Committee represents numerous career stages and paths, including 2 graduate students, 1 sessional lecturer, 5 assistant professors, 4 associate professors, 5 full professors and 2 community members (from AMSSA, and ISSofBC). Nearly three quarters are women and a quarter are racialized. In the midst of the growing importance of Black Lives Matter and growing anti-Asian racism, the Executive Committee voted in July to strengthen its own commitments to EDI and participated in a half-day anti-racism training (November 20) with EDI consultant, Cicely Belle Blain (CEO and Principal Consultant, Bakau Consulting).

The study of migration is by definition focused on questions of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our research and programming direct attention to issues of belonging, inclusion and exclusion by ensuring that not only are research subjects diverse but that our organizing committees and presenters include under-represented groups. This past year, 18 of 24 of our public Speaker Series presenters were women. Forty-eight percent of all presenters (including workshops, conferences, etc.) were BIPOC. We work to establish equitable and supportive conditions for graduate students in their professional development, such as in the seven public CMS events hosted by grad students, our 3 community partner internships, or in the Mitacs Research Training Award (supported with matching funds from CMS) for M.A. student Jing Li (Anthropology) in her work on Amanda Cheong’s (Assistant Professor, Sociology) “Birth Tourism” project. Intellectually, we foster a variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives. This past year we grew our Humanities and performing arts collaborations through the addition of two new Research Groups: Narratives and
COVID-19 as it related to the politics of inequality, the plight of temporary foreign workers, refugees, and asylum seekers. Guests included racialized academics, settlement sector workers, and those with lived refugee experience. With a focus on first-person migration narratives, Season 2 was hosted by renowned immigration advocate Mohammed Alsaleh. The season featured 11 newcomers telling their own stories of migration to Canada and included an Eritrean journalist, Afro-Caribbean and Kurdish writers, and a former White Helmet, among other groups whose stories have often been marginalized.

We are collaboratively involved with other UBC units in the planning of additional events, including the UBC-World University Service of Canada’s (WUSC) “Breaking Down Barriers” webinar (December 4) or the Kinbrace Community Society’s “Refugees and Borders Webinar” (December 5) supported with a Partnership Recognition Fund from the UBC Office for Community Engagement and co-sponsored by MOSAIC, Options Community Services and UBC International Development. Through our continued participation in the UBC Refugee and Migration Working Group, we co-sponsored “Storytelling for Change,” a filmmaking campaign organized by BIPOC student-activists and focused on stories of belonging and social justice.

In planning programming, CMS considers representation within and across events to ensure that EDI are taken into account.

Season 1 of our Global Migration podcast (migration.ubc.ca/podcast), discussed in the “Year Highlights” section below, focused on
BY THE NUMBERS

APRIL 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021

- 74 Faculty + Postdoctoral Affiliates
- 53 Grad Student Affiliates
- 30 UBC Units Represented
- 2 University Partners
- 14 Grad Students Employed
- 10 Community Partners
- 7 Research Groups
- 7 Workshops and Conferences in 2020-2021
- 24 Public Talks in 2020-2021
- 13 Episodes of Global Migration Podcast
- 5 Grad Students Working with Community Partners
Fostering innovative and interdisciplinary collaborative research partnerships and projects is one of the core mandates of CMS. While a complete list of research collaborations and partnerships is beyond the scope of this report, the following collaborations that took place in 2020/21 are representative of CMS’ wider interests and expertise.

With funding from an internal CMS Workshop Award competition, Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies) and Erin Goheen Glanville (Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures) collaborated on the “Storytelling as Research” workshop. The three-day event, originally scheduled for late 2020 but delayed to April 7-9, 2021 due to the pandemic, brought together Indigenous activists, artists and filmmakers along with de-colonization advocates and allies to use storytelling as a way to rethink the Eurocentric bases of conventional migration narratives.

Earlier in the year, Molly Joeck (Ph.D. student, Allard School of Law) and Efrat Arbel (Associate Professor, Allard School of Law) received a Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (PWIAS) Covid-19 Wall Solutions grant and a Lew Innovation Fund grant for “Immigration detention in the era of COVID-19.” They presented the preliminary findings of this research in October 2020 as part of a jointly-delivered talk in the CMS Fall Speaker Series, co-sponsored as part of a Brown Bag Lunch with the Peter A. Allard School of Law.

CMS affiliates Miu Chung Yan (Professor, Social Work) and Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology) collaborated on a seed-funding application awarded by CMS in the spring 2020 workshop competition for the “When Local Meets Transnational: Reciprocal Effects of Immigrants Circulating between Hong Kong and Vancouver” project. On January 19 and 26, 2021 they held a workshop that bridged multiple time zones and brought together scholars from UBC with institutions in Hong Kong and Canada. In another CMS Migration Workshop Award, Biz Nijdam (Assistant Professor without review, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies) and Gaoheng Zhang (Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies) collaborated on the...
“New Media Aesthetics of Movement” project that examined the relationships between forced migration and digital technologies.

Alexia Bloch (Professor and Head, Anthropology) and Geraldine Pratt (Professor and Head, Geography), along with 3 other Heads (non-CMS affiliated) submitted a successful application for President’s Academic Excellence Initiative cluster “Worlds in Motion,” securing 4 tenure-track positions in migration studies for the Departments of Anthropology, Geography, Psychology, and Asian Studies.

Beyond the kinds of wide-ranging research projects outlined above, many CMS collaborations are focused more specifically around seven areas of research excellence, each of which forms its own research group. The following section provides brief sketches of each group.

**BORDERS**

With 16 members from 7 disciplines, the Borders group is focused on border governance, with research themes focused on movement across international borders but also including the securitization of borders, cross-border labour mobility, gendered borders, mobile, imagined, and constructed borders, and sovereignty. The goals of this group are two-fold: to advance interdisciplinary understandings of migration laws, processes, and outcomes; and to build collaborative networks that enable comparison across disciplines and perspectives.

The Group Coordinator is Ben Goold, Professor, Allard School of Law.

**COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**

This working group has the goal of developing strong collaborative partnerships between the UBC Centre for Migration Studies' academic and community members. To that end, the group aims to: develop the community-university approach in UBC Migration; and to facilitate research collaborations between academic and community partners leading to grant proposal development.

The group is led by Suzanne Huot, Assistant Professor, Occupational Sciences and Occupational Therapy. Community-University Partnerships has 20 members from 12 disciplines.

**MIGRATION AND INDIGENEITY**

The Migration and Indigeneity Group is an interdisciplinary group of migration scholars committed to exploring the intersection of migration studies and Indigeneity through reading, discussing, teaching, writing, and engaging in dialogue with scholars and activists. The group seeks to advance the Indigenization of migration studies, both through teaching and research, and is led by Rima Wilkes, Professor, Sociology.

Migration and Indigeneity is home to 8 members from 6 disciplines.

**MOBILITIES**

Addressing the mediums and meanings of mobilities and immobilities, the Mobilities group aims to produce a new line of inquiry within mobility analysis at UBC: a humanistic, interpretive, multilingual, culturally sensitive scholarship on multiple and intersecting...
This working group of 4 Political Scientists was launched in early 2021 and aims to discuss current research on immigration as it connects to topics in political behaviour and political attitudes. This is broadly construed so as to be inclusive of work that analyzes immigrants and minority-members as unit of analysis as well as more mainstream public opinion work.

The Group Coordinator is Matthew Wright, Assistant Professor, Political Science.

RESEARCH CREATION

The goal of this new multidisciplinary group of 10 UBC and SFU faculty is to bring together researchers and artists at UBC and beyond to explore the intersection of the arts and scholarship in the study of migration, and the creative forms that research can and should take as we seek to understand the dynamics and implications of migration in a settler colonial state.

Launched in January 2021, Research Creation is co-led by two coordinators, Erin Goheen Glanville, Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures, and Anne Murphy, Associate Professor, History.
Graduate student training, mentorship, and professional development is at the heart of the CMS vision. CMS provides numerous opportunities for specialized education and training in migration studies. Graduate student affiliates receive all communications and are welcome to join research groups. They are also eligible for special travel awards and conference funding.

To ensure graduate student perspectives and priorities, 2 elected graduate student representatives (Molly Joeck, Ph.D. student, Allard School of Law; Sandra Schinnerl, Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies) serve on the Executive Committee. Service on the Executive Committee provides students with training in cross-sectoral collaboration, working with multiple stakeholders, and institution-building. CMS also makes concerted efforts to ensure graduate student leadership in our public events. The 2020/21 Speaker Series featured one graduate student presenter (Louisa May-Khoo, Ph.D. student, School of Community and Regional Planning, November 18) as well as one grad student co-presenting with a faculty member (Molly Joeck, Ph.D. student, Allard School of Law, with Efrat Arbel, Associate Professor, Allard School of Law, October 22).

Eight events were hosted by graduate students: Han Fei (Ph.D. student, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies) on October 5, November 5, February 19, and February 26; Sandra Schinnerl (Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies) on November 18; Molly Joeck (Ph.D. student, Allard School of Law) on December 1, March 8; and Lisa Akinyi May (M.A. student, Political Science) on February 22. The Mobilities Group also organized a grad student roundtable (October 4), chaired by Gaoheng Zhang (Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies) with five Ph.D. students presenting: Han Fei, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies; Anne-Cécile Delaisse, Rehabilitation Sciences, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy; Lorenia Salgado-Leos, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies; Karen O’Regan, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies; Sabine Zimmermann, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies.

Graduate student affiliates are actively involved in research projects and training initiatives. At the end of 2021, CMS funds were directly supporting 9 graduate students from 8 disciplines: GRA Saguna Shankar (Ph.D. student, Library, Archival and
supervised by Richard Johnston (Professor Emeritus, Political Science) and Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science). Sandra Schinnerl (Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies) is supervised by Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science) and Hongxia Shan (Associate Professor, Educational Studies). Francesca Pegorer (Ph.D. student, Anthropology) is supervised by Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies) and Sara Shneiderman (Associate Professor, Anthropology, and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs). Emily Amburgey (Ph.D. student, Anthropology) is supervised by Sara Shneiderman (Associate Professor, Anthropology, and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs) and Geraldine Pratt (Professor and Head, Geography). These illustrate just some of the critical mentoring provided via CMS.

Many CMS graduate students have been honoured with prestigious awards and fellowships, such as the UBC Public Scholars Initiative. In fall 2020, Anne-Cécile Delaisse (Ph.D. student, Rehabilitation Sciences, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) supervised by Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy), won the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) National Essay Challenge. Delaisse was one of only seven winners across Canada. Her essay presents findings from a SSHRC-funded study led by Huot examining the role of community spaces in among French-speaking immigrants and refugees in Metro Vancouver. The award includes a monetary prize and the opportunity to present to IRCC officials at an upcoming Research Matters event.
Along with innovative collaborative research and graduate student training, the third pillar of CMS concerns community outreach and evidence-informed policy making. As a collective research initiative working on issues of public relevance, CMS works tirelessly to bring scholarly insights and knowledge into the wider public domain through public-facing initiatives such as talks, workshops, media appearances, podcasts, documentary films, filmmaking campaigns, and general media publications.

In 2020/21, CMS events were hosted on Zoom and free to the public in order to maximize attendance. More than a dozen of CMS’ major events were aimed at public audiences and/or worked in collaboration with community partners. Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy), for instance, delivered two webinars (July 21; November 3) on Francophone immigration with RIFCB, a CMS partner. CMS co-sponsored “Storytelling for Change,” a filmmaking campaign organized by BIPOC student-activists focused on stories of diversity and belonging. Public screening of award-winning films were held on October 27.

Mohamed Ibrahim (Assistant Professor, Social Work) joined UBC-WUSC’s “Breaking Down Barriers” webinar (December 4). Erin Goheen Glanville’s (Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures) short film, Borderstory, was part of the Kinbrace Community Society’s “Refugees and Borders Webinar” on December 5. CMS Director Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science) presented on identity and citizenship as part of Simon Fraser University’s (SFU) Conversation Series. Through a partnership with the SFU University Library and its Community Scholars Program, CMS provided free subscriptions to library services (20,000 titles) for 11 community affiliates.

To disseminate expert knowledge, CMS launched the Global Migration podcast. Season 1 (5 episodes, 14 guests) focused on the impact of COVID-19 and featured academics, policy makers, and settlement sector workers. Season 2 (8 episodes, 15 guests) ran from January to March 2021. Focused on migration stories, Season 2 is hosted by Mohammed Alsaleh. The podcast is free on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google and at: migration.ubc.ca/podcast.
Informing public policy on migration is a core focus of CMS. In fall 2020, CMS Policy Liaison Dan Hiebert (Professor, Geography) delivered 13 presentations on COVID-19 immigration data to community stakeholders like AMSSA and the Immigrant Employment Council of BC, and participated in meetings of Statistics Canada Advisory Committee on Migration. Hiebert also serves on the Deputy Minister’s Advisory Council (IRCC).

Turning their insights to public forums, several CMS affiliates penned op-eds and popular pieces, or appeared in the media. Bethany Hastie (Assistant Professor, Allard School of Law) published on temporary foreign workers in *The Conversation* and on employment standards in *Policy Note*. Aryan Karimi (Postdoctoral Fellow, Sociology) and Rima Wilkes (Professor, Sociology) published on COVID-19 and residency status in *Open Democracy*. Four CMS affiliates (Peter Klein, Professor, School of Journalism, Writing, and Media; Efrat Arbel, Associate Professor, Allard School of Law; Henry Yu, Associate Professor, History; Antje Ellermann, Associate Professor, Political Science) were featured in *TREK* (UBC’s alumni magazine) as part of a special spotlight on migration.
The following section provides glimpses of just some of this past year’s highlights. This list is not exhaustive but strategically selects a series of items highlighting our breadth and interdisciplinarity. A complete list of events is provided in subsequent sections and in Appendix B.
Just weeks after UBC announced the closure of its campus due to the pandemic, we launched “Belonging in Unceded Territory,” a community-engaged project funded through a SSHRC Partnership Development grant and led by CMS Director, Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science). The interdisciplinary UBC team includes 8 CMS faculty members and several CMS graduate students, working together with Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, AMSSA, and ISSofBC (all three of whom are CMS community partners). The project seeks to bring settler colonialism into the center of debates on social belonging in Metro Vancouver by asking what does it mean for today’s settlers – those among us who have lived here for generations, and those who have just arrived – to acknowledge our own position in relation to Indigenous presence in these lands? Over the past year, the researchers have collaborated with Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House to explore these questions through interviews with a wide range of organizational leaders and activists, as well as talking circles with Indigenous activists and community members. In the year ahead, they will work together with our three community partners to expand these circles to a wider range of community groups.
Over the past year, CMS provided matching funds for 4 SSHRC Connection grant-funded workshops: (1) “When Local Meets Transnational: The Effects of Immigrants Circulating Between Hong Kong and Canada,” organized by Miu Chung Yan (Professor, Social Work), Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology) and Eric Fong (University of Hong Kong). The workshop was held on January 19 and 26. (2) “New Media Aesthetics of Movement: Social Media, Digital Technologies, and Contemporary Migration,” organized by Biz Nijdam (Assistant Professor without review, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies) and Gaoheng Zhang (Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies). The workshop, featuring keynotes from Myria Georgiou (London School of Economics) and Lilie Chouliaraki (London School of Economics) was held on April 13-14, 2021. (3) “Storytelling as Research: Unsettling the Cultural Politics of Diversity through Filmmaking.” This workshop, held over the course of three days (April 7 – 9, 2021) and featuring a keynote from Regina Römhild (Humboldt University), was organized by Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies) and Erin Goheen Glanville (Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures). All three of the above workshops were held via Zoom. (4) “Graphic Narratives of Migration,” organized by Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science), Mireille Paquet (Concordia University), Frederik Køhlert (University of East Anglia), and Sarah Leavitt (Lecturer, Creative Writing). This workshop, which will involve over 30 CMS faculty affiliates and graduate students, is now scheduled to take place in person in the spring of 2022.

In 2021/22, CMS will once again make available financial support to new research collaborations through matching funds for SSHRC Connection grants.
Last spring, at a moment when the pandemic was disrupting traditional channels of outreach, CMS Research Coordinator, Douglas Ober, launched a new podcast entitled Global Migration. Season 1 (May – August 2020), produced by Ober and entitled “COVID-19 and beyond” brings together a diverse array of experts to discuss the many ways the outbreak of the novel coronavirus is transforming global migration. With guests that include CMS faculty and graduate students as well as community organizers, policy analysts and settlement sector practitioners, each episode explores a different theme, from the pandemic’s impact on international education, temporary foreign workers and critical supply chains to immigrant services and the legal implications of closed borders for asylum seekers and refugees. Season 2 (February – March 2021), produced by Emily Amburgey (Ph.D. student, Anthropology) and entitled “Geographies of the Heart: Life-writing from Newcomers to Canada” is hosted by international speaker and award-winning advocate, Mohammed Alsaleh. Season 2 was born out of a year-long writing project “Stories from Newcomers to Canada” driven by CMS faculty affiliate Amea Wilbur (Assistant Professor, University of the Fraser Valley) and features a group of newcomers who share their first-hand experiences of coming to and living in Canada through themes such as love, loss, displacement, exile, belonging and disruption.

The Global Migration podcast is free on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and can also be accessed at: migration.ubc.ca/podcast.
In collaboration with the UBC Office of Community Engagement, MOSAIC, UBC Migration Refugee Working Group, and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, we launched the Storytelling for Change Filmmaking Campaign. The competition, with cash prizes, asked young filmmakers to create a story that embraces diversity and belonging, in times of crisis or peace. The message could be one that stands against injustice and racism, or one that shares wisdom and growth that came from a personal journey. Award-winning films were screened publicly in October 2020 and archived on CMS’ YouTube channel for further accessibility.
In the past year, CMS hosted 23 speakers as part of its Annual Speaker Series and inaugural Mobilities Group Speaker Series. Our speakers cover scholarship across disciplines with topics ranging from climate migration and mobility justice, Canadian migration policy in the age of COVID-19, deconstructing Eurocentric politics of belonging, intersectionality and migrant health, to refugee sponsorship and citizenship acquisition. Due to the pandemic, all talks were hosted on Zoom. While some events offered more intimate conversations with speakers through detailed discussions of pre-circulated papers, such as Grace Peña Delgado’s (Associate Professor, History, UC Santa Cruz) talk on human trafficking and new slavery in Mexico, others like, Dan Hiebert’s (Professor, UBC Geography) presentation on “Canadian Migration During and After the Pandemic” generated large public audiences with more than 120 viewers. Our Mobilities Speaker series, organized by Gaoheng Zhang (Assistant Professor, UBC French, Hispanic and Italian Studies) hosted 5 speakers from 5 countries. For a full list of events, see the “CMS Events” section below and Appendix B.
The Covid-19 pandemic did not allow the kind of celebration we all envisioned, but when we learned that the Dean’s Office had supported our application to become a bona fide Centre in the Arts, it was one of the real highlights of the year! We hope to hold a party much later down the road when in-person meetings and conversations can resume.
Announced in early 2021, the Migration and Mobility Art Competition was an effort by CMS to open a conversation with established and emerging artists on the broadly considered topics of migration and mobility. A jury awarded cash prizes for winners in each category, as well as two honourable mentions, based on strength, creativity, relevance and originality.

Lucy Hunt, a UK-based researcher along with Afghan human rights activist Parwana Amiri, earned the top prize in the migration category for their digital ink project, *For me, a border*. The work, illustrated and stylized in comic form, depicts the experiences of Parwana Amiri and her vivid writings on living in refugee camps in Greece. The grand prize in the mobility category was awarded to filmmaker, visual artist and anthropologist Gregory Gan for his project, *Impossible Cities*, featuring illuminated linocuts of imaginary maps of Moscow, Paris, Berlin and New York. Bridget Bi earned an honourable mention for her experimental animation short film, *The Feast Spins Incessantly*, while Manya Rezapour, also received an honourable mention for her digital graphic artwork, *Our Own Planetary Migration*.

To learn more about the winning artworks and artists, visit migration.ubc.ca/art
From February to May 2021, CMS funded three graduate students to work with agencies in the immigrant and refugee settlement sector. The graduate student placements support small projects that build community-university research partnerships and provide a stipend of up to 12 hours per week for 3 months per graduate student with additional funding available for costs associated with the position. Atieh Razavi Yekta (Ph.D. student, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) worked with Options Community Services (OCS) in order to increase OCS Immigrant Services staff and client capacity by co-creating newcomer stories focused on resilience, newcomer settlement, and integration journeys. The position requires qualitative research experience, including rapport building, data collection, management and analysis skills. Corrine Armistead and Albina Gribadullina, both Ph.D. students in Geography, worked with ISSofBC by providing GIS expertise to undertake an analysis of past client settlement patterns at multiple scales, including Metro Vancouver and municipal levels. ISSofBC provided Corrine and Albina with a dataset containing the postal codes of all ISSofBC clients for a three-year period (January 2018 – December 2020), including type of service(s) accessed (e.g. Language, Employment, Settlement) and immigration status upon arrival (e.g. Economic, Family, Resettled Refugee, Refugee Claimant), Country of Origin. Drawing upon the dataset, they are producing a series of visualizations and dashboards that will help ISSofBC better understand social planning and future delivery services.

In addition to filling a current research need of each agency and supporting the development of community-university research partnerships, the Grad Student Support awards provides graduate students insights into the work of the immigrant and refugee settlement sector.
CMS has had a strong record of publication over the past year and CMS affiliates have published dozens of peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, edited collections and monographs related to migration. Some of the most notable book-length publications include: Antje Ellermann’s *The Comparative Politics of Immigration: Policy Choices in Germany, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States* (Cambridge University Press, 2021); Matthew Wright’s *Immigration and the American Ethos* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), co-authored with M. Levy; *Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver*, edited by Miu Chung Yan and Sean Lauer (University of British Columbia Press, 2021); and Catherine Dauvergne’s edited collection *Research Handbook on the Law and Politics of Migration* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021), which featured chapters from 5 CMS faculty affiliates.
At present, CMS’ goals are focused on the first years of its 5-year term. While plans to hold an Executive Committee Retreat and devise a long-term strategic plan have been delayed by the pandemic, in the interim, CMS has outlined the following concrete plans with aims to increase its global visibility, secure financial sustainability, training of future migration researchers, and deepen and expand research collaborations and community outreach.
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SECURING SELF-SUSTAINING FUNDING
In 2021-23, we will work with the Faculty of Arts Development Office to secure donor funding that—together with the financial commitments by departments and the Faculty of Arts secured in 2020, which cover our staff salaries—will allow CMS to become financially self-sustaining.

EXPANDING AND ANCHORING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
In 2021/22, the Executive Committee will develop a strategic plan for research partnerships with migration centres in Canada, the US, Asia, and Europe. The partners will be represented on the new International Research Advisory Board to provide research guidance and amplify our impact. The Board’s first meeting (2022/23) will coincide with our first biennial CMS conference.

INCREASING RESEARCH VISIBILITY AND IMPACT
In order to globally showcase migration research at UBC, we will publish an Open-Access CMS Working Paper series, starting with 6 issues per year. The series will be edited by Ellermann and will be editorially supported by a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA). We will make available 3 competitive GRA grants in 2021 to support co-authored research to be published in the series.

FACILITATING NEW RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS
We will provide matching funds (as required for SSHRC Connection) and GRA support for grant applications by CMS faculty affiliates who commit to developing new research and grant collaborations. A minimum of 4 collaborative SSHRC applications will be submitted in 2021-23. We will also hold the SSHRC Connection workshop Graphic Narratives of Migration (PI: Ellermann) that brings together 32 CMS faculty affiliates with Concordia partner faculty and local graphic artists.

DEEPENING, EXPANDING COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS
We will enact the SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (PDG) funded research partnership (Belonging in Unceded Territories, 2020-23), composed of 8 UBC faculty (PI: Ellermann), AMSSA, ISSoB, and Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House (FHNH). We will further expand the partnership through participation in FHNH’s Decolonizing Together initiative, a Canada Heritage application ($2.1 million, pending) that brings together 14 Indigenous and non-Indigenous community organizations, CMS, and the Cities of Vancouver and Surrey.

ENHANCING NETWORKING
Given our ongoing expansion (21 new UBC faculty affiliates since 2020; Geography’s 2020/21 Climate Change & Migration search; 3 additional migration hires expected in 2021-23 in Anthropology, Asian Studies, and Psychology under the President’s Academic Excellence Initiative), post-pandemic we will organize monthly Community Luncheons (September to April) to bring together faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and community members to network and identify common research interests.

STRENGTHENING RESEARCH GROUP COLLABORATIONS
The Borders group will 1) explore research and knowledge-exchange partnerships and programming with other research institutions.
The Political Behaviour group will engage with immigration research as it connects to topics in political behaviour and political attitudes, utilizing quantitative methods. In 2021-23, the group will 1) convene every 4-6 weeks during the academic year to discuss work-in-progress and latest research in the field and explore collaborations; 2) seek to expand its membership and involve graduate students.

The Community-University Partnerships group will explore a new participatory and arts-based methodologies for studying migration and engage the public in dialogue about mental health and international migration. The group will 1) organize a virtual seminar series on participatory and arts-based approaches to immigrants’ and refugees’ well-being; 2) hold a documentary screening and panel discussion on immigrant mental health at UBC Robson Square; 3) submit a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant; 4) submit a peer-reviewed article on the potential of arts-based methods in migration studies to Qualitative Research.

The Migration and Indigeneity group is committed to exploring the intersection of migration and Indigeneity, and to advancing the decolonization and Indigenization of migration studies through research, teaching, and engaging in dialogue with scholars and activists. They will meet a minimum of 5 times per year to advance their understanding in this area and develop collaborations. The SSHRC PDG Belonging in Unceded Territory project (see above) developed from this work.

The Narratives group will 1) pursue collaborations through regular discussion sessions; 2) organize a webinar series Storytelling as Research: Unsettling the Cultural Politics of Diversity through Filmmaking; 3) collaborate in a SSHRC Connection Workshop on Dalit Stories (PI: Anne Murphy, Associate Professor, History); 4) organize a speaker series on Storytelling Research.
MOBILIZING KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CMS aims to mobilize knowledge generated through collaboration and to promote strong partnerships between researchers, community partners, and policy makers. The following four programmes and initiatives are integral to realizing these goals.

ESTABLISHING AN IMMIGRATION DATA HUB

CMS Policy Liaison Dan Hiebert (Professor, Geography) and Executive Committee Graduate Student Representative Sandra Schinnerl (Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies) will develop a Data Hub on CMS’ website that will present statistics collected by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Statistics Canada in forms accessible to both researchers and immigrant serving organizations. We will approach IRCC’s Chief Data Officer to partner with this initiative. Hub data will be 1) updated monthly; 2) presented in both raw form and as dashboard visualizations; 3) custom-tailored to community partner needs. We will 4) organize Zoom seminars to maximize outreach and training; 5) award an annual prize for student papers utilizing the data. This initiative builds on Hiebert’s ongoing monthly data presentations to B.C. immigrant serving agencies who have expressed strong interest in a Data Hub. In addition to facilitating data-informed professional practice, the Data Hub will provide a resource for faculty and student researchers that will be unique in Canada.

COMMUNITY LIAISON

Held by Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, Sociology), the CMS community liaison seeks to build relationships between academic and community partners in a way that facilitates collaborative research. In 2021-23 the Community Liaison will 1) establish a Community Advisory Board, composed of representatives of immigrant serving agencies and other community leaders, to provide CMS with community feedback and promote public awareness of our work; 2) convene a Research Advisory Council led by AMSSA and composed of representatives of immigrant serving agencies and UBC researchers to guide community-university partnerships; 3) conduct a biennial Organizational Survey to assess the research capacity, activities, and research needs of
immigrant serving agencies across B.C.; 4) provide GRA support for the work of the Community-UBC Refugee and Migration Working Group that connects members from across sectors and agencies; 5) organize joint programming and support outreach by the WUSC Student Refugee Program, which supports refugee students at UBC; 6) publish community-university profiles of successful collaborative research projects; 7) organize outreach opportunities for CMS researchers to share findings.

PUBLIC SPEAKER SERIES
We will continue our popular speaker series by inviting 10 external and 6 CMS faculty to deliver talks in 2021-23. A subset of talks will be recorded and posted on our website to enhance visibility and accessibility. In order to reduce our ecological footprint, 60% of external talks will be on Zoom (including post-pandemic), as will many of the additional talks organized by research and working groups (most of which are also open to the public). To maximize impact, we will advertise all Zoom events through existing networks with migration centres across North America.

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH
We will continue to publish our quarterly newsletter, expand our social media presence, and work with Arts ISIT to establish a new CMS website by summer 2021. The new website will offer new search functionalities that will greatly enhance our public and media outreach.

Screenshot of the beta version of the CMS Immigration Data Hub. Designed by SANDRA SCHINNERL (Ph.D. student, Interdisciplinary Studies) and CMS Policy Liaison DAN HIEBERT (Professor, Geography) and based on statistics provided by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Statistics Canada, the Data Hub will feature 9 dashboards allowing researchers and other users to attain custom data and visualizations related to immigration in Canada. The Data Hub will be launched on the CMS website in summer 2021 and will be updated monthly.
ENHANCING INTERDISCIPLINARY AND POLICY-ENGAGED TEACHING AND LEARNING

Building on previous graduate training initiatives – the Migration Summer School (2018), Graduate Student Conference & Professional Development Workshops (2019-2020) – CMS will embark on a new teaching and training initiative with the goal of establishing a Migration Studies graduate certificate within the next three years.

GRADUATE TEACHING
CMS obtained a Killam Connection Award ($25,000, PI: Dan Hiebert, Professor, Geography) to offer an interdisciplinary graduate course on Migration Policy. Originally planned for 2020 but delayed due to the pandemic, this course will be offered jointly through Geography and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs programs in 2021/22 to host 2 world-renowned policy experts, Demetri Papademetriou and Margie McHugh to co-teach with Hiebert. Demetri Papademetriou created the Migration Policy Institute (Washington D.C.) and convenes the Transatlantic Council on Migration. Margie McHugh is a leader in the field of immigrant education. Assignments will include policy briefs, which the IRCC Research and Evaluation Branch will provide feedback on. Demetri Papademetriou and Margie McHugh will also contribute to other CMS activities during their three-month stay.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING
CMS will further opportunities for graduate student networking and professional development by funding 8 graduate students to attend a national migration conference. In October 2021, Matthew Wright (Assistant Professor, Political Science), coordinator of the Political Behaviour research group will organize a full-day virtual migration pre-conference at the American Political Science Association’s annual meeting. A pre-conference at this largest political science conference worldwide will facilitate networking among graduate students and faculty and also enhance CMS’ global reputation.

GRAD MIGRATION SPECIALIZATION
Building on the Killam Connection course, we will develop a sustainability strategy for ongoing interdisciplinary teaching. In 2021-23 we will explore in collaboration with UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies a Migration Studies graduate certificate for UBC Ph.D. students.
CMS EVENTS

April 2020 - March 2021
JUNE 24  POSTMIGRANT AESTHETICS: HOW TO NARRATE A FUTURE EUROPE
In this virtual conference a group of scholars led by Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, UBC Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies) gathered to discuss the ways that the increased numbers of refugees entering Europe has challenged European self-understanding and identity and forced a renegotiation of what it means to belong in a plural, postmigrant society.

Organized by the Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies with support from the UBC Centre for Migration Studies . The event was originally planned as two panels of the European Culture Research Network for the CES Conference 2020 on Europe’s Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias

JULY 21  UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN METRO VANCOUVER
In this virtual event Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, UBC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) shared research findings from a study addressing community-based outcomes for successful integration. Interviews with representatives from a range of service-providing organizations in the Lower Mainland were conducted and highlight challenges and opportunities for immigrants’ social participation.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Community-University Partnerships Research Group

SEPT 16 IMMIGRATION AND THE AMERICAN ETHOS
This virtual event featured Matthew Wright (Assistant Professor, UBC Political Science) who presented on American immigration policy during a time of polarizing politics and racial anxieties over the meaning of American nationhood. Wright spoke about the concept of “civic fairness” to explain why many Americans hold a mix of pro-immigrant and anti-immigrant positions.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

SEPT 25 MOBILITY JUSTICE, CLIMATE MIGRATION AND THE LESSONS OF PANDEMIC (IM)MOBILITIES
During this timely and engaging virtual presentation Mimi Sheller (Professor, Sociology, Drexel University) presented on the concept of mobility justice in relation to the way we understand those displaced by climate change, and examined the new conversations emerging around the reception of climate migrants, and policies concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and associated (im)mobilities.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Mobilities Group with co-sponsorship from the UBC Latin American Studies Program
OCT 5  SONGS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES: LANGUAGE AND MOBILITY IN SIXTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE
In this virtual event Kate van Orden (Professor, Department of Music, Harvard University) problematized the ‘national’ designations and categories that have reinforced the exclusion of songs that traveled beyond linguistic borders of proto nation-states, and instead presented examples of the ways music transcended borders and prompted questions around language, place, and belonging.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Mobilities Group with co-sponsorship from the UBC School of Music

OCT 16  CANADIAN MIGRATION DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC: HOW ARE ADMISSION PATTERNS CHANGING AND WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE?
This well-attended virtual event featured Dan Hiebert (Professor, UBC Geography) who spoke about the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic represents in relation to Canadian migration, and how various policy choices made during previous economic crises (1980s and 1990s) inform contemporary policy change in the context of (mostly) closed borders.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

OCT 22  IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN AN AGE OF COVID-19
In this virtual talk Efrat Arbel (Associate Professor, UBC Allard School of Law) and Molly Joeck (Ph.D. student, UBC Allard School of Law) discussed how the outbreak of COVID-19 relates to immigration detention in Canada, and explored how the pandemic has revealed the ways in which the containment and confinement of non-citizens can be reconfigured in Canadian law.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series with co-sponsorship from the UBC Peter A. Allard School of Law
This virtual talk featured Yang-Yang Zhou (Assistant Professor, UBC Political Science) who shared findings from a co-led study with Jason Lyall (Associate Professor, Transnational Studies, Dartmouth College) that showed how prolonged and meaningful contact through a vocational skills training program in Kandahar, Afghanistan with locals and migrants showed no evidence of prejudice reduction towards IDPs regardless of classroom demographics or course duration.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

OCT 27 STORYTELLING FOR CHANGE FILM SCREENING
This lively virtual film screening hosted by the Community-UBC Refugee and Migration Working Group featured various short films and presentations from the filmmakers and mentors involved in the Storytelling for Change Film Campaign. The films covered a wide range of topics on belonging, diversity, social justice, and building community.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies in collaboration with the Community-UBC Refugee and Migration Working Group, UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, MOSAIC, Options Community Services, UBC International Student Development, and UBC Community Engagement

OCT 29 DOES CORRECTIVE INFORMATION CHANGE PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD IMMIGRATION? EVIDENCE FROM A SURVEY EXPERIMENT IN CANADA
In this virtual talk Xiaojun Li (Associate Professor, UBC Political Science) examined how misinformation about the number, origin, and other characteristics of immigrants among the Canadian public impacts views towards immigrant populations, and points to the importance of contextualized corrective information in overcoming cognitive biases rooted in innumeracy-induced misinformation among the public.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

Prevalence of immigration innumeracy

7 out of 8 (87.5%) underestimated

XIAOJUN LI (Associate Professor, Political Science) speaking on October 29
This virtual workshop hosted by Suzanne Huot (Assistant Professor, UBC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) and Anne-Cécile Delaisse (Ph.D. student, UBC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) presented the results of a research project on the role of Francophone community spaces among French-speaking immigrants and refugees in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Part of the annual Semaine Nationale de l’immigration Francophone (National Francophone Immigration Week) with the support of the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Community-University Partnerships Group

This virtual talk by Lynne Pearce (Professor, English and Creative Writing, Lancaster University) featured a discussion of mobility and the humanities as an important new subfield within mobilities scholarship including some personal reflections on why it is still proving difficult to get literary scholars working of mobility themes to engage with the mobilities research that has emanated from the social sciences.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Mobilities Group with co-sponsorship from the UBC Public Humanities Hub

In this virtual talk Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, UBC Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies) discussed the literary and visual narratives of plurality that suggest a relational, intersectional way of connecting cultures, and shared how counter narratives to Eurocentrism, colonialism, sedentarism and patriarchalism promote cosmopolitanism and super-diversity, and questioned how scholarly activism can work against Eurocentrism within and outside Europe.

Part of the 2020–21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series
Outlining the differentiated responses that Singapore has taken to govern multicultures across the local versus foreign populations, Louisa May Khoo (Ph.D. student, UBC School of Community and Regional Planning) gave a virtual presentation on Singapore’s spatial interventions through urban planning and design, social policy and conceptions of ‘others’ to illustrate the ways through which diversity is governed in Singapore and how the COVID-19 pandemic may reshape these practices.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

Asha Kaushal (Assistant Professor, UBC Allard School of Law) and Bethany Hastie (Assistant Professor, UBC Allard School of Law) reviewed a series of Orders-in-Council (OICs), which became the Canadian government’s mechanism of choice for governing the borders during the COVID-19 pandemic, and discussed how this approach created serious challenges for longer-term immigration regulation and a reliance on status-based distinctions in immigration regulation.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

This online webinar and networking discussion, hosted by World University Service of Canada (WUSC) at UBC and featuring Mohamed Ibrahim (Assistant Professor, UBC School of Social Work), focused on how youth with immigrant and refugee backgrounds face unique challenges in accessing education, and how the COVID-19 pandemic has added another layer of accessibility issues. The event sought to identify barriers and formulate some practical solutions.

Organized by World University Service of Canada at UBC, with co-sponsorship and support from the UBC Centre for Migration Studies

This virtual public webinar featured a screening of Borderstory (by Erin Goheen Glanville, Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures), a Worn Words short documentary and dialogue-opener about what the word ‘border’ means to us. Following the film, a group of five cross-sector experts (Hassan Al Kontar, Efrat Arbel, Kristi Pinderi, Edward Alden, and Carlo Handy Charles) engaged questions as part of a panel discussion on the word ‘border’ and gave concrete suggestions for policy and law.

Organized by the Kinbrace Community Society with support and co-sponsorship from the UBC Centre for Migration Studies and moderated by Saleem Spindari, Senior Manager of the Refugees and Migrant Workers Programs at MOSAIC.
This series of two well-attended public webinars featured guests Leo Shin (Associate Professor, UBC), Helen Leung (Professor, Simon Fraser University), Andy Yan (Director of The City Program, Simon Fraser University), Joyce Chan (Professor, Carey Theological College), Eric Fong (Professor, Hong Kong University), and Lake Lui (Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Polytechnic University), and drew from the expertise of sociology, urban planning, religious studies, history, sexuality/cultural studies, and social work to revisit the transnational migration experience of Hong Kong immigrants to Canada.

Organized by Miu Chung Yan (Professor, UBC School of Social Work) and Sean Lauer (Associate Professor, UBC Sociology), and co-sponsored by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies, Department of Sociology at The University of Hong Kong, UBC School of Social Work, and the UBC Hong Kong Studies Initiative.

In this engaging virtual talk Nicholas de Genova (Professor, Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston) explored how, in the specific context of the COVID-19 public health emergency, states on a global scale have resorted to a logic of “national” quarantine to justify border closures, and tactics of migrant and refugee immobilization, more generally, and spoke about how such misguided conceptions of the public health responsibilities of the state are enacted as purportedly protective measures intended to exclusively safeguard the nation-state’s citizenry.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series
In this virtual presentation **Denise L. Spitzer** (Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta and Adjunct Professor, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa) examined what intersectionality brings to the realm of migrant health, and argued that it needs to be more inclusive of the dimensions of time and place. Spitzer also outlined the benefits and challenges to incorporating this lens to this area of research and practice.

**Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series**

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In this insightful presentation **Claudia Moatti** (Professor, Université Paris 8 and University of Southern California) discussed examples taken from different periods of history, but mainly from the Roman period, to propose insights on the social use of the road and the experience of mobility, and concluded that although space is naturally common, it is often "qualified" by the people who move in it and access to it can be the subject of tension and conflict.

**Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Mobilities Group with co-sponsorship from the UBC Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies**

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In this virtual presentation **Hannah Alarian** (Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Florida) discussed how immigrant inclusion is path dependent – such that early suffrage could encourage rather than deter naturalization, and found that local voting rights increased formal membership and revealed these patterns are not present for other forms of non-citizen political rights. Alarian’s findings challenge cost-benefit approaches to national membership, revealing that suffrage reinforces rather than degrades citizenship.

**Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series and co-sponsored by the UBC Institute for European Studies**
FEB 26 SOCIAL EXCLUSION, SYMBOLIC BOUNDARIES AND CONVIVIAL LABOUR IN EAST LONDON’S CONTEXT OF ONGOING IMMIGRATION

This virtual talk by Susanne Wessendorf (Professor, Social Anthropology, Coventry University Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations) investigated the local experiences, perceptions and attitudes towards newcomers among long-established ethnic minorities in an area which they have made their home, and explored long-established ethnic minority residents’ attitudes towards newcomers from Eastern Europe, and how these are shaped by their own histories of exclusion.

Organized by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies Mobilities Group with co-sponsorship from the UBC Department of Anthropology

MAR 4 THE POLITICS OF SOUTH-SOUTH MIGRATION

This online talk by Nikhar Gaikwad (Assistant Professor, Political Science, Columbia University), and the lively discussion that followed, focused on why recent decades have witnessed a sharp increase in cross-border labor migration in the Global South. Gaikwad discussed initial findings from a study on migration from Northeast India to the Persian Gulf to test how access to overseas employment opportunities impact political and economic outcomes among migrants and sending communities.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series
MAR 8  RE-SETTLER SOCIETY: REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP AS CANADIAN NARRATIVE
Focusing on Canadian refugee sponsorship, Audrey Macklin (Professor & Rebecca Cook Chair in Human Rights Law, University of Toronto & Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy) presented on how the quotidian practices of sponsorship embody or challenge models of privatisation, inequality, humanitarianism and hospitality, and citizenship, and how the project of making refugees into citizens remakes the citizenship of sponsors.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series

MAR 29  MEXICO'S NEW SLAVERY: A CRITIQUE OF NEO-ABOLITIONISM TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING (LA TRATA DE PERSONAS)
In this virtual talk and discussion Grace Peña Delgado (Associate Professor, History, University of California, Santa Cruz) examined contemporary New Abolitionism as it redefined human trafficking law in Mexico, and discussed the drift of anti-feminicide politics toward Neo-Abolitionism, and how this departed from customary feminist advocacy of labor (and sex worker) rights for greater individual freedoms, and concluded that violent and often lethal security measures to combat the war on drugs transferred to the fight against human trafficking.

Part of the 2020-21 UBC Centre for Migration Studies Speaker Series
APPENDIX A
BUDGET OVERVIEW
Since its beginnings, the work of the Migration Cluster (now CMS) has been funded through the annual GCRC competitions from UBC’s Excellence Funds. UBC Excellence Funds are a joint initiative of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Vice-President, Research and Innovation. While we have been successful in securing GCRC awards in 2018 ($100,000), 2019 ($100,000), 2020-21 ($200,000), and 2021-23 ($200,000), the GCRC program pilot phase will end in March 2023. Even if the program is renewed, GCRC funds are not designed for the long-term funding of clusters: they serve as seed funds with which to pursue financial sustainability from other sources.

In 2020, an additional $550,000 in funding over a 5-year period was secured as part of the application to become a research Centre in the Arts. $275,000 comes from 5 UBC sponsoring academic units (Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, and the Peter A. Allard School of Law). Matching funds ($275,000) are provided by the Faculty of Arts. All funds are to be paid in annual increments over the course of the first 5-year term of CMS. An overview of the annual distribution of funds is provided in the chart below, “Annual Contributions from Academic Units and Faculty of Arts to CMS, Term 1, (2020-25).”

In 2020–21, the total revenue stream for CMS’ base operating expenses amounted to a combined $316,000, with $86,000 from Departmental sponsors and the Faculty of Arts, alongside the GCRC award of $230,000 (see “total revenue by source” below).

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* Year 1 of CMS’ first term was truncated in order to align with the UBC fiscal calendar, so while Year 1 ran from Dec 2020 – Mar 2021, subsequent years follow the UBC fiscal calendar i.e., Year 2, Apr 2021 – Mar 2022; Year 3, Apr 2022 – Mar 2023; Year 4, Apr 2023 – Mar 2024; Year 5, Apr 2024 – Mar 2025.

** Just prior to the publication of this report, an additional $3,000 was secured for 2021-22 by a co-sponsoring academic unit.

During the 2020–21 year, GCRC funds were used to pay all project and office expenses, as well as student salaries and the salary of a full-time (1.0) research coordinator. Moving forward, the contributions by UBC departmental sponsors and matching funds by the UBC Faculty of Arts are earmarked for two staffing positions: a full-time (1.0) research coordinator and a part-time (.7) CUPE administrative support position who will be hired in 2021.
In 2020/21, CMS research affiliates also leveraged additional funding in the amount of $322,096 through research awards and grants which were then carried into co-supporting CMS programmes, initiatives and research projects. When these funds are included alongside CMS’ award for 2021-23 ($200,000) and the $550,000 garnered through the CMS application, the total leveraged funding for 2020-21 equates to more than $1 million secured (see chart below).

The most robust of these collaborative research projects include a three-year SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (2020-23) entitled “Belonging in Unceded Territory” ($200,000) that involves multiple CMS affiliates and is led by Antje Ellermann (Associate Professor, Political Science); Markus Hallensleben’s (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies) “Narratives of Migration” SSHRC Insight Development Grant ($34,700); a SSHRC Connection Grant on “Graphic Narratives of Migration” ($24,998) involving 30+ CMS affiliates and led by Ellermann (PI); Amanda Cheong’s (Assistant Professor, Sociology) “Birth Tourism in Canada” Mitacs...
Research Training Award ($6,000); Efrat Arbel’s (Associate Professor, Allard School of Law) “Immigration Detention in the Age of COVID-19” Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies Covid-19 Wall Solutions Grant ($11,400), and Peter A. Allard Law’s Lew Innovation Fund ($12,000); and Miu Chung Yan’s (Professor, Social Work) “Immigration and Settlement of Chinese and South Asian immigrants in Vancouver, LA and Singapore” UBC-UCLA Collaborative Research Mobility Award ($8,000).

In the past academic year, CMS affiliates also applied as PI or co-applicants for more than $2.8 million dollars of additional funding in external grants. This includes Miu Chung Yan’s (PI), “Decoding Transnationalism: A Case Study of Hong Kong Chinese Immigrants to Canada,” SSHRC Insight ($389,570, pending); Ellermann’s “Immigration Bureaucracies in an Era of Anti-Immigration Populism,” SSHRC Insight ($284,864, awarded); and Ellermann’s partnership with CMS community partner, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, where she was one of several co-applicants for a $2.1 million Canada Heritage grant entitled “Decolonizing Together” (pending).
APPENDIX B
LIST OF EVENTS

April 2020 - March 2021
APRIL - DECEMBER 2020

JUNE 24 - Postmigrant Aesthetics: How to narrate a future Europe?
JULY 21 - Understanding Social Participation Opportunities for Immigrants in Metro Vancouver
SEPTEMBER 16 - Immigration and the American Ethos
SEPTEMBER 25 - Mobility Justice, Climate Migration and the Lessons of Pandemic (Im)mobilities
OCTOBER 5 - Songs in Unexpected Places: Language and Mobility in Sixteenth-Century Europe
OCTOBER 16 - Canadian Migration During and After the Pandemic: How are Admission Patterns Changing and What Can We Expect in the Near Future?
OCTOBER 22 - Immigration Detention in an Age of COVID-19
OCTOBER 23 - Prolonged Social Contact to Internally Displaced Migrants Does Not Reduce Prejudice Among Locals in Wartime Settings
OCTOBER 27 - Storytelling for Change Film Screening
OCTOBER 29 - Does Corrective Information Change Public Attitudes toward Immigration? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Canada
NOVEMBER 3 - Rencontres culturelles: Améliorer l'inclusion au sein des espaces francophones minoritaires
NOVEMBER 6 - Rethinking the Road: Autoethnography, Memory and Transient Landscapes
NOVEMBER 12 - Deconstructing Eurocentric Politics of Belonging through Literary and Visual Narratives of Plural Relations
NOVEMBER 18 - Governing Difference: Urban Policy and Multiculture in Singapore
DECEMBER 1 - Bordering the Pandemic: COVID-19, Immigration, and Emergency
DECEMBER 4 - Breaking Down Barriers: Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education for BC Newcomer Youth
DECEMBER 5 - Refugees and Borders: Remapping the World We Think We Know

JANUARY - MARCH 2021

JANUARY 19 - When Local Meets Transnational: Reciprocal Effects of Immigrants Circulating between Hong Kong and Canada: Part I
JANUARY 26 - When Local Meets Transnational: Reciprocal Effects of Immigrants Circulating between Hong Kong and Canada: Part II
JANUARY 29 - Viral Borders
FEBRUARY 10 - Situating Intersectionality in Migrant Health
FEBRUARY 19 - On the Road: Mobility and Social Differentiation
FEBRUARY 22 - Local Suffrage Increases Citizenship Acquisition: Evidence from the European Union
FEBRUARY 26 - Social Exclusion, Symbolic Boundaries and Convivial Labour in East London’s Context of Ongoing Immigration
MARCH 4 - The Politics of South-South Migration
MARCH 8 - Re-settler society: Refugee Sponsorship as Canadian Narrative
MARCH 29 - Mexico’s New Slavery: A Critique of Neo-Abolitionism to Combat Human Trafficking (la trata de personas)
APPENDIX C
FACULTY AFFILIATES
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Afsoun Afsahi, Assistant Professor, Political Science
Nora Angeles, Associate Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning
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Gage Averill, Professor of Ethnomusicology, School of Music; Dean, Faculty of Arts
Erin Baines, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs
George Belliveau, Professor, Language and Literacy Education; Head, Language and Literacy Education
Alexia Bloch, Professor, Anthropology; Head, Anthropology
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Katherine Bowers, Associate Professor of Slavic Studies, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies
Benjamin Bryce, Assistant Professor, History
Anna Casas Aguilar, Assistant Professor of Spanish, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies
Amanda Cheong, Assistant Professor, Sociology
John Christopoulos, Assistant Professor, History
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Franco De Angelis, Professor, Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies
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David Green, Professor, Vancouver School of Economics
Markus Hallensleben, Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies
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