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THE CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES

The UBC Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) is an interdisciplinary network committed to advancing the study of migration, mobilities, and belonging. The Centre is located in the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the $x^w m\theta k^w \acute{a}y\acute{a}m$ (*Musqueam*) people, and our work extends across unceded Coast Salish territories in what is commonly known as Metro Vancouver.

Since its formal establishment in 2020, CMS has served as an incubator for transformative research within the academy and beyond. With our 83 faculty affiliates, 82 graduate student affiliates, and numerous community practitioners and partners, we work together to facilitate publicly-engaged dialogue that fosters inclusive and just communities. CMS does this through a rich and diverse array of research collaborations and programming initiatives. We facilitate over 50 events per year, hosting lectures, workshops, conferences, and other events for the UBC community and more.

In the university, CMS supports research and training through the Graduate Fellows Program, the Working Paper Series, research conferences, and seven thematic research groups. With partners in the settlement sector, neighbourhood organizations, and policy-making bodies, we strive to ground our scholarly research in relationships with people and institutions engaged firsthand in migration matters. Our programming and research also embody our fundamental commitment to exploring ways to decolonize migration studies by grappling with the intersection of migration, settler colonialism, empire, and Indigeneity.

CMS was initiated as the “Migration Cluster” in 2018 through competitive funding from the UBC Vice-President’s Office, Research and Innovation (VPRI). The cluster developed quickly in size and in scope; with generous additional funding from departmental sponsors (matched by the Faculty of Arts), the cluster was formalized as an interdisciplinary research centre in the Faculty of Arts in 2020 and received Senate approval in 2021. In 2021, it was again awarded competitive funding from the VPRI.

This is the third annual report for CMS. It covers the 2022–23 fiscal year from April 1, 2022 – March 30, 2023, plus the month of April 2023 (corresponding to the the term length of our primary funding from VPRI).

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2022-23 was a dynamic year for the Centre for Migration Studies. While we pursued a busy rhythm of regular event programming, we also launched a new Graduate Fellows program, organized an intensive Indigenous-led decolonization workshop series, surpassed our Working Paper Series ambitions, convened a Community Advisory Board, formalized a three-year Strategic Plan, inaugurated an International Research Conference, secured 5 collaborative SSHRC Grants, and saw the flourishing of our research groups in their wide-ranging workshops and events. Amidst this, we also navigated changes in staff, yet found ways to create stabilizing continuity through our community of faculty and graduate affiliates and ongoing relationships with community partners.

Over and above these achievements, in spring we received word of our biggest reason yet to celebrate: CMS was awarded \$12.4 million in Canada First Research Excellence Funds (CFREF) for our part in a 7-year collaborative research project, "Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides," with Toronto Metropolitan University (PI), Concordia University, and the University of Alberta. This award marks both a culmination and a turning point in the life of the Centre: it speaks to our collective

research excellence, and our enhanced financial sustainability and research capacities going forward. Many hands helped build these qualities in 2022-23 and the years that preceded it. We are grateful to you all and excited by the fruit of our collective efforts. With the support of the Faculty of Arts, our departmental sponsors, and funds from the GCRC program of the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation, here are more highlights of what we were able to achieve together in 2022-23. (We include the fiscal year, April 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023, as well as the month of April 2023.)

In 2022-23, CMS sponsored or co-sponsored 50 events: 33 public talks, 11 conferences and workshops, and a combination of 6 film screenings, poetry events, and book launches. These included, for example, the Fall Speaker Series, "New Voices," which showcased the work of new UBC assistant professors, and the Spring Speaker Series, "Decolonizing Migration," featuring Indigenous UBC faculty and an alumna, with scholarly practices spanning political theory and filmmaking. Our seven research groups organized several of our public events, for example, hosting: an artist/poet (in conjunction with an exhibition at the Museum of Anthropology) whose work focuses on

borderlands; an Afghan scholar engaged with supporting scholars and activists at risk; a film screening and panel discussion with community partners for an audience of people engaged with immigrant health care issues; and a community-engaged dialogue series exploring cultural practices of “welcome,” including panels with expertise from Indigenous and refugee community members.

Our conferences and workshops showcased our strengths in collaborative and transformative research. For example, this fiscal year saw the inauguration of our first annual International Research Conference, in collaboration with Queen’s University Belfast (April 2022). Over two days, 25 participants presented panels and engaged in an intensive writing workshop. CMS also secured funds from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with whom we co-hosted a 2-day workshop in May 2022 titled “Public Views of Immigration and Diversity.” Workshop findings were published both online and in print as a Special Issue (edited by Matthew Wright) in our Working Paper Series, and were also featured in IRCC’s (Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada) “Research at a Glance” newsletter.

Graphic narratives created by artists and participants during the SSHRC-funded workshop, “Graphic Narratives of Migration,” are also in the process of being published. This special collaboration (a partnership between CMS and scholars from Concordia University) in May 2022 matched nine local artists with groups of migration scholars to create thematic narratives of migration in new media. Another SSHRC-funded workshop, “Indigenous Storywork,” was convened in late August 2022 by CMS faculty affiliates and led by Jo-ann Archibald Q’um Q’um Xiiem, the Indigenous scholar who established the methodology.

Over four days, 25 Indigenous and settler scholars came together to engage in the praxis of storywork and connect through their own personal stories, under the aegis of decolonizing migration studies and challenging Eurocentric understandings of storytelling in higher education.

This last value – decolonizing migration studies – is reflected in other research and relational commitments of the Centre as well. 2022–23 saw the continuation of the SSHRC-funded Partnership Development Grant project, “Belonging in Unceded Territory.” (We also featured it in an episode of our Global Migration Podcast.) The careful, evolving relationships with Indigenous cultural facilitators here are not just integral to the research project, but are expanding to inform how the Centre operates and relates in other ways. Over September–November 2022, we hosted a 3-session workshop (with a follow-up session in April 2023) on “Racialization and Settler Complicity.” Working with Vanessa Andreotti and Cash Ahenakew, 26 faculty, staff, and community participants grappled with the challenges of decolonization across the entwined scales of the individual and the institutional.

The inauguration of the Grad Fellows Program was another key success of the past year, an important milestone in the deepening of our commitment to train graduate scholars. 13 students (11 graduate and 2 undergraduate) were competitively selected to engage in the life of the Centre as a special cohort, with opportunities for work-in-progress presentations, one-on-one cross-disciplinary mentorship, financial awards, and the organizing of a day-long public symposium of their own research. The latter event embodied the best of what we hoped the program could be: students worked together with an energized

camaraderie (built over weeks of event planning and refining their own research presentations), and emerged with a palpable sense of belonging and achievement. Our graduate training and mentorship also grew significantly through our Faculty-Student Small Grants, which provided funding to 11 faculty-student research collaborators, resulting in publications to our Working Paper Series. Additionally, our professional development events gave grad students the opportunity to hear from and speak with practitioners in the immigration sector (including staff from IRCC and the BC

provincial government) about real-world policy work and implementation.

These are among the key events and initiatives that describe the last fiscal year at CMS. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the UBC Faculty of Arts; the sponsorship of the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, and Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies, and the Peter A. Allard School of Law; and the GCRC program of the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation. We look forward to all what we will achieve together in the coming year.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antje Ellermann'.

ANTJE ELLERMANN
FOUNDING DIRECTOR
CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES



BY THE NUMBERS

APRIL 1, 2022 - APRIL 30, 2023

83

FACULTY +
POSTDOCTORAL
AFFILIATES

82

GRAD STUDENT
AFFILIATES

6

FILM SCREENINGS,
POETRY EVENTS &
BOOK LAUNCHES

39

UBC UNITS
REPRESENTED

16

GRAD STUDENTS
EMPLOYED

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ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES

GOVERNANCE

CMS is led by Founding Director, Antje Ellermann, Professor of Political Science. The Centre is governed by a 17-member Executive Committee, which includes the Director. The composition of the Executive Committee reflects the broad interdisciplinary commitments and vision that are foundational to the Centre. It includes all university ranks and, in the 2022-23 fiscal year, was comprised of faculty from ten academic units. The Executive Committee provides guidance for CMS decision-making on matters including strategic direction,

compliance and accountability, and programs and initiatives. Executive Committee members also adjudicate internal competitions for grants, awards, conference placements, and fellowships offered by CMS. CMS Governance Guidelines provide the terms and protocols of Executive Committee membership.

At present, one committee seat is allocated to each CMS departmental sponsor (indicated by *) and to the coordinator of each CMS Research Group (indicated by †).



In addition, there are seats for a Policy Liaison, a Community Liaison, a Community Representative, and two graduate student representatives.

In 2022–23, these were the Executive Committee members: **Efrat Arbel**, Associate Professor, Allard School of Law*; **Alexia Bloch**, Professor and Head, Anthropology*; **Amanda Cheong**, Assistant Professor, Sociology* (covered while on leave by **Aryan Karimi**, Assistant Professor, Sociology); **Katie Crocker**, CEO of the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA) (Community Representative); **Anne-Cécile Delaisse**, PhD candidate, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy; **Antje Ellermann**, Professor, Political Science (Director)†; **Erin Goheen Glanville**, Sessional Lecturer, Coordinated Arts Program, English Language & Literatures†; **Markus Hallensleben**, Associate Professor, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies†; **Dan Hiebert**, Professor, Geography (Policy Liaison); **Suzanne Huot**, Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy†; **Sean Lauer**, Professor, Sociology (Community Liaison); **Geraldine Pratt**, Professor and Head, Geography*; **Robert Straughan**, PhD student, Political Science; **Matthew Wright**, Associate Professor, Political Science†; **Gaoheng Zhang**, Associate Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies† (covered while on leave by **Megan Daniels**, Assistant Professor, Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies); and **Yang-Yang Zhou**, Assistant Professor, Political Science*.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2022, the Executive Committee finalized a Strategic Plan for 2022–2025, which articulates our values and priorities as a centre. Its adoption fulfills an important goal for solidifying our foundations and charting

our future. The Centre’s strategic planning is aligned with four UBC strategic plans: Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP), Inclusion Action Plan (IAP), UBC Strategic Plan, and Faculty of Arts Strategic Plan. In particular, the CMS plan is guided by the following principles and visions:

- To foster reciprocal and transformative research collaborations among migration scholars from different disciplines and institutions, and between migration scholars and practitioners
- To decolonize migration studies
- To build an inclusive community, based on values of reciprocity and relationality, respect and integrity, equity and justice, and accountability
- To facilitate meaningful learning by holding space for reflexivity, uncertainty, complexity, lived experience, and recognizing the social embeddedness of learning

CMS STAFF AND STUDENT EMPLOYEES

In 2022–23, CMS employed two full-time and one part-time staff member, along with numerous graduate administrative assistants.

The **Research Manager, Programs and Initiatives**, works with the Director to support CMS research projects and programming and to advance the role of CMS within UBC and in the broader community. The Research Manager oversees the annual calendar of events and initiatives; operates the Grad Fellows program; manages the Centre’s research grants and budgets; supports grant-writing and other communications activities; and supervises the Program & Administrative Assistant and a team of graduate academic assistants. **Gabriele Dumpys Woolever** has been the Research Manager since November 2022.

The **Program & Administrative Assistant** works under the direction of the Research

Manager to provide event planning and coordination, expense processing and documentation, marketing support, and physical infrastructure support. Since June 2023, this position has been held by **Atmaza Chattopadhyay**.

A part-time **Engagement Strategist** role helps cultivate the Centre's community relationships. **Javier Ojer** has held this position since its inception in March 2022, coming from more than a decade of local and international experience as a project manager in community partnerships. As Engagement Strategist, Ojer works with individuals and organizations from across the university and Metro Vancouver to explore ways in which community-university relationships can be deepened, decolonized, and more fruitfully re-imagined. The Engagement Strategist works under the direction of the Director and the Community Liaison (Sean Lauer), in consultation with the Community Representative (Katie Crocker).

Various **Graduate Administrative Assistants** (GAAs) are employed by the Centre on a part-time basis throughout each academic year. These positions provide graduate students with valuable experience in a range of migration-related initiatives. In 2022-23, **Tori Shucheng Yang** (PhD candidate, Sociology) served as the Editorial Assistant for the Working Paper Series; **Atieh Razavi Yekta** (PhD student, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) provided communications and social media support; **Sadie Rittman** (Master's student, Anthropology) and **Emily Amburgey** (PhD candidate, Anthropology) provided communications and editorial support; **Aysan Deghani** (3rd year undergraduate student, Political Science) provided event support; **Ritwik Bhattacharjee** (PhD candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies) and **Rutu Patel** (Master's student, Public Policy and Global Affairs) provided communications

support; **Atreyi Bhattacharjee** (PhD student, Allard Law) provided general administrative support; **Saguna Shankar** (PhD candidate, Library, Archival and Information Studies) supported the Community Liaison; **Fion Fung** (4th year undergraduate student, Speech Sciences) provided event organizing support; and **Kousaku Yui** (PhD student, Philosophy) was CMS event photographer. In addition, some CMS Research Groups employed GAAs to support their specific activities in 2022-23: **Mahashewta Bhattacharya** (PhD student, Anthropology) worked with the Borders Research Group; **Jaerin Kim** (4th year undergraduate student, International Relations) worked with the Narratives Research Group; and **Natasha Damiano** (PhD candidate, Rehabilitation Sciences) worked with the Community-University Partnerships Group. Two graduate research assistants supported the Belonging in Unceded Territory research project: **Cindy Robin** (PhD student, Political Science) and **Claudia Serrano** (PhD student, Political Science).

FACILITIES

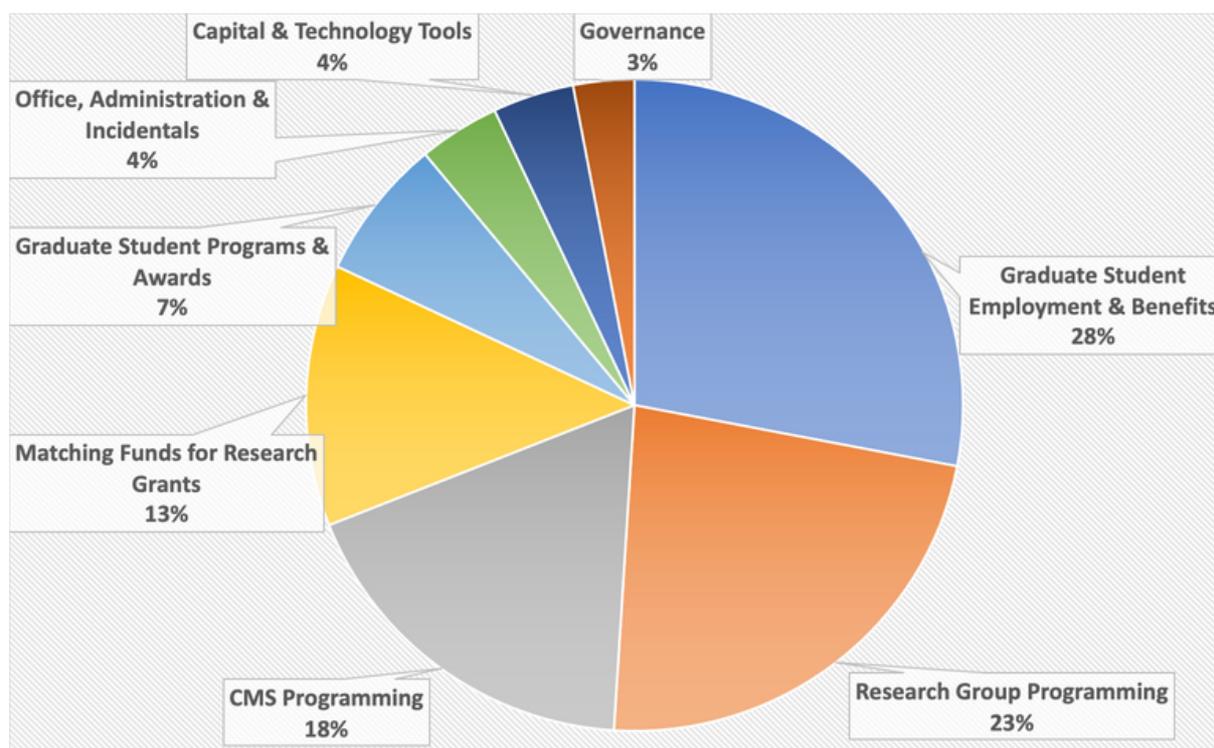
CMS offices are located on the third floor of the C.K. Choi Building (1855 West Mall) on the UBC Vancouver campus. In addition to dedicated offices for the Director, Research Manager, and Program & Administrative Assistant, there is a shared staff and postdoctoral fellow office, and a Community Room that accommodates visiting scholars, graduate students, and informal hospitality and socializing throughout the year. Through the 2022-23 fiscal year, the CMS wing was also home to Political Science faculty and CMS affiliates Matthew Wright (Associate Professor; Research Coordinator of the Political Behaviour Group) and Richard Johnston (Professor Emeritus). CMS events are often held in the shared conference rooms and classrooms of the Choi Building and the neighbouring Liu Institute.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

CMS’s operational and staff costs are supported by funds from the UBC Faculty of Arts, the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, Geography, and Anthropology, Department of Central Eastern and Northern European Studies, the Peter A. Allard School of Law, and an Anonymous Donor.

Annual Contributions from Academic Units & Faculty of Arts (2020-2025)			
Year	Academic Units	Faculty of Arts	Total
2020-21	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 86,000.00
2021-22	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 119,000.00
2022-23	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
2023-24	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
2024-25	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 119,000.00

CMS currently funds its programming through a competitively awarded GCRC Established Cluster Grant from the UBC Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI). Programming expenditures include the cost of events and initiatives, CMS research group programming, funds to support graduate student training and internships, competitive seed funding for new research, and matching funds to leverage external grant applications.



GCRC Expense Distribution in 2022-23

CMS administers several collaborative research grants, which are distinct from awards that individual faculty affiliates pursue through their own departments. In 2022-23, CMS was competitively awarded funds for two new collaborative research projects: Bridging Divides (\$12.4 million from CFREF) and MEMO (\$56,400 from SSHRC). The projects are detailed later in this report.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

An important part of the CMS Engagement Strategist's work in 2022-23 was to convene the first CMS Community Advisory Board (CAB). Initiated in 2021, the CAB provides a bridge between CMS, Metro Vancouver, and broader community entities in BC with an interest in research and other economic, political, and social issues surrounding migration. Meeting twice a year, they function as an auxiliary layer of governance for CMS, working with the Executive Committee to advise on research priorities in the region and on building productive partnerships between researchers and the community. This includes appropriate practices for managing fair and equitable research partnerships.

The 18-member CAB is comprised of 14 non-CMS members who actively work with immigration matters in diverse contexts from across the settlement sector, community organizations, and neighbourhood associations. CAB members represent themselves and their area of interest and expertise, rather than the organizations by whom they are employed. The CAB is supported by the CMS Engagement Strategist and the EC Community Liaison, who each hold seats on the CAB, as do the CMS Director and the EC Community Representative. The Community Representative serves as the primary bridge between the two advisory bodies (EC and CAB). These were the CAB members in 2022-23:

Jok Alier, UBC WUSC (World University Service of Canada) Local Committee; **Amanda Aziz**, Migrant Workers Center; **Antje Ellermann**, CMS Director (UBC); **Huda Bolbolan**, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House; **Arvinder Bubber**, A.S. Bubber & Associates; **Anastasia Chyz-Lesage**,

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Western Region); **Katie Crocker**, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA) (EC Community Liaison); **Carling Helander**, Immigration Policy and Integration (BC) **Vandna Joshi**, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society; **Norm Leech**, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House; **Jing Liu**, Chimo Community Services; **Calisto Mudzingwa**, S.U.C.C.E.S.S.; **Javier Ojer**, CMS Engagement Strategist; **Yusra Qadir**, Mothers Matter Centre; **Kathy Sherrell**, ISSofBC; **Sean Lauer**, Department of Sociology (UBC) (EC Policy Liaison); **Suzanne Huot**, Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy (UBC); and **Olga Stachova**, MOSAIC.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The CAB is an extension of CMS' foundational commitment to community partnerships, reciprocal learning, and capacity building. We seek to maintain meaningful relationships with community partners that can bring about new collaborations and sector-guided research programs. In 2022-23, these were the immigrant- and refugee-serving organizations with whom we held formal partnerships:

Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA); Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (ANHBC); Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC); Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC); Migrant Workers Centre BC (MWCBC); MOSAIC BC; Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House (FHNH); Options Community Services; Le Réseau en Immigration Francophone C-B (RIFCB); S.U.C.C.E.S.S.; and World University Services of Canada (WUSC-UBC).

CMS also has informal partnerships with the

Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership (VLIP) and the **Neighbourhood Houses of Mount Pleasant, Collingwood, Kiwassa, Little Mountain,** and **South Vancouver.**

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

CMS maintains fruitful partnerships with other migration centres and university organizations across Canada and beyond. Together we foster research engagement and scholarly dialogue from diverse geographies and methods of expertise. In 2022-23, CMS academic partners included:

Centre for the Study of Politics and Immigration (CSPI), Concordia University; Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration (CERC Migration), Toronto Metropolitan University; Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University; and School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics (HAPP), Queen's University Belfast

RESEARCH AFFILIATES

At the heart of the CMS community is our dynamic collective of research affiliates. Affiliates come from UBC faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students; from universities in the lower mainland of British Columbia; as visiting international scholars or students; and as practitioners from immigration sector organizations. This rich capacity to partner across disciplines and contexts is what makes CMS affiliation special – deepening and multiplying the programs, publications, and relationships that are possible.

In 2022-23, our network of affiliates numbered 83 UBC faculty and postdoctoral fellows and 82 graduate students. They represented 39 units across campus. (See Appendices B and C for a full list of affiliates and departments.) Our 13 external affiliates included regional scholars from Simon Fraser

University, University of the Fraser Valley, University of Victoria, and Langara College; visiting scholars from Universit. Laval and Queen's University Belfast; a visiting policy practitioner from IRCC; and a visiting graduate student from the University of Kassel.

Affiliation with CMS carries multiple benefits. Faculty affiliates are eligible to apply for internal CMS workshop competitions, research funds, and other awards. We provide many opportunities for connection and relationship building, allowing affiliates to explore new research partnerships. We also offer research support to faculty affiliates through the management and administration of certain grants. Through initiatives like the Global Migration Podcast, the Working Paper Series, and other informal channels, we communicate and celebrate our affiliates' research projects to a wider audience.

Our graduate student affiliates gain critical experience working directly with faculty, research experts, and community partners. They are eligible for CMS conference paper competitions and travel awards, and opportunities to participate in CMS governance. They can become members of CMS Research Groups and are priority candidates for GAA roles. Likewise, they benefit from non-academic training opportunities via occasional internships with community organizations. They may workshop their research through the public-facing Grad Student Power Hour Series. With the competitive Graduate Fellows program, they can access an even more robust experience of mentorship, program participation, and cohort building. CMS is currently developing a Graduate Certificate in Migration Studies, which will formalize the academic record of affiliates' engagement when certificate requirements are met.



Photo by Kousaku Yui

RESEARCH GROUPS

CMS research groups are open to all of our affiliates, including faculty, students, and community partners. Groups are formally proposed by affiliates with a desire to focus on specific themes in migration, and receive approval from the Executive Committee. They also receive funding from CMS for their own event programming and research initiatives, which the Centre promotes and helps administratively support. Research group coordinators are granted a seat on the Executive Committee.

BORDERS

The Borders Research Group includes 17 members from 7 disciplines and aims to advance interdisciplinary dialogues about border regimes and the lived experience of borders through reading seminars, speaker events, and written and creative expression. They seek to expand their understanding of the many ways borders can be conceptualized: as physical spaces that monitor, manage, and limit human mobility; as a set of bureaucratic practices and logics; and as historical formations that are deeply entangled with colonialism and empire in all of its forms. The group values the work of artists, community leaders, community activists, and advocates in amplifying critical analyses of bordering practices today. Their members' research spans a range of topics including but not

limited to: the securitization of borders, cross-border labour mobility, the mediation of gender and sexuality, the externalization of sovereignty, carceral border regimes, and resistance and political mobilization. In 2022-23, the group was led by **Alexia Bloch** (Professor and Head, Anthropology).

COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Community-University Partnerships group includes 23 members from 14 disciplines and focuses on developing strong collaborative partnerships between academics and community members. To that end, the group fosters a community-university approach in CMS and facilitates research collaborations between academic and community partners that lead to the development of grant proposals. Areas of research include migrant integration and inclusion; language, literacy, and linguistics; undocumented migration and statelessness; community-engaged research; and survey research. The group is led by **Suzanne Huot** (Assistant Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy).

MIGRATION AND INDIGENEITY

The Migration and Indigeneity Research Group is home to 16 members from 10 disciplines and is committed to advancing the Indigenization of migration studies, both through teaching and research. The research group explores the intersection of migration studies and Indigeneity through reading,

discussing, teaching, writing, and engaging in dialogue with scholars and activists. Areas of research focus include topics such as settler colonialism and decolonization; borders and sovereignty; and Indigenous Studies. The group is led by Centre Director, **Antje Ellermann** (Professor, Political Science).

MOBILITIES

The Mobilities Research Group has 35 members from 13 disciplines and aims to produce new lines of inquiry within mobility analysis through humanistic, interpretive, multilingual, culturally sensitive scholarship on multiple and intersecting mobilities from both the humanities and social sciences. By addressing the complex mediums and meanings of mobilities and immobilities, the group foregrounds mobility within cultural, historical, media, and literary studies of the circulation of humans, objects, ideas, and images. Research areas include topics such as climate migration; gender and migration; digital and media studies; diasporas and transnationalism; and history of migration. In 2022–23, the group was led by **Megan Daniels** (Assistant Professor, Ancient Mediterranean & Near Eastern Studies).

NARRATIVES

The Narratives Research Group includes 23 members from 15 disciplines and is interested in any social, political, artistic, practical, and theoretical implications pertaining to narratives of migration and belonging and the politics of belonging. By investigating settler, migrant, refugee, and Indigenous narratives, the group seeks to identify alternative narratives that critically and constructively challenge Eurocentric notions of settlement, ownership, and identity. In order to foster a viewpoint of decolonized social belonging, the focus is on questioning binary and place-based concepts of hybridity, diversity, integration, settlement, and Indigenous belonging, as they appear in

literature, film, and other media. The primary area of investigation is transformative aesthetics that renegotiate and change political perspectives and play a crucial part in challenging collective core narratives in plural societies. In 2022–23, the group was led by **Markus Hallensleben** (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies).

POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR

The Political Behaviour Research Group has 7 members from 2 disciplines and focuses on current research in immigration related to political behaviour and political attitudes. This is broadly construed so as to be inclusive of work that analyzes immigrants and minority members as units of analysis, as well as more mainstream public opinion work. Areas of research include integration and inclusion; immigration politics and policy; public opinion; and citizenship. The group is led by **Matthew Wright** (Associate Professor, Political Science).

RESEARCH CREATION

The Research Creation Research Group included 8 UBC and SFU faculty members and graduate students from six disciplines, and uniquely gathered researchers and artists to explore the intersection of the arts and scholarship in the study of migration. The group foregrounded the creative forms that research can and should take in seeking to understand the dynamics and implications of migration in a settler colonial state. Areas of focus included various topics and methods such as digital and media studies; research creation and interpretative arts; community-engaged research; and narratives and politics of belonging. The group was co-led by **Erin Goheen Glanville** (Sessional Lecturer, English Language and Literatures) and **Anne Murphy** (Associate Professor, History). At the end of 2022–23, the group decided to disband.

NEW RESEARCH GROUP FORTHCOMING: CIRCULATION: AFRICA AND ITS DIASPORAS

In December 2022, a proposal for a new research group was approved by the Executive Committee. Circulation: Africa and its Diasporas Research Group will commence activities in the 2023–24 fiscal year. Its members include 18 faculty and graduate students from 12 disciplines. It will focus on migration to/from/on the African continent, and on the resulting circulation of objects, languages, and ideas between the continent and its Diasporas in Asia, the Americas, and Europe. The group was proposed and will be co-led by **Antje Ziethen** (Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, & Italian Studies), and **Calisto Mudzingwa** (Sessional Lecturer, Linguistics and African Studies).

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AT CMS

CMS is committed to fostering an inclusive community where all can belong. In 2022–23, this was reflected in our own demographics, as well as the initiatives on which we collaborated. We come from diverse backgrounds, with 83 faculty affiliates and 82 graduate student affiliates representing 39 UBC units, and 11 community partners supporting Vancouver’s immigrant and refugee communities. Our Executive Committee, which represents all university ranks, is 65% female, 29% IBPOC, and 53% foreign-born. Our Community Advisory Board is 71% female and 64% IBPOC. Among our 2022/23 Graduate Fellows, 86% are female and 93% racialized.

Our commitments to EDI and Indigenous justice extend beyond representational diversity to substantive engagement, as reflected in the research themes of decolonizing migration studies and community-engaged research. In 2022–23, our Fall “New Voices” Speaker Series featured new assistant professors, including

queer perspectives on migration; the Spring “Decolonizing Migration” Speaker Series featured Indigenous colleagues, some engaged in diverse, creative methodologies. In late summer, CMS faculty affiliates organized the 4-day “Indigenous Storywork” workshop, led by the Indigenous founder of the methodology. In the fall, our three-session, Indigenous-led workshop series, “Racialization and Settler Complicity” brought together almost 30 majority IBPOC participants for slow, intensive work on hard questions of decolonization. Throughout the year, research continued on the SSHRC Partnership Development Grant project, “Belonging in Unceded Territory,” a partnership of CMS and 3 community organizations, supported by Indigenous cultural facilitators. Four CMS research groups (Community–University Partnerships, Migration & Indigeneity, Narratives, and Research Creation) worked on research themes that directly engage questions of power, race, and colonization. This is also true of our newest research group), Circulation: Africa and its Diasporas.

Along with these engagements, we have developed policies that support equity and decolonization, such as an honorarium policy for community practitioners and Knowledge Keepers, and prioritization of Indigenous and community-based caterers/businesses for provision of goods and services. As discussed above, our Strategic Plan is closely aligned with the UBC Inclusion Action Plan and the Indigenous Strategic Plan. Though all this, we have sought to embody our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion; most of all, this year has taught us how relational ways of being are foundational to this work. We continue to be willing to listen, learn, and unlearn from those who generously teach us the ways that might help us deepen this commitment.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

CENTRE LAUNCH PARTY

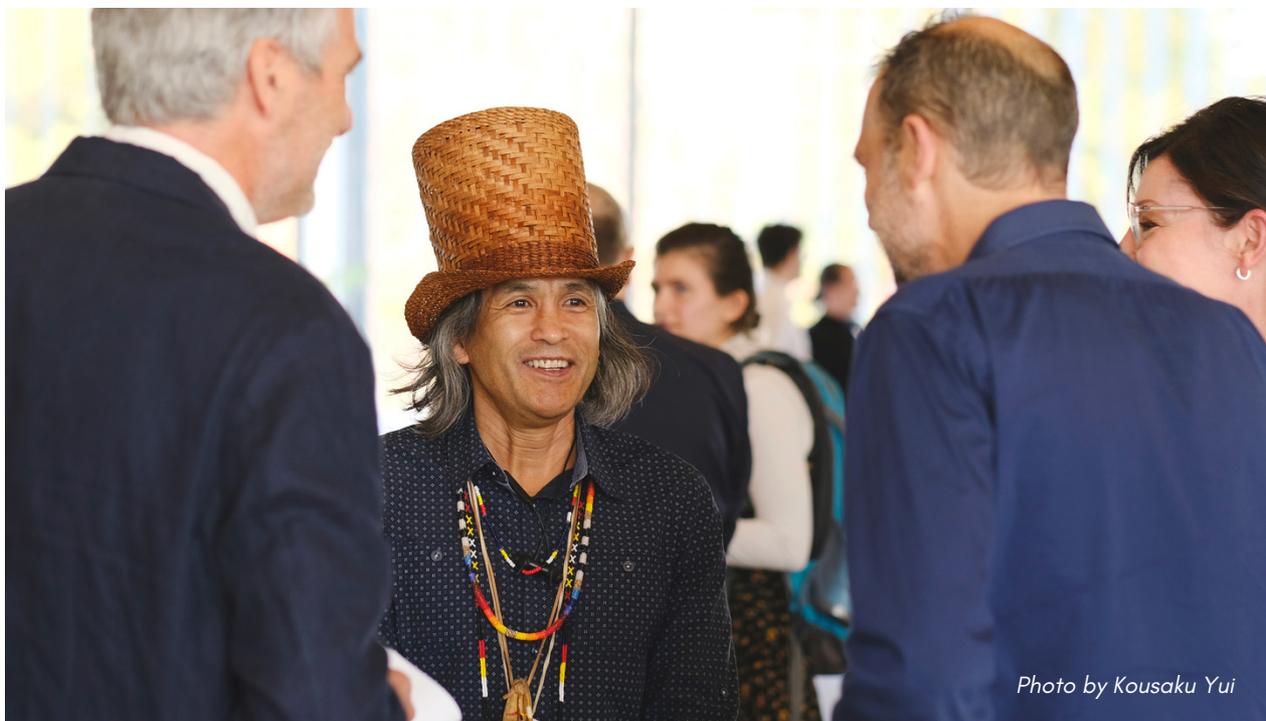


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In October 2022, CMS celebrated our formal inauguration as a UBC Faculty of Arts research centre with a belated launch party. This momentous occasion was over three years in the making, giving us the opportunity to reflect on shared achievements and the relationships that helped bring us to this new status. Founding Director Antje Ellermann opened the celebration with a land acknowledgment and a brief history of our beginnings as the UBC Migration Research

Excellence Cluster. Niis Miou (Travis Angus), a respected Elder and Knowledge Keeper from Lax Gibuu (Wolf Clan) of the Nisga'a Nation (with whom the Centre has worked in the local community) shared their song, drumming, and teachings about ceremony, helping situate the celebration in terms of Indigenous place and relationality. Gage Averill (Provost & Vice-President, Academic, UBC-V), Matthew Evenden (Associate Vice-President, Research & Innovation), and

Christiane Hoppmann (Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies, UBC Arts) each spoke at the celebration, reflecting the institutional support that has been integral to the establishment of the Centre. Other CMS staff and graduate student affiliates presented on key achievements, such as the Graphic Narratives of Migration workshop, the Global Migration Podcast, the Working Paper Series, and the Grad Fellows Program. Speeches from CMS Engagement Strategist, Javier Ojer, Katie Crocker (CEO, AMSSA), and Norm Leech (Executive Director, Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre) foregrounded the vital role of community engagement in the work of the Centre. The event culminated with soulful music from the Brazuka Trio, a group formed by three immigrant artists from Brazil. It was an occasion of deep gratitude, and one that bolstered our hopes of what we can collaboratively achieve in the years ahead.

SPEAKER SERIES

Our annual Speaker Series is a signature set of events offering unique access to the expertise of international scholars and UBC faculty working across disciplines, methods, and media in migration and mobility studies. In 2022–23, we drew exclusively from UBC faculty and one UBC PhD/filmmaker for two themed sub-series, in an effort to support the work of new UBC faculty and Indigenous scholars at UBC.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES: NEW VOICES

The “New Voices” Fall Speaker Series (held Oct–Dec 2022) was an opportunity to showcase the research expertise and interests of four new UBC faculty in migration from three different departments. **Helena Zeweri** (Assistant Professor, Anthropology) spoke on Afghan–American diasporic political consciousness to illuminate bordering practices under

imperial retraction and the emergent forms of political dissent since US military withdrawal from Afghanistan. Drawing on sociological perspectives, **Aryan Karimi** (Assistant Professor, Sociology) examined a range of assimilation theories from classic, segmented, and neo-assimilation to explain intergroup relations within migration studies. **Elif Sari** (Assistant Professor, Anthropology) discussed the role of Iranian and Kurdish LGBTQ refugee voices in light of the violent murder of Mahsa Jina Amini and challenged a linear understanding of LGBTQ asylum as a journey from repression to freedom, safety, and queer futurity. **Jemima Baada** (Assistant Professor, Geography) presented insights on migration in Ghana, discussing research findings on climate change and domestic and foreign investment (DaFI).

SPRING SPEAKER SERIES: DECOLONIZING MIGRATION

For our “Decolonizing Migration” Spring Speaker Series in Feb–Mar 2023, we hosted four talks by Indigenous UBC scholars (three faculty and one alumna) focusing on migration and Indigeneity. Each of the faculty members are cross-appointed in the Institute of Critical Indigenous Studies. The series sparked rich dialogue by centering Indigenous epistemologies and cosmologies as integral to understanding migration and belonging, while challenging colonial frameworks that remain embedded in migration research. **Pasang Yangjee Sherpa** (Assistant Professor, Asian Studies) spoke on Asian lifeways by foregrounding Sherpa migration history from Nepal to the United States as a transnational Indigenous community. Drawing on a unique politics of solidarity and critiques of racial capitalism, patriarchy, and internal colonialism, **Glen Coulthard** (Associate Professor, Political Science) interrogated the historical, global, and political contexts of the Northwest Territories and British Columbia from the late 1960s to the early 1980s, which informed his



book, *Red Skin, White Masks*. As part of the series, poet and filmmaker (and UBC PhD alumna) **Jules Arita Koostachin** presented a screening of her award-winning feature film, *Broken Angel*, followed by a Q&A that allowed insights into her creative and critical processes of engaging community and Indigeneity through the medium of film. Finally, **Alice Te Punga Somerville** (Professor, English Language and Literatures) spoke on the idea of ‘cousins’ as a way of conceptualizing Indigenous migration in twentieth-century Indigenous Pacific contexts spanning Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Hawai’i.

SSHRC CONNECTION GRANT WORKSHOPS

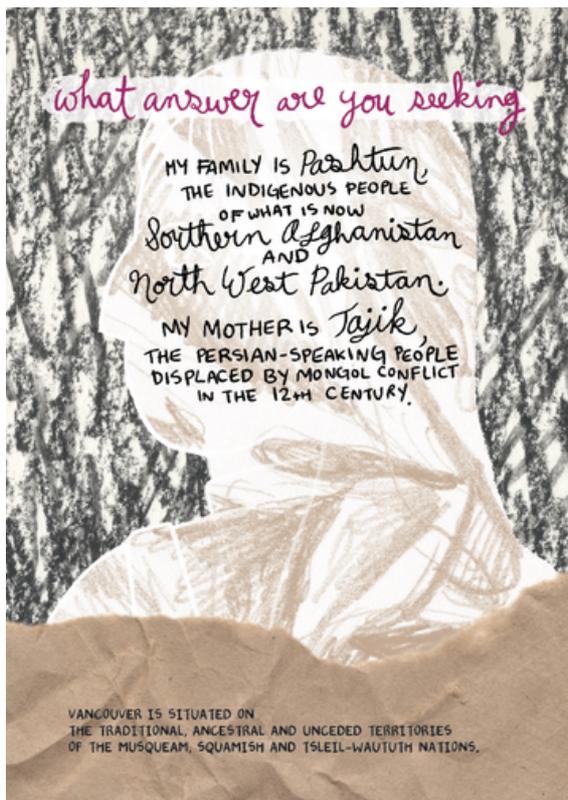
In 2022-23, CMS and its faculty affiliates hosted three different SSHRC Connection Workshops. SSHRC Connection Grants require applicants to demonstrate matching funds and a public-facing workshop as part of their research programs in order to be eligible for the grant. CMS has been proud

to award competitive matching funds for workshops to affiliates out of our own VPRI grant funding – leveraging the impact of CMS funding and research capacities. Two new workshops were organized in 2022, and a third workshop that had been postponed due to the pandemic was held.

GRAPHIC NARRATIVES OF MIGRATION WORKSHOP

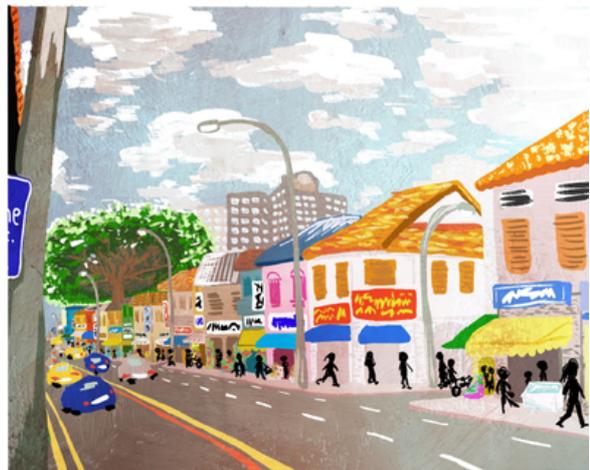
In May 2022, the Graphic Narratives of Migration research project gathered a rich group of UBC and Concordia migration scholars, Vancouver-based community practitioners, and graphic artists to collaborate in making original migration narratives in the comics form. Spanning two full days, the workshop was organized by **Antje Ellermann** (CMS Director and Professor, Political Science, UBC), **Frederik Byrn Køhlert** (Associate Professor of Art, Media and American Studies, University of East Anglia), **Sarah Leavitt** (Assistant Professor of Graphic Forms, UBC), and **Mireille Paquet** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Concordia University).

The keynote address was delivered by UK-based graphic novelist **Kate Evans**, who presented on “Comics, Graphic Reportage, and Mass Migration.” Comics scholar Frederik Bryn Køhlert (University of East Anglia) also offered an illuminating talk on “How to Think Narrative in Comics,” drawing on extensive research and writing on the subject published with Routledge and Rutgers University Press.



To/From by Kathleen Gross (sample page)

Shifting to the active part of the workshop program, UBC faculty member and cartoonist, Sarah Leavitt, coordinated participants into 9 working groups in which they developed original graphic narratives on specific themes in migration and mobilities. Each group included a local graphic artist with whom group members formulated their storylines and scripts, grappling with the visual, narrative, and political nuance of their topics. After the workshop, the artists continued working on the comics until they were submitted to the research project team for final editorial review, and ultimately,



In Search of Bruce Lee by Emily Chou (sample page)

publication. A print edition of the collected graphic narratives is currently forthcoming.

Participants reflected on the possibilities produced by this intersection between research and art practice. Artist Emily Chou noted, “I really love this kind of decolonial aspect that has been worked into migration studies. [...] I feel like it’s a conversation that was missing from a lot of discussions before or at least in the mainstream.” UBC graduate student, Chandima Silva, observed that, “...because our topic was belonging and citizenship, we ended up really questioning the topic itself [...], more like belonging versus citizenship; and then there’s a middle ground in-between where the process of integration takes place... [M]aybe comics can be a way to the heart where people can connect with something that cannot be really known or described in words.”

INDIGENOUS STORYWORK WORKSHOP

Held in late Summer 2022, this workshop on “Decolonizing and Indigenizing European and Migration Studies” deeply engaged Indigenous alternatives to Eurocentric storytelling as both content and method in higher education. Grounded in Stól:lō scholar (and UBC Professor Emerita) **Jo-ann Archibald Q’um Q’um Xiiem**’s seven ethical principles of Indigenous Storywork (which are reciprocity, relevance, respect, responsibility, reverence, interrelatedness, and synergy), the event brought together 25 Indigenous and settler participants. It was organized by CMS affiliates **Markus Hallensleben** (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies) and **Elizabeth Nijdam** (Assistant Professor, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies).

Over the course of four days, participants shared perspectives on storytelling, engaged in the praxis of Storywork, and connected through their own stories. The first day introduced the framework and principles of Indigenous Storywork and decolonization, led by Jo-ann Archibald Q’um Q’um Xiiem (who herself formulated the framework).

The second day featured **Amber Shilling**

and **Shannon Leddy**, who led a talking circle on the power of our stories and shared their experiences in education. In an afternoon walk, Shilling and **María José Athie Martínez** gave the opportunity to pause at familiar UBC sites to rethink their meaning and presence, helping participants perceive the construction of Indigenous monuments on campus through new eyes.

On day 3, participants explored built environments and their relationship (or lack thereof) to nature through collaborative and temporary installation-building. Under the guidance of Cree architect **Jake Chakasim**, participants were prompted to consider construction through Indigenous terms, tools, and materials. Chakasim’s introduction to Cree thinking about architecture revealed gaps in the settler logic of structures.

The final day concluded by revisiting Storywork through ideas of representation, especially as it relates to understandings of Indigeneity within media conceptualizations. At the heart of the workshop was a collective aim to facilitate sustainable relationships between participants and lay the foundation for future collaborative projects.



Photo by Kousaku Yui

LANGUAGE LATITUDES WORKSHOP

In April 2023, CMS faculty affiliates **Amanda Cardoso** (Lecturer, Linguistics) and **Marie-Eve Bouchard** (Assistant Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies) hosted the Language Latitudes Workshop as part of their “Language Attitudes and Social Consequences in Diverse Contexts” research project. The overall project challenges language biases by promoting positive attitudes around language diversity and multilingualism and increasing awareness of language attitudes and their social consequences. It involved fellow researchers **Molly Babel** (Associate Professor, Linguistics, UBC), **Erez Levon** (Professor, Centre for the Study of Language and Society, University of Bern), **Suyuan Li** (PhD candidate, Linguistics, UBC), **Angelina Lloy** (MA student, Linguistics, UBC) and **Mackenzie Dixon** (undergraduate student, FHIS, UBC).

The workshop itself focused on three aspects of language attitudes research: 1) social consequences, 2) multilingualism, and 3) public voices. Sixteen presenters engaged an array of topics on a wide selection of languages: from language learning and education, to interpretation, to access to employment, to technology, in e.g., American Sign Language in Canada, French in Canada, Kaska, and Spanish. 35 attendees from Canada and the United States joined for the entire workshop and over fifty attendees came for specific sessions of the workshop. It was also open to undergraduate students to drop in for specific talks. As part of the workshop, a policy communications advisor joined and researchers collectively came up with the beginnings of projects that others took away. There have been discussions of a second workshop in the future as well. We join the organizers in celebrating the success of this workshop that fostered new connections and seeded collaborations.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

CMS can now directly administer research grants due to our status as a research centre. These are distinct from awards that individual faculty affiliates pursue through their own departments without CMS support. Last fiscal year, CMS was successful in our proposals for two new collaborative research projects: **Bridging Divides** (\$12.4 million from CFREF) and **MEMO** (\$56,400 from SSHRC).

BRIDGING DIVIDES RESEARCH PROGRAM CFREF \$12.4 MILLION



Bridging Divides



In Spring 2023, CMS was awarded **\$12.4 million in Canada First Research Excellence Funds (CFREF)** as a partner in the research program, “**Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides,**” led by Toronto Metropolitan University. This award will generate an unprecedented Canada-wide research program on migrant integration and will serve to strengthen CMS’ financial capacities and research excellence. The Bridging Divides program is dedicated to building a new understanding of the challenges and opportunities that migrant integration poses for Canada (and all countries) at a time when technological transformations are rapidly changing the way we work, live, and connect to each other locally and across borders.

Seven UBC researchers are currently members of the core team, including UBC Project Director and CMS Director, **Antje Ellermann** (Political Science), CMS affiliates **Dan Hiebert** (Geography), **Suzanne Huot** (Occupational Science and Occupational

Therapy), **Sean Lauer** (Sociology), and **Vince Hopkins** (Political Science), and UBC faculty **Elizabeth Saewyc** (School of Nursing), and **Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai** (School of Nursing).

These UBC team members are part of an intersectoral, inter-disciplinary consortium led by **Toronto Metropolitan University**, with additional partners at **University of Alberta** and **Concordia University**. Together they will help Bridging Divides generate novel insights and usable knowledge in four thematic areas: 1) Immigrant Health and Well-Being, 2) Employment and Lifelong Learning, 3) Place and Infrastructure and 4) Citizenship and Participation. The program will focus on the urban context, including both large urban centres and small- and mid-sized cities, as these are the main destinations of both newcomers and settled immigrants.

The funding is for seven years and marks an exciting new chapter in the life of the Centre. It includes the gradual hire of additional research and administrative staff primarily to support the project and the work of the Centre more broadly. We are excited to see what research outcomes and capacities are generated from this incredible collaborative endeavour.

MEMO RESEARCH PROJECT SSHRC \$56,400

What can be learned from examining the factors that influence migration, rather than focusing on regulating (and often, curtailing) the movement of people? CMS is a partner on a newly-funded research project that seeks to address just that: “**Complex Migration Flows and Multiple Drivers in Comparative Perspective (MEMO)**.” In 2022–23, the MEMO project (led by **Toronto Metropolitan University**) was awarded a **SSHRC Partnership Grant**, of which the UBC portion is **\$56,400** over three years.

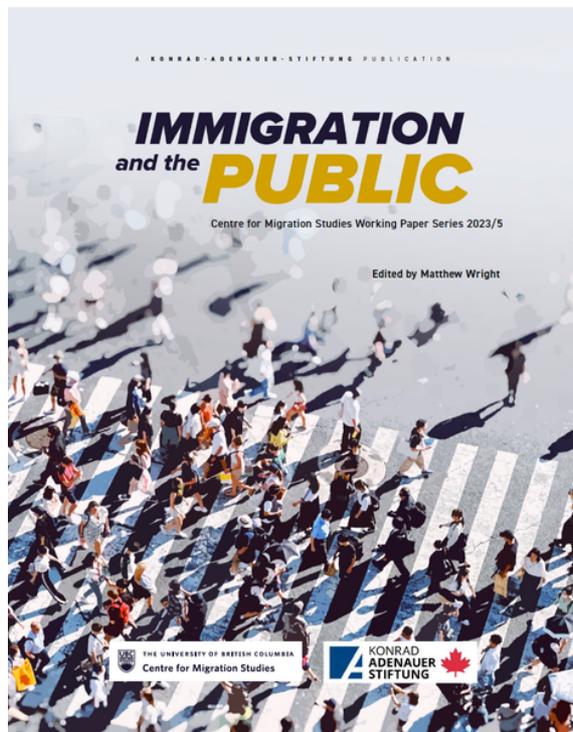
CMS faculty affiliate, **Suzanne Huot**, is the co-applicant and UBC lead researcher for the project.

MEMO seeks to better understand the drivers of international migration and develop policies and solutions that will inform the work of government and stakeholders. Countering the silo-ed approach typically made in this context, the research team will develop a broad, socio-ecological systems framework that integrates the different drivers and types of migration within a single framework, allowing for the dynamic nature of migrant decision-making to come to the fore. Working with partners in 11 countries, the project will investigate three geographically specific migration systems and the multiple corridors of population flows that run within them. Researchers will map the links between internal, intra-regional, and intercontinental migration; develop and test new analytical models to explain the interplay among migration drivers; and translate the research findings into policy-making tools that will support the rights-based governance of international migration.

PUBLIC VIEWS OF IMMIGRATION AND DIVERSITY WORKSHOP

In May 2022, CMS hosted the workshop, Public Views of Immigration and Diversity, in cooperation with the Ottawa office of the **Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)**. This 2-day international symposium was co-organized by CMS Political Behaviour Research Group coordinator, **Matthew Wright** (Associate Professor, Political Science) and **Antje Ellermann**. The workshop brought together an international group of leading scholars of public opinion with policy practitioners to discuss what people in modern, immigrant-receiving countries think about immigrants and immigration; why they

think it; and how knowing the answers to these questions shapes the policy-making process.



Research presentations addressed immigration attitudes in Canada, Europe, and the United States, staying attuned to the underlying fact that immigration questions cut to the core of what political communities are about. In democratic societies, political elites mobilize public sentiment to gain office, and they depend on public support to stay there and, ultimately, make policy. For elected officials, making immigration policies can be a politically risky undertaking. Given these dynamics, participants also reflected on how their work sheds light on broader relationships between researchers, the media, the punditocracy, and the political class. With the support of KAS, the workshop proceedings were subsequently published in print and online as a special issue of CMS' Working Paper Series. The volume was edited by workshop co-organizer, Matthew Wright, and includes contributions by 11 international scholars.

RACIALIZATION AND SETTLER COMPLICITY WORKSHOP SERIES

CMS partnered with the David Lam Chair and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People's Well-Being at UBC to hold a series of three connected workshops focused on articulating and exploring the tensions, paradoxes, and multiple and moving layers of complexity that exist at the interface of Indigeneity and migration in what is known as Canada, where settlers can be both subject to and complicit in the violence of different forms of colonialism through day-to-day actions.

The purpose of the series, entitled "Racialization and Settler Complicity: The Complicated Interface of Migration, Colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada," was to equip participants (racialized and non-racialized) to expand their capacity for difficult conversations about settler-Indigenous-land relationships, where racialization confers different tensions, roles and accountabilities.

The sessions employed the "depth inquiry" method, a mode of conversation that creates an educational space where people can learn and unlearn through experiences of psychological dissonance, or "difficult knowledge." The facilitators for this methodology were **Vanessa Andreotti** (then-interim Director of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC and Professor, Educational Studies), **Cash Ahenakew** (Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People's Well-Being and Associate Professor, Educational Studies), **Sharon Stein** (Associate Professor, Educational Studies), and **Dani Pigeau**, an Indigenous knowledge keeper and schoolteacher from the Stó:lō Nation.

The three sessions were held at the UBC

Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies between September and November 2022. The 26 participants included faculty, students, and community members in what was a highly diverse group. Together with the methodology, affinity groups were used to explore the parallels and contradictions within the POC-Settler paradigm and create safe spaces for POC discussions and Indigenous guidance.

Once the three sessions were completed, participants made suggestions on how this exploratory work could continue, and more importantly, how ideas could be put into practice. In April 2023, a follow-up session was held to engage the feedback and experiences from the main series. CMS is currently designing programming and different actions and initiatives to move forward the ideas and suggestions.

CMS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

In April 2023, we hosted our first annual International Research Conference. Months of partnership-building helped bring this to fruition, as scholars from **Queen's University Belfast** (QUB) joined CMS in organizing and facilitating this year's conference. Heather Johnson (Senior Lecturer, QUB International Relations) worked with **Alexia Bloch** (Professor, UBC Anthropology and then-coordinator of CMS Borders Research Group), **Gabriele Dumpys Woolever** (CMS Research Manager), and **Mahashewta Bhattacharya** (PhD Graduate Affiliate, UBC) to organize a rich 2-day program that was focused on graduate students and early career researchers.

Students from QUB and UBC were competitively selected to present their research across four thematic panels. Papers included topics such as "Political Recognition and Non-Autochthonous Populations in

Europe" (Sydney Holt, QUB); "Comfort Food and the Remembered Taste of Home" (Mahashewta Bhattacharya, UBC); and "Amplifying South Pacific Voices: Towards More Inclusive Climate Migration Governance" (Keysha Jaime Orona, QUB).

Beyond traditional panels, participants were also matched with a peer from the other university to share in one-on-one writing workshop activities over the course of both days, allowing them to build skills and confidence as well as fostering interdisciplinary relationships. An interactive panel on academic publishing (led by experienced scholars and journal editors from UBC and QUB) offered insights into the realities of academic publishing. The conference also featured a moving keynote presentation by social anthropologist **Shahram Khosravi** (Professor, Stockholm University). Khosravi spoke about the urgency of 'speculating the impossible,' in light of the power that borders exert in their physical and symbolic meanings, which imperil our capacities to imagine a world without them. A rooftop garden dinner, complete with live music, helped celebrate and continue the connections and relationships that started in the conference hall. Planning now continues for our second International Research Conference at UBC in May 2024, held in partnership with Hong Kong Baptist University.



GRADUATE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Graduate student training is a key priority of the Centre. This is reflected not only in our International Research Conference, but also in the programming and initiatives that continue throughout the year.

GRAD FELLOWS PROGRAM

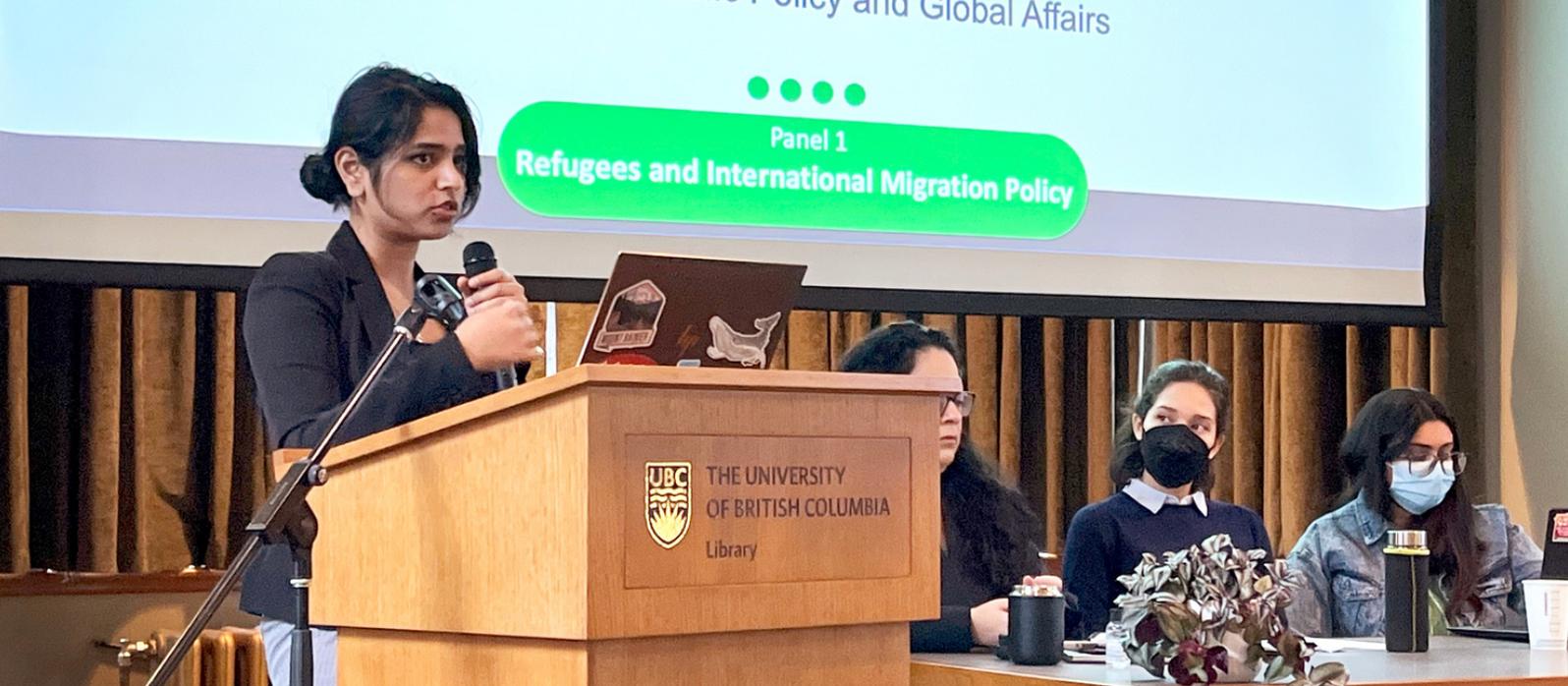
In October, we welcomed our inaugural cohort of Graduate Fellows for the 2022-23 academic year. These thirteen students (11 graduate and 2 undergraduate) represented ten different UBC units, bringing their diverse areas of migration scholarship into conversation with one another. This first cohort surpassed our aspirations, both in substantive engagement and in the strong collegiality they built together. Many presented their ongoing research in our Grad Power Hour series, and participated in various speaker events and research group meetings. In the spring, the Fellows worked with the CMS Research Manager to organize their own day-long public symposium, in which they all gave research talks. (See details about the event below.) This event became the most successful piece of the Fellows program, and will now be a signature event going forward. In addition, some fellows were selected to present papers in our inaugural CMS International Research Conference in April, and others became



research assistants through their affiliation with the Centre. Fellows enlivened the Centre in the CMS Community Room, where they gathered to work, and in the weekly coffee hours (hosted by the Research Manager), where they socialized and planned the Symposium. The 2022-23 Fellows program was a valuable learning experience for the Centre and the Fellows themselves; with their patience, energy, and thoughtful feedback, we learned ways to make the program even stronger and more beneficial going forward. It is a testimony to them and the vision CMS had for this program that these Fellows have remained actively involved with the Centre and each other even after their program ended in April. (See Appendix C for a list of the Grad Fellows.)

GRAD POWER HOUR SERIES

In 2022-23, we continued our Grad Power Hour series, which gives graduate students the opportunity to present their research to peers and faculty members in a lunchtime setting with significant time for discussion and feedback. In line with the multi-disciplinarity of the Centre, presentations included an incredible range of topics and methodologies. For example, Lorenia Salgado-Leos (PhD candidate, Hispanic Studies) explored the concept of suspension as it relates to migrants who are forced to wait in Mexico for outcomes on their juridical processes in the USA; Yijia Zhang (PhD candidate, Sociology) discussed how racism influences immigrant entrepreneurship in her study of platform-based ethnic businesses in Vancouver's Chinese diaspora; and Aram Bajakian (PhD student, Ethnomusicology) described how a shared identity coalesced for Armenians in the North American diaspora through the music of an instrument called the oud, with songs expressing memories of their homeland and the Armenian genocide.



GRAD FELLOWS SPRING SYMPOSIUM

In April 2023, the cohort of CMS Grad Fellows presented their Spring Symposium, a public event organized by the fellows themselves. The full-day symposium, which took place in the Peña Room of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, featured thought-provoking research talks by these 13 emerging migration scholars from an array of scholarly disciplines. The presentations were organized into four panels on themes within migration studies: “Refugees and International Migration Policy;” “Boundaries of Migration in a Global Context;” “From Migration Flows to Diaspora Networks;” and “Migration Narratives and Shifting Identities.” Specific topics ranged widely in their methodologies and geographies: from the Chinese diasporic use of technology and Third World Approaches in International Law, to climate adaptation policy in migration research and the lyric poetry of South Asian writers in diaspora. While it was a vibrant scholarly occasion that engaged faculty and students from across UBC, it was also a pragmatic opportunity for the Fellows to practice other skills needed in an academic career: planning and organizing a complex public event. We are delighted that this will now be a cornerstone of the Fellows Program in years to come.

WORKING PAPER SERIES

Last year (2021-22), we launched our open-access Working Paper Series (WPS), creating an online platform through which to foster and showcase original research. In that first year, we awarded a dozen grants to faculty-grad student pairs to support co-authored research papers that would be published in the Series. In 2022-23, we published three of these Working Papers, with four more in the process of editorial development. You can read these papers on our website – and watch for more in the months to come.

WPS continues to be overseen by an interdisciplinary team of faculty editors comprised by CMS Director **Antje Ellermann**, **Alessandra Santos** (Associate Professor, French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies), **Matthew Wright** (Associate Professor, Political Science), and **Gaoheng Zhang** (Associate Professor, Italian Studies). **Tori Yang** (PhD candidate in Sociology) served as Editorial Assistant in 2022-23 and **Gabriele Dumpys Woolever** (Research Manager) provided copy-editing support.

GLOBAL MIGRATION PODCAST

The Global Migration Podcast released two new episodes in 2022-23, switching from a seasons format to standalone episodes.

The podcast continues to focus on research by CMS affiliates, told with a storytelling approach and bringing in the voices of participants and collaborators as often as possible.

The first new episode featured **"Belonging in Unceded Territory,"** the SSHRC-funded collaborative research project led by Principal Investigator (and Centre Director) **Antje Ellermann**. Along with other CMS faculty affiliates, this project involves close collaboration with Indigenous and community partners (particularly Frog Hollow Neighborhood House) and settlement sector agencies (ISSofBC and AMSSA). Together, they are exploring questions of decolonization and belonging: how can newcomers – whether recent arrivals or generations on – settle in unceded Indigenous lands without being colonizers? In the episode, the personal stories of Ellermann and two other collaborators (all three of whom are newcomers to Coast Salish Territories, including Dene-Cree cultural facilitator, **Jess Seegert**, and **Ancel Zhu** from Hong Kong) are woven together to ground the project's inquiry and current findings.

The second episode was produced in collaboration with **Thea Bracewell**, a visiting Policy Practitioner Fellow in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA). CMS has a fruitful relationship with SPPGA; when Bracewell expressed interest in learning podcast methods as a tool for engagement, we invited her to work with Global Migration Podcast producer, Gabriele Dumpys Woolever, to create an episode as part of her fellowship. Together they produced the episode titled, **"If Not Gender Mainstreaming, Then What?"** about policy challenges around gender and integration for immigrants in the EU, asking what kinds of institutional approaches and changes might be necessary to create more genuine gender

equality for migrants. With Bracewell's expertise in content, Dumpys Woolever mentored her through the audio interview and script-writing process, and then edited the final episode. Bracewell presented her research findings and shared the episode with her colleagues and managers at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), where she works in the area of gender policy.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) gathered for its first working meeting in May 2022, after a months-long development phase. Two main topics had been identified as the focus for the CAB: community and applied research, and decolonization processes for migration studies & the settlement sector.

The May meeting was held online and was carried out primarily as a listening exercise, in which each member could substantively introduce themselves. The main purpose was to get to know each other as individuals before learning about everyone's respective roles in their organizations and in the settlement sector in general. In this we also sought to decentralize certain dynamics of power within the CAB, as it has an eclectic composition ranging from CEOs to frontline staff, academics, and students.

The CAB gathered again in October 2022, this time in-person at Marpole Neighbourhood House with a focus on decolonization. The session revolved around the question of what colonialism requires from us (as representatives of western-centric institutions) in the field of migration studies and newcomer service provision. Affinity groups were used as a methodology to bring the discussion up from homogenous collectives into the heterogeneity of the

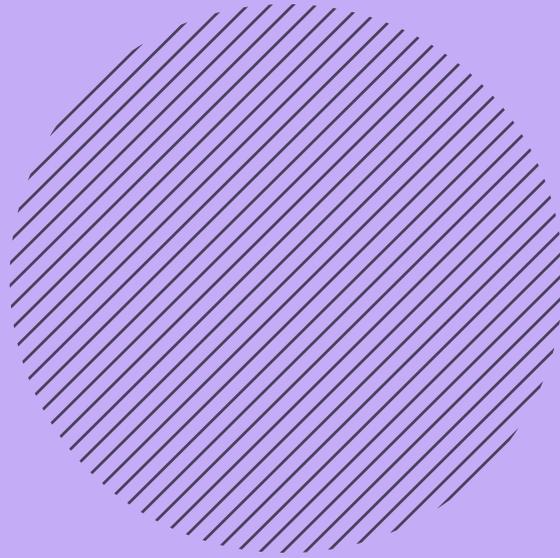
CAB. The ideas that emerged from the groups are being used to explore specific actions the CAB could engage within the process of decolonization. The next CAB meeting in the new fiscal year (May 2023) focused on community and applied research. Meetings characteristically last a full morning, with an invitation to stay for lunch (provided) and debrief in an informal way.

Beyond the meetings, CAB members are invited to participate in various events and

activities for which CMS is a host or collaborator. For example, several members participated in the Fall 2022 “Racialization and Settler Complicity” workshop series, held in partnership between CMS and the David Lam Chair and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People’s Well-being. One CAB member, Calisto Mudzingwa, actively helped form and now co-leads a new CMS Research Group (Circulation: Africa and its Diasporas).



Photo by Gabriele Dumpys Woolever



APPENDIX A: FUNDING & SUPPORT

April 2022 - April 2023

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INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

The following list indicates UBC units that provide dedicated annual sponsorship for CMS operations and staff costs. The teaching units also provided additional programming funds, in-kind contributions, or event co-sponsorship.

Department of Anthropology
Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies
Department of Geography
Department of Political Science
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Arts Dean's Office
Peter A. Allard School of Law
Anonymous Donor

The UBC **Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI)** supports CMS programming with competitively awarded funds from the **Grants for Catalysing Research Clusters (GCRC)** competition. 2022-23 was the second year of a 2-year grant from GCRC totalling \$200,000.

Other UBC units also provided programming funds, in-kind contributions, or co-sponsorship of events in 2022-23:

Department of Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies
Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies
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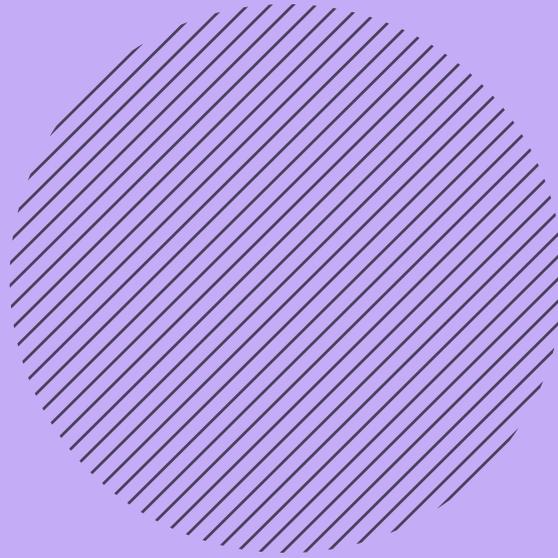
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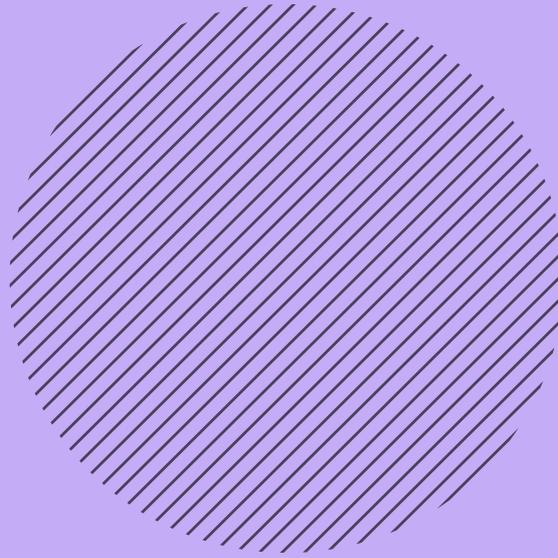


APPENDIX B: UBC UNITS REPRESENTED BY CMS AFFILIATES

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Asian Studies
Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies
Centre for Sustainable Food Systems
Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies
Community, Culture and Global Studies – UBC Okanagan
Educational Studies
English Language and Literatures
English Language Institute
French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies
Geography
History
Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies
Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Relations
Land and Food Systems
Language and Literacy Education
Library, Archival and Information Studies
Linguistics
Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Political Science
Rehabilitation Sciences
Sauder School of Business
School of Community and Regional Planning
School of Creative Writing
School of Journalism, Writing, and Media
School of Kinesiology
School of Music
School of Nursing
School of Population and Public Health
School of Public Policy and Global Affairs
School of Social Work
Sociology
Theatre and Film
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APPENDIX C: CMS AFFILIATES

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APPENDIX C: CMS AFFILIATES (as of March 31, 2023)

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Caitlyn Yates, Anthropology
Jiin Yoo, Educational Studies
Rose Xueqing Zhang, Sociology
Yijia Zhang, Sociology
Huabin Zhou, Anthropology
Salta Zhumatova, Political Science
Sabine Zimmermann, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies

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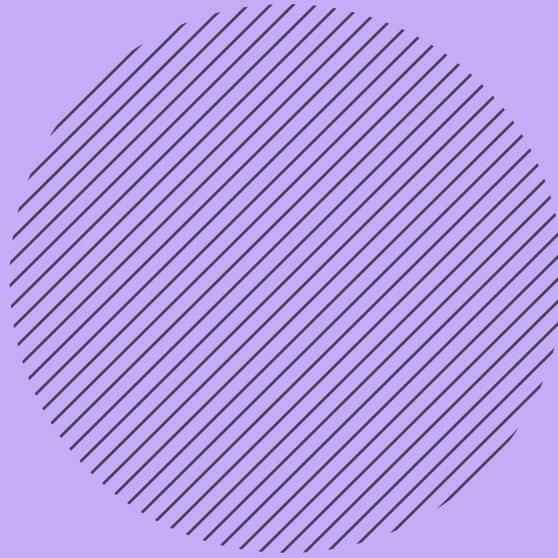
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APPENDIX D: INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

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Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (ANHBC)

Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC)

Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)

Migrant Workers Centre BC (MWCBC)

MOSAIC BC

Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House (FHNH)

Options Community Services

Le Réseau en Immigration Francophone C-B (RIFCB)

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World University Services of Canada (WUSC-UBC)

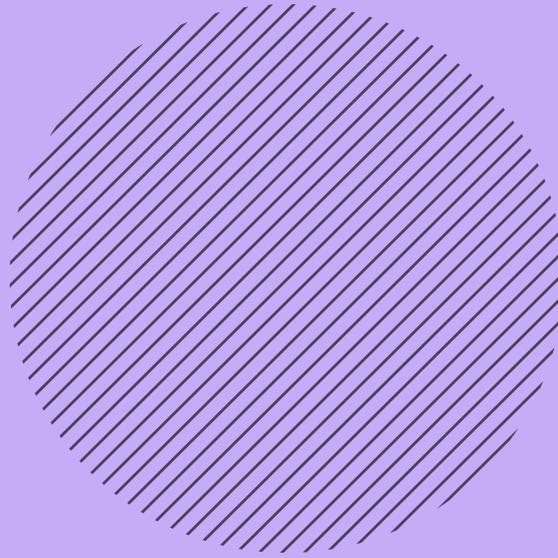
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Centre for the Study of Politics and Immigration (CSPI), Concordia University

Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration (CERC Migration), Toronto
Metropolitan University

Faculty of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics (HAPP), Queen's University Belfast



APPENDIX E: CATALOGUE OF EVENTS

April 2022 - April 2023

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All events organized by the Centre for Migration Studies unless otherwise noted.

APRIL – DECEMBER 2022

APR 5 | Grad Student Power Hour – Exploring Systemic Barriers to Economic Security of Racialized Newcomer Women and their Overcoming Strategies

Nasim Peikazadi (PhD Candidate, Educational Studies, UBC) was joined by colleagues Monika Imeri (PhD Candidate, Carleton University), Roxana Fazli (Master's Student, Memorial University of Newfoundland), and Serah Ghazali (Manager, Women's Economic Council, BC) to speak on immigrant women's entrepreneurship and conditions of economic security impacted by the intersections of gender, race, and class. The event focused on Her Own Boss! (HOB), a community-based participatory research project that provided entrepreneurship support and mentorship for Racialized Newcomer Women (RNW) in Ottawa, Metro Vancouver, and St. Johns.

APR 7 | What's "Vital" About the Registration of Vital Events?

In this talk, CMS faculty affiliate, Amanda Cheong (Assistant Professor, Sociology) spotlighted the experiences and perspectives of undocumented and stateless families struggling to gain official recognition with basic documentation in Malaysia. The talk highlighted the significance of registration of births and other vital events for human rights and the impact of exclusion from civil registration systems.

APR 28 | The Power of Narrative Storytelling: How Podcasts as an Arts-based Practice Enhance Solidarity and Social Activism in Adult Education

This presentation emerged from a podcast hosted by CMS in 2021. A panel of experts and practitioners explored how podcasts offer a unique and often under-researched arts-based medium of creative expression to tell stories, build dialogue, and create solidarity. The event offered a renewed understanding of how podcasting creates spaces of disruption, public pedagogy, and praxis.

Co-sponsored by the CMS Community-University Partnerships Research Group

MAY 18-19 | Public Views of Immigration and Diversity: Causes and Consequences for Policy Workshop

Led by CMS faculty affiliate, Matthew Wright (Associate Professor, Political Science) and Centre Director, Antje Ellermann, this workshop brought together leading scholars of public opinion with policy practitioners to share and discuss cutting-edge work analyzing what people in modern, immigrant-receiving countries think about immigrants and immigration, why they think it, and how knowing the answers to these questions shapes the policy-making process. Research presentations focused on immigration attitudes in Canada, Europe, and the United States, and facilitated workshop participants to reflect on broader relationships between public opinion and policy-making. Conference proceedings were edited into a Special Issue publication (print and online) of the CMS Working Paper Series.

Organized in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Ottawa Office

MAY 27-28 | Graphic Narratives of Migration Workshop

The Graphic Narratives of Migration research project gathered an interdisciplinary group of 39 UBC and Concordia migration scholars and Vancouver-based community practitioners with 9 local graphic artists to collaborate in the creation of a collection of migration narratives in comics form. Participants were assigned to thematic groups and worked together to write a script with their artist, who then continued the illustration of the comic. Finished comics will be published in a printed volume. The two-day event also featured a hybrid keynote lecture by Kate Evans (graphic novelist), as well as presentations from workshop organizers.

Organized by Antje Ellermann, Sarah Leavitt (UBC), Frederik Bryn Køhlert (University of East Anglia), and Mireille Paquet (Concordia University), and co-sponsored by CMS

JUN 3 | Workshop – Diversity Work as Organizational Learning

This in-person workshop with EDI practitioners and researchers was based on a partnership study with an immigrant services organization in Vancouver. Hongxia Shan (Associate Professor, Educational Studies) and her research team identified a model of organizational practices that allow organizations to pursue substantive learning and change in the areas of EDI. Shan and the team shared this model of organizational learning to help foster transformative EDI practices.

AUG 29-SEPT 1 | Indigenous Storywork Workshop

This four-day workshop on Decolonizing and Indigenizing European and Migration Studies challenged Eurocentric understandings of storytelling in higher education. Grounded in Jo-ann Archibald's seven ethical principles of Indigenous Storywork, it brought together a diverse group of Indigenous and settler participants. Together they engaged in Indigenous-led talking circles that focused on different but connecting themes: story-centred knowledge sharing, people-centred Storywork, land-centred Storywork, and the application of Indigenous Storywork as an ethical way of embedding relationship building in European and Migrations Studies.

Organized by CMS faculty affiliates Markus Hallensleben and Elizabeth Nijdam and co-sponsored by CMS

SEPT 21 | Canada-US Border Issues and Impacts Post-COVID

Borders in Globalization Director, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, School of Public Administration, University of Victoria), shared his research and reflections on Canada-US border issues as well as the lasting impacts of the COVID border closures. This event was part of our CMS Borders Research Group Speakers Series at UBC.

Organized by the CMS Borders Research Group

SEPT 22 | Meet the Winners: CMS International Art Competition 2022

This virtual awards ceremony celebrated the winners of our 2022 International Art Competition. The first prize went to A.P. Payal for their illustration entitled Kakkemammalo Gintu, or The Song of the Crow. The honourable mention went to Kunsang Kyirong for their short animation entitled 'Yarlung.'

Co-organized by CMS Mobilities and Research Creation Research Groups

SEPT 23 | Fall Workshop Series – Racialization and Settler Complicity: The Complicated Interface of Migration, Colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada (Session 1)

This three-part workshop series focused on Indigeneity and migration in what is known as Canada, where settlers can be both subject to and complicit in the violence of different forms of colonialism. The workshop series invited and equipped participants (racialized and non-racialized) to expand their capacity for difficult conversations about settler-Indigenous-land relationships using the “depth inquiry” method.

Organized by CMS in partnership with the David Lam Chair in Multicultural Education and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People’s Well-Being

OCT 14 | Centre for Migration Studies Launch Party

Our official launch party celebrated and reflected on the work that has gone into creating the Migration Cluster and CMS, and all that has been achieved to date. It took place at the Jack Poole Hall, Alumni Centre, UBC Vancouver and included participation by Indigenous partners and UBC leadership.

OCT 21 | Fall Workshop Series – Racialization and Settler Complicity: The Complicated Interface of Migration, Colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada (Session 2)

This three-part workshop series focused on Indigeneity and migration in what is known as Canada, where settlers can be both subject to and complicit in the violence of different forms of colonialism. The workshop series invited and equipped participants (racialized and non-racialized) to expand their capacity for difficult conversations about settler-Indigenous-land relationships using the “depth inquiry” method.

Organized by CMS in partnership with the David Lam Chair in Multicultural Education and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People’s Well-Being

OCT 25 | New Voices Speaker Series – Witnessing Empire’s Bordering Practices: Afghan American Diasporic Politics in the Aftermath of Withdrawal

In this lecture, CMS faculty affiliate, Helena Zeweri (Assistant Professor, Anthropology), examined an emergent set of critiques around empire that have organised Afghan-American diasporic political consciousness since August 2021, which marked the beginning of the US military withdrawal from Afghanistan. The talk presented Afghan diasporic collectives’ experiences as one lens for understanding how bordering practices function under conditions of imperial retraction and the forms of political dissent that emerge in their wake.

Organized by the CMS Borders Research Group

OCT 27 | Paradigm Shifts in Immigration Detention: Structural Change and the Power of Hope

This panel presentation chronicled the work of the Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International’s #WelcomeToCanada campaign in its first year of operation. Featuring comments from subject-matter experts and experts with lived experience inside immigration detention, the presentation highlighted the harms of immigration detention, the advocacy work undertaken over the previous year, the campaign’s success in achieving structural law and policy reform, and the resounding power of hope.

Organized in partnership with the Peter A. Allard School of Law

NOV 1 | “Indians from All Directions”: Transnational Imperial Refraction and Settler Colonialism

In this talk, Ajay Parasram (Associate Professor, International Development Studies & History, Dalhousie University) highlighted the connections between intergenerational experiences of empire of twice-displaced South Asians, structural white supremacy, model minorities, and modern/colonial settler nationalism in post-imperial Canada. The talk and discussion focused on a particular type of imperial refraction between Canada and the Indo-Trinidadian community since crossing the “kala pani” in the mid 19th century and encountering institutions of colonial governance and enforcement in colonial Trinidad.

Organized by the CMS Migration & Indigeneity Research Group

NOV 2 | Wandering Words: Confronting Multilingualisms, Ancient and Modern

This multilingual roundtable interrogated the interplay of ancient and modern languages in scholarship on the ancient Mediterranean world. The panelists held expertise in a variety of ancient and modern languages, including Greek, Italian, Arabic, and Hebrew. They considered the challenges of crossing between ancient and modern from a variety of viewpoints: challenges of studying ancient languages through the lenses of their modern counterparts, transitions between Anglophone and non-Anglophone worlds of scholarship, and ongoing colonialist legacies that center some languages and marginalize others.

Co-organized by the Department of Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies and the CMS Mobilities Research Group

NOV 3 | “Café Europa Revisited: How to Survive Post-Communism”

This virtual presentation featured Slavenka Drakulić in conversation with late Peter Stenberg (Professor Emeritus, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies), as part of the Sawchen Lecture Series. Drakulić read from her newly translated book, *Café Europa Revisited: How to Survive Post-Communism* (Penguin Random House, 2021). The event concluded with a discussion of political events in Central and Eastern Europe, moderated by CMS faculty affiliate, Markus Hallensleben (Associate Professor, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies).

Co-organized by the Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies (CENES) and the CMS Narratives Research Group

NOV 7 | New Voices Speaker Series - Reconsidering the Origins of Assimilation Theories

As part of our New Voices Speaker Series, CMS faculty affiliate, Aryan Karimi (Assistant Professor, Sociology), considered how a range of assimilation theories were originally developed as a set of hypotheses and which methods were used. The talk discussed how classic, segmented-, and neo-assimilation theories explain intergroup relations within migration studies. The talk also focused on how these theories draw specific attention to ethnic pluralism, the possibility of downward mobility into the underclass, and upward mobility into the U.S. mainstream.

NOV 8 | No Zone: Poetry of the Border-lands

Guest artist, poet, and curator Greta de Léon led a walking tour of the Xicanx exhibition at the UBC Museum of Anthropology. The tour was followed by a conversation between de Léon and curator Jill Baird on the potency and poignancy of poetry in the borderlands. The event presented a multimodal, multimedia and multidisciplinary approach to discussing pasts, presents and futures of borders.

Organized by the CMS Borders Research Group

NOV 15 | Fuzzy Borders: Bureaucracy, Brokerage and the India-Pakistan Border

Natasha Raheja (Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Cornell University) gave this presentation on her upcoming book *From Minority to Majority: Pakistani Hindu Claims to Indian Citizenship*. As a legal and visual anthropologist working in the areas of migration, borders, state power, aesthetics, and ethnographic film, Dr. Raheja discussed the bureaucratic entanglements and experiences of a community in one of the world's most contested and tense border regions.

Organized in association with the Centre for India and South Asia Research and the CMS Borders Research Group

NOV 17 | Community Luncheon

Community luncheons are regular lunch-time networking events for CMS faculty, students, staff, visiting scholars, community partners, and interested newcomers. They offer an opportunity to gather and re-connect face-to-face and to meet new colleagues and friends.

NOV 18 | Fall Workshop Series – Racialization and Settler Complicity: The Complicated Interface of Migration, Colonization, and Indigeneity in Canada (Session 3)

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Organized by CMS in partnership with the David Lam Chair in Multicultural Education and the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous People's Well-Being

NOV 22 | Grad Student Power Hour – Do Canadians View Immigrants as Competitors for Jobs?

Robert Straughan (PhD Student, Political Science) presented his research on the topic of how ordinary citizens develop attitudes to immigration in the context of Canadian jobs and that political behaviour of governments in relation to immigration. The work stems from his research focus on comparative politics, public opinion, and political behaviour related to migration.

NOV 23 | Workshop – Bridging the Gap between Migration Policy and Practice

In this informal workshop, Thea Bracewell (Policy Practitioner Fellow and Adjunct Professor, Public Policy and Global Affairs, UBC, and Senior Policy Analyst, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) addressed topics such as how migration scholars can communicate effectively with policymakers, how policymakers use research in their work, various advice for students interested in a career in migration policy, and more.

NOV 24 | Research Creation in Migration and Diaspora Research at criticalMediArtStudio (cMAS)

In this online event, attendees learned about the cMAS in the School of Art & Technologies (SFU Surrey) where researchers and artists explore how old and new technologies shape historical narratives and contemporary practices of media arts and design. The presentation offered a brief overview of projects-in-progress that addressed diaspora and migration studies through creative methods, including: “Creative Diasporas” by Lois Klassen – an interactive media work in response to Ghanaian Writing on Migration and Diaspora; and “Creating the Latin American Female Cyborg: a Participatory Methodology for Creating Docu-games” by Catherine Santos Pearce.

Organized by the CMS Research Creation Research Group

NOV 28 | New Voices Speaker Series – Carceral Politics of LGBTQ Asylum and the Feminist Revolution in Iran

As part of our New Voices Speaker Series, CMS faculty affiliate Elif Sari (Assistant Professor, Anthropology) gave an illuminating talk on what the ongoing “Women, Life, Freedom” revolution in Iran has to do with migration, borders, and (im)mobility. Drawing on activist community engagement and preliminary ethnographic research, this talk centered Iranian and Kurdish LGBTQ refugee voices since the brutal killing of Mahsa Jina Amini. This transnational analysis debunked the hegemonic representations of empires as the most desirable places for gender and sexual non-normative people and challenged a linear understanding of LGBTQ asylum as a journey from repression to freedom, safety, and queer futurity.

NOV 29 | Migration & Indigeneity: Unearthing Secrets, Gathering Truths

This event featured a conversation with Jules Arita Koostachin (PhD, Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, UBC), an award-winning filmmaker, author, and band member of Attawapiskat First Nation, the Ancestral lands of the MoshKeKo AsKi InNiNeWak. The conversation was dedicated to her poetry book *Unearthing Secrets, Gathering Truths* (Kegedonce Press, 2018), her extensive knowledge working in Indigenous community, and how these community experiences feed into her arts practice.

Organized by the CMS Migration & Indigeneity Research Group

NOV 30 | Scholarly Resettlement in Canadian Higher Education: Supporting Afghan Scholars, Students and Activists at Risk

This talk presented the work of an International Development Research Centre-funded project, 'Placement, Preservation and Perseverance,' which seeks to improve supports for Afghans resettling within Canadian Universities whilst providing pathways for preserving Afghan knowledge(s) and networks more broadly. Speakers included the project's Research Director, Elham Gharji at Carleton University, the lead of the project's student arm, Jenny Peterson at UBC, and a UBC student researcher who conducted research in support of the project.

DEC 5 | Grad Student Power Hour – What Does It Mean to Be An “Immigrant” Entrepreneur in Racialized Societies: An Exploratory Study of How Racism Influences Immigrant Entrepreneurship

Yijia Zhang (CMS Grad Fellow and PhD Candidate, Sociology) presented her ongoing dissertation work about entrepreneurial practices around platform-based ethnic businesses, specifically focusing on Chinese immigrants and international students in Vancouver, Canada. The presentation broke down the ways in which racism influences immigrant entrepreneurship; how reactions to racism lead to the emergence, expansion and development of immigrant enterprise; and how racism limits the short-term and long-term growth of immigrant entrepreneurial activities.

DEC 7 | New Voices Speaker Series – Climate Change, Domestic and Foreign Investment, and Migration in Ghana

As part of our New Voices Speaker Series, CMS faculty affiliate Jemima Baada (Assistant Professor, Geography) discussed her research findings around climate change and domestic and foreign investment (DaFI) among migrants in southern rural destination communities of Ghana, as well as non-migrants and return-migrants in northern origin communities. The talk revealed how migrants, non-migrants, and return-migrants in both origin and destination areas continue to experience the vulnerabilities brought on by climate change and inequitable DaFI, and how these experiences differ along gendered, socioeconomic and other axes of marginalisation.

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JAN 18 | Beyond Implementation: The Negative Consequences of Bureaucratic Innovation and Cooperation

In this talk, Angie Bautista-Chavez (Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University) spoke on the study of U.S. immigration bureaucracy as a political institution comprised of politically capable actors who drive the externalization of U.S. immigration and border enforcement. Through an analysis of interviews with government officials and interest groups, archival materials, and observations between U.S. and Mexican government officials, the study findings showed how the U.S. immigration bureaucracy is not a passive player in the realm of immigration policy.

Co-organized by the CMS Borders Research Group and the UBC Latin American Studies Program

JAN 19 | Radical Diversity and Deintegration

As part of the Ziegler Lecture Series (UBC CENES), Max Czollek, poet, publicist and political scientist, offered a talk on radical diversity and deintegration in the contexts of Jewish identity formation and agency in contemporary Germany. His broader theatrical and essayistic work focuses on memory culture, integration, and Jewish identity in post-National Socialist Germany.

Co-organized by the Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies and CMS Narratives Research Group

JAN 23 | Grad Student Power Hour – The Securitization of British Citizenship in Levi David Addai’s Oxford Street

Shereen Leanne (PhD Student, English Language & Literatures) presented on how 21st century postcolonial writing is emerging in the context of intensifying securitization across Britain, driven by disciplinary policies that overwhelmingly target Black, South Asian, and Muslim people as potential threats to the nation-state. Specifically, the paper examined how Levi David Addai’s 2008 play *Oxford Street* stages the encroachment of police, immigration, and counterterrorism enforcement upon daily life.

JAN 27 | Community Luncheon

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JAN 31 | Grad Student Power Hour – Migrant Protection Protocols: Remain in Mexico, (Non)Movement, and the Other Side of the Law

Lorenia Salgado-Leos (CMS Grad Fellow and PhD candidate, Hispanic Studies at the Department of French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies) gave a presentation on how migrant caravans constitute the human mobility of Central Americans and others traversing Mexico and heading towards the United States. Following the United States’ Department of Homeland Security’s “Remain in Mexico” policy, this talk engaged with the concept of suspension to think about the practices that arise between borders, and everyday affective rhythms between the body and the other side of the law.

FEB 1 | Migration & Mental Health: A Film Screening and Panel Discussion for Healthcare Providers & Settlement Workers

This two-part event featured a virtual screening of the documentary *The World is Bright* (Ying Wang, 2019) followed by a public panel discussion after the screening. The film and discussion focused on frontline mental health workers supporting immigrants and refugees in their community as well as issues related to mental health and the settlement process.

Co-hosted by the CMS Community University Partnerships Research Group and MOSAIC: Settlement and Employment Services for Newcomers

FEB 2 | Careers in Migration and Integration: A Provincial Government Perspective Q&A

Carling Helander, Executive Director of Immigration Policy and Integration with the Government of BC, led an interactive professional development Q&A on provincial government careers in migration and integration. The session focused on career opportunities at a provincial level in the field of immigration and newcomer integration; differences between provincial government career in immigration and a career with the federal government, non-profit sector, or academia; and skills needed to succeed.

FEB 13 | Grad Student Power Hour – “Have You Not News from Our Country?": Music and Migration in the Armenian Diaspora

Aram Bajakian (PhD Student, Ethnomusicology at the School of Music, UBC) gave an overview of music in the Armenian diaspora, focusing on music in North American communities. The presentation showed how the oud and Kef music gave space for Armenians to express memories of their Ottoman past through songs and dances, cultural artifacts from times before the genocide. Through an examination of the work of Armenian oud player Udi Hrant Kenkulian, as well as second and third generation Armenian American oudists such as Richard Hagopian and Ara Dinkjian, this talk demonstrated how Armenian-Americans were able to collectively acknowledge their shared traumas and histories through music.

FEB 16 | Decolonizing Migration Speaker Series - Transnational Living and Indigeneity as Everyday Sherpa Reality

The first event of our Spring Speaker Series featured research by CMS faculty affiliate, Pasang Yangjee Sherpa (Assistant Professor, Asian Studies and the Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies). This talk explored the case of Sherpa people as a transnational Indigenous community focusing on the Sherpa migration history from the place also known as Nepal and to what is also known as the United States. The talk presented Indigeneity as an important concept to center realities of forced migration as a result of current hegemonic, capitalist, and colonial systems including nation-state framings in Asian and global contexts.

FEB 28 | Sharing Insights: The Lived Experience of Syrian Refugees in Canada

In this interactive presentation, associates from the non-profit Environics Institute for Survey Research, Keith Neuman and Jobran Khanji, discussed their research on the lived experience of Syrian refugees in Canada since their arrival in 2015-16. The national study documented how these refugees have fared in their new country, and asked what can be learned from their experience that might benefit future refugees. The study aimed to provide valuable insight to guide government programs and policies, and support the ongoing work of settlement agencies, private sponsor groups, refugee communities, and others involved in refugee resettlement in Canada.

Organized in collaboration with Environics Institute for Survey Research

MAR 2 | The Contribution of Freedom of/Access to Information Requests to a Liberatory Perspective of Public Administration: Examining the Forms, Spaces, and Levels of Power

This event highlighted an article-based work of Sule Tomkinson (Associate Professor, Political Science, Université Laval) visiting Peter A. Allard School of Law and the CMS. Tomkinson's presentation made a case for developing Freedom of Information (FOI) or Access to Information (ATI) requests as a transformative qualitative methodology. Such an approach would enable researchers to analyze the multiple forms, levels, and spaces of power, as well as their interactions within public organizations, including immigration bureaucracies.

MAR 2 | Racial Capital and Climate Migration with Andrew Baldwin and Neel Ahuja, in conversation with Jemima Baada

This hybrid event featured presentations by authors Neel Ahuja and Andrew Baldwin, in conversation with CMS faculty affiliate, Jemima Baada (Assistant Professor, Geography), in which they discussed their recent respective books on climate migration and racial capitalism. They considered questions such as: how are we to understand the role of climate change in driving migration alongside the ongoing impacts of colonialism, inequality, and other defining features of racial capitalism? How is the figure of the 'climate migrant' represented and governed through emerging discourse and policy on climate migration, and what do these approaches inherit from ongoing histories of racism?

Organized by the UBC Centre for Climate Justice and co-sponsored by CMS

MAR 7 | Book Launch – Rethinking Migration and Mobility in Human History

This book launch celebrated *Homo Migrans: Modeling Mobility and Migration in Human History* (SUNY Press, 2022), edited by CMS faculty affiliate Megan Daniels (Assistant Professor, Ancient Mediterranean & Near Eastern Studies). The book addresses the intricacies of understanding the reasons and processes of human migration around the globe as one of the great challenges for the humanities and social sciences. It also describes obstacles for archaeologists and historians in evolving models that responsibly incorporate method, theory, and data in ways that honour the complexity of human behaviours and relationships.

Co-organized by the CMS Mobilities Research Group in conjunction with the Green College Leading Scholars Series

MAR 7 | Community Luncheon

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MAR 9 | Decolonizing Migration Speaker Series – Third World Influences on Fourth World Anti-Colonialism: Land and/as Solidarity

The second event in our Spring Speaker Series featured a talk by Glen Coulthard (Associate Professor, First Nations and Indigenous Studies and the Department of Political Science). Coulthard provided a glimpse into the historical and global context that informed the placebased theoretical framework that he developed in *Red Skin, White Masks* (Minnesota Press, 2014), focusing on the political work being done in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia from the late 1960s to the early 1980s. In the talk, Coulthard showed how Red Power advocates during this period drew inspiration from the decolonization struggles of the “Third World” abroad and “internal colonies” at home and adapted the insights into their own unique politics of solidarity and critiques of racial capitalism, patriarchy, and internal colonialism.

MAR 21 | Institutional Power and Migrant Family Disadvantages in the Nordic Welfare State

In this presentation, Camilla Nordberg (Associate Professor, Social Policy, Åbo Akademi University) addressed the politicized category of the “migrant family” from a perspective of day-to-day institutional encounters with local welfare services in Finland. Set in the context of a restructuring Nordic welfare state, the research drew on ethnographic data, produced in 2018–2020, to highlight how tensions between personhood and familyhood are activated through agenda-setting practices and bureaucratic categorization.

MAR 23 | Decolonizing Migration Speaker Series – *Broken Angel* Film Screening and Filmmaker Q&A

The third event in our Spring Speaker Series presented a screening of *Broken Angel*, a feature film written and directed by Jules Arita Koostachin (PhD, Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice, UBC). Koostachin was in attendance and followed the screening with an engaging Q&A, moderated by CMS faculty affiliate, Elizabeth Nijdam (Assistant Professor of Teaching, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies).

MAR 25 | Becoming Neighbours

Becoming Neighbours was a 5-part community-engaged dialogue series, organized by Kinbrace Community Society and Worn Words Media. The series included panels (refugee and Indigenous expertise), media screenings, roundtable conversations, and conversation over food. This first workshop focused on ‘welcome’ and opened up different cultural practices of welcome and the postures needed to make space for each other in intercultural community. It included the screening of an excerpt from *Welcomestory*, produced by CMS affiliate, Erin Goheen Glanville (Lecturer, English Language and Literatures).

Co-sponsored by Vancouver Foundation, VanCity, UBC Office of Community-Engagement, CMS Research Creation & CMS Narratives Research Groups.

MAR 27 | Decolonizing Migration Speaker Series - 'Our Indigenous Cousins' or Settlers-R-Us? Pacific Migration to Indigenous Places

As the fourth and final event of our Spring Speaker Series, CMS faculty affiliate Alice Te Punga Somerville (Professor, English Language and Literatures, and Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies) delivered a talk drawing on research for her monograph-in-process, 'Belonging Together: Indigenous Pacific engagements with periodicals 1900-1975' which holds Aotearoa New Zealand alongside Australia, Fiji and Hawai'i. The talk explored how might the concept of 'cousins,' which appears in Indigenous writing about transnational connections, contributes to how we think about Indigenous migration.

MAR 30 | Grad Student Power Hour – Poetic Economies: Calcutta Writers Workshop and Sari-bound Poetry Books

As part of the Grad Student Power Hour series, Fiana Kawane (PhD Candidate, English Language and Literatures) offered a work-in-progress presentation on "poetic economies" of transnational small presses and their role in constituting and disturbing conceptions of the global in anglophone poetry. The presentation focused on Agha Shahid Ali and Meena Alexander's sari-bound poetry books with the Calcutta Writers Workshop that had travelled in their original binding to B.C. in the late twentieth century.

APR 3 | Grad Student Power Hour – To Come, To Stay: Migration Decision-making of Chinese International Students in (Imaginary) Canada

In this Grad Student Power Hour talk, Monica Manlin Cai (PhD Student, Sociology, UBC) drew on longitudinal in-depth interviews to share ongoing research that examines the migration decision-making of Chinese international students in Canada. The insightful presentation discussed preliminary results from work on how Chinese international students imagine and perceive Canada in international hierarchies of education, politics, and economy.

APR 4 | Community Luncheon

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APR 5 | Shanty Towns, Indigenous Mobilities and Marrón (Brown) Experience: Contested Formations of Race in the City of Buenos Aires

Ana Vivaldi (Affiliate Researcher, School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester) delivered a paper on the need to expand the current field of decolonial struggle and frameworks of public policy in order to address the unique and intersecting experiences of racialization faced by urban indigenous people and Marrones in Argentina. The event examined two processes of racialization in urban Argentina that are expanding the realm of anti-racist struggles and challenging the framework of public policy.

Organized by the CMS Migration and Indigeneity Research Group in association with the UBC Latin American Studies Program

APR 6 | Abolish Border Imperialism: Climate Migration, Racial Capitalism, and Empire

In this event, writer and activist Harsha Walia reflected on climate migration, racial capitalism, and empire, drawing connections between the assertion of borders and bordering practices and the destruction of lives and livelihoods, and which bodies are differently impacted. With a speaker introduction by Naomi Klein.

Organized by the Centre for Climate Justice and co-sponsored by the School of Public Policy & Global Affairs and CMS

APR 13-14 | Language Latitudes Workshop

This two-day workshop brought together language attitudes researchers from different fields for networking and knowledge sharing as part of the Language Latitudes project, which aims to challenge language biases and increase awareness of language attitudes and their social consequences. Sixteen presenters discussed a range of topics from language learning and education to interpretation to access to employment to technology on a wide range of languages (e.g., American Sign Language in Canada, French in Canada, Kaska, Spanish). 35 attendees from Canada and the United States joined for the entire workshop and we had over fifty attendees that came for specific sessions of the workshop.

Organized by CMS faculty affiliates Amanda Cardoso and Marie-Eve Bouchard and co-sponsored by CMS

APR 14 | Book Launch: Routledge Handbook of Refugee Narratives

This event celebrated the publication of *The Routledge Handbook of Refugee Narratives* (2023), that includes chapters by three CMS faculty affiliates, Erin Goheen Glanville, Elif Sari, and the late Y-Dang Troeung. This open-access Handbook, co-edited by Eryn Lê Espiritu Gandhi (UCLA) and Vinh Nguyen (Renison University College, University of Waterloo), presents a transnational and interdisciplinary study of refugee narratives, broadly defined. Interrogating who can be considered a refugee and what constitutes a narrative, the thirty-eight chapters included in this collection encompass a range of forcibly displaced subjects, a mix of geographical and historical contexts, and a variety of storytelling modalities.

Organized by the CMS Narratives Research Group

APR 18 | Grad Fellows Spring Symposium

The 2022-2023 cohort of CMS Grad Fellows presented their research in this day-long public symposium at the Peña Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. The event featured thought-provoking and multi-disciplinary research talks by thirteen emerging migration scholars representing ten different disciplines at UBC, who also planned and executed the event. Their research was organized into four panels on topics in migration studies: Refugees and International Migration Policy, Boundaries of Migration in a Global Context, From Migration Flows to Diaspora Networks, and Migration Narratives and Shifting Identities.

Co-organized by CMS Grad Fellows and CMS

APR 25-26 | CMS International Research Conference with Queen's University Belfast

We convened our first annual International Research Conference at UBC on April 25-26 in conjunction with Queen's University Belfast. Designed to foster interdisciplinary dialogues among graduate students and early career researchers working on borders and migration, this year's conference featured panel presentations and an intensive workshop on publishing-oriented writing practices in the field. Shahram Khosravi (Professor, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University) gave the keynote address on "Bordered Imagination."

Co-organized by CMS and Queen's University Belfast