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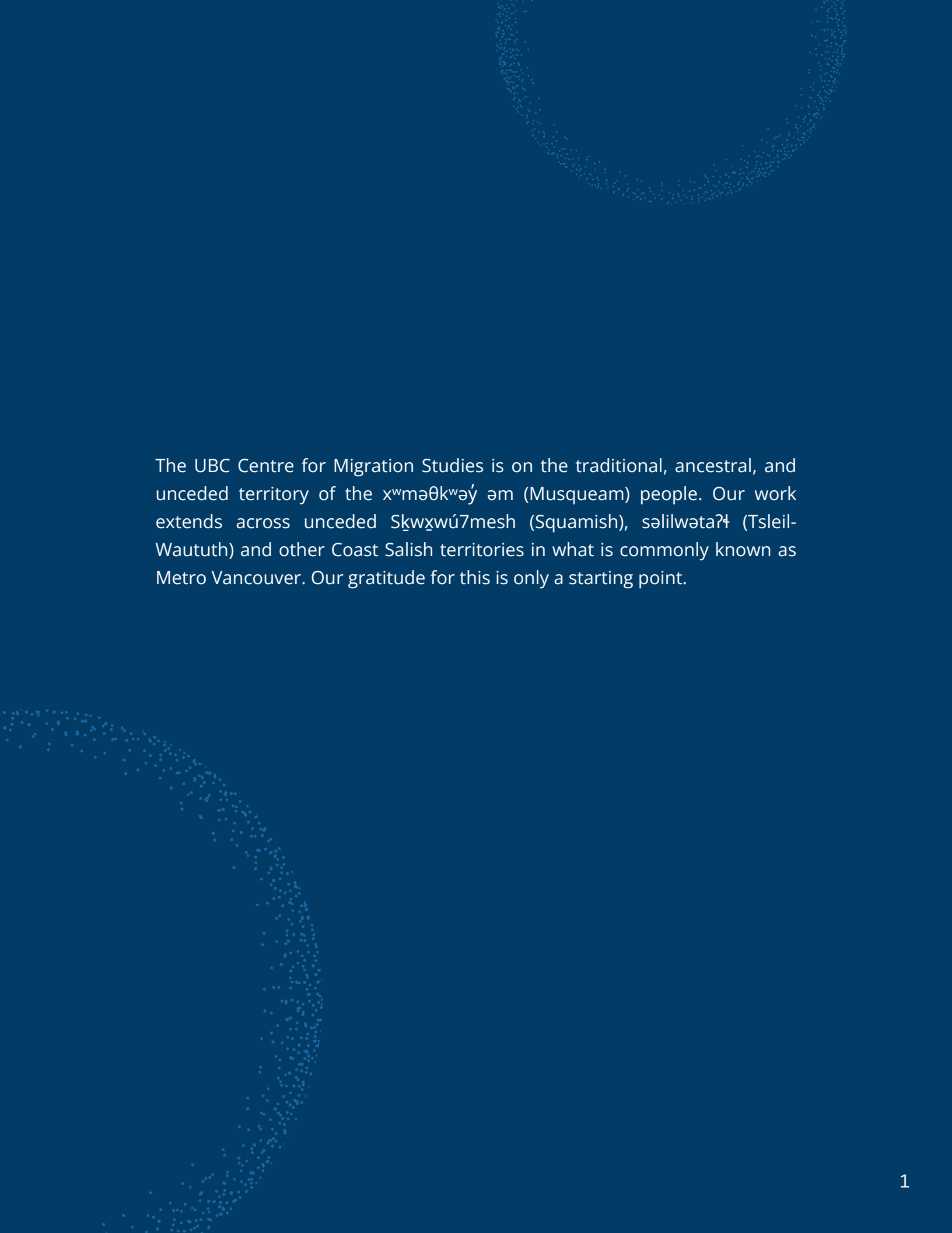
CMS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2024

Belonging and Mobility in a Transnational World

May 15-16, 2024

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Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC 6476 NW Marine Dr., Vancouver





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Overview

The annual CMS International Research Conference serves as a platform for established and emerging scholars to delve into the dynamics of migration and mobility in today's interconnected world. This year, our theme, "***Belonging and Mobility in a Transnational World***," encapsulates the complex interplay between identity, work, and connectivity across borders.

Keynote speaker and panel discussions will address pressing issues such as the impact of migration policies on migrant experiences, the dynamics of intergroup relations in contexts of immigration, the nexus of work and belonging among immigrant workers, bordering practices, and the relations between global diasporas and social identities. We aim to foster discussions that transcend disciplinary boundaries, providing insights from diverse perspectives and methodologies.

Join us as we navigate the evolving landscapes of migration and mobility, seeking to understand, celebrate, and harness the transformative power of human movement in a transnational world.



About the UBC 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 x̱w̱məθkʷəy̱əm (Musqueam). Our work extends across unceded Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), səlilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) and other Coast Salish territories in what is commonly known as Metro Vancouver, British Columbia.

Since its formal establishment in 2020, CMS has served as an incubator for transformative research within the academy and beyond. With our 90 faculty affiliates, 75 graduate student affiliates, and numerous community partners and practitioners, we work together to facilitate publicly-engaged dialogue that fosters inclusive and just communities and influences policy. 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. Our signature initiatives include a Graduate Certificate in Migration Studies, the annual CMS-Sector Research Collaborations Day (fall), and the annual International Research Conference (spring). Our work is underpinned by a fundamental commitment to exploring ways to decolonize migration studies by grappling with the intersection of migration, settler colonialism, empire, and Indigeneity.

About our 2024 partner institution, the Hong Kong Baptist University Faculty of Social Sciences

The Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) Faculty of Social Sciences is committed to nurturing students' personal, intellectual and professional development with a liberal arts education. It emphasizes global social science knowledge for whole-person development. The faculty also share a passion for inspiring students to be creative and fulfilled builders of a fair global society and a strong regional University.

The Faculty of Social Sciences comprises 7 departments:

- Department of Education Studies
- Department of Geography
- Department of Government and International Studies
- Department of History
- Department of Social Work
- Department of Sociology
- Department of Sport, Physical Education and Health

Conference Schedule

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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2024

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Light breakfast refreshments

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM x^wməθk^wəy^əm (*Musqueam*) Welcome by Elder Mary Point
Welcome remarks from CMS and HKBU

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Keynote by Prof. Nina Glick Schiller**

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM **Panel 1: The Impact of Migration Policies on Migrant Experiences**

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Panel 2: Intergroup Relations in Contexts of Immigration**

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM Break

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Roundtable: Perspectives on Academic Publishing**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Dinner at The Rooftop Garden, UBC Nest Building (for conference panelists, discussants, and chairs)

DAY 2 - THURSDAY MAY 16, 2024

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Light breakfast refreshments

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Welcome remarks

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM **Panel 3: Exploring the Nexus of Work and Belonging Among Immigrant Workers**

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Panel 4: Borders and Bordering Practices**

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:15 PM **Panel 5: Global Diasporas and Social Identities**

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM Closing remarks by CMS and HKBU



About the Keynote Speaker

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“The End of Migration as We Know It: Studying and Opposing Regimes of Dehumanization”

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PDT)



Prof. Nina Glick Schiller

**Emeritus Professor, University of
Manchester, UK, and University of New
Hampshire, USA**

Nina Glick Schiller is Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester, UK and University of New Hampshire, USA, founding editor of *Identities* and co-editor of *Anthropological Theory*. She is currently a scholar of Excellence with the CERC Migration program at the Toronto Metropolitan University. Her research topics include urbanism, urban regeneration, transnational migration, migration services, migration and development, critiques of methodological nationalism and the ethnic lens, racialization and power, dispossession and displacement, cosmopolitan sociability, and the construction of risk. She has conducted research in Haiti, the USA, the UK, and Germany.

Her books include: *Nations Unbound: Transnational Projects, Postcolonial Predicaments and the Deterritorialized Nation-States*, *Towards a Transnational Perspective on Migration: Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Nationalism Reconsidered*, *Georges Woke Up Laughing: Long Distance Nationalism and the Search for Home*, *Beyond Methodological Nationalism: Research Methodologies for Cross-Border Studies*, *Cosmopolitan Sociability: Locating Transnational Religious and Diasporic Networks, Whose Cosmopolitanism? Critical Perspectives, Relationalities and Discontent*, *Regimes of Mobility: Imaginaries and Relationalities of Power*, *Locating Migration: Rescaling Cities and Migrants*; and *Migrants and City Making: Dispossession, Displacement and Urban Regeneration*.

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11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Panel 1: The Impact of Migration Policies on Migrant Experiences

Discussant: Sean Lauer, Sociology, University of British Columbia

Chair: Daniel W.L. Lai, Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University

Participant	Paper Title
María Cervantes Geography University of British Columbia	How to Build a Highly Skilled Migrant
Neda Maghbouleh Sociology University of British Columbia	“Heaven without people is not worth going to”: Syrian Refugees and the Infrastructure of Resettlement and Family Reunification in Canada
Sonja van der Putten Educational Theory and Practice Simon Fraser University	Young Adult Women from Refugee Backgrounds and the Role that Barriers Play in their Pursuit of Higher Education in Canada
Kevin Lo Geography Hong Kong Baptist University	An Inverted-U Relationship Between House Prices and Migrant Integration

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the panelists:



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2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Panel 2: Intergroup Relations in Contexts of Immigration

Discussant: Antje Ellermann, Political Science, University of British Columbia

Chair: Kaxton Siu, Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University

Participant	Paper Title
Ania Switzer Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies University of British Columbia	Intersection of Collective Mobilisations: Women's Rights Movements in Poland and Displaced Persons from Ukraine
Hwajin Shin Sociology Hong Kong Baptist University	The Hidden Structure of Support: The Role of Hierarchical Bonding Ties for North Korean Refugees in London
Dorothee Leesing Gender, Race, Sexuality & Social Justice University of British Columbia	Transnational Migratory Experiences in Games and Game Making
Leonora Angeles Gender, Community and International Development Planning University of British Columbia	How Filipinos Figured in Canadian Imagination During the Pandemic

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the panelists:



DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2024

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Roundtable: Perspectives on Academic Publishing

A roundtable discussion with experienced academic authors and journal editors, sharing about the ins and outs of academic publishing and demystifying the publishing process.

Moderator: Lisa Brunner, Political Science, University of British Columbia

Participant	Background
Rima Wilkes Sociology University of British Columbia	Author of <i>Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being</i> (2022). Editor for <i>Social Forces</i> from 2017, former Editorial Board Member for <i>Social Science Research</i> , the <i>Canadian Review of Sociology</i> , <i>Social Sciences</i> and former Contributing Editor for <i>Mobilizing Ideas</i> .
Kaxton Siu Sociology Hong Kong Baptist University	Author of <i>Chinese Migrant Workers and Employer Domination: Comparisons with Hong Kong and Vietnam</i> (2020) and <i>Hong Kong Society: High-Definition Stories beyond the Spectacle of East-Meets-West</i> (2022).
Nina Glick Schiller Anthropology University of Manchester, UK and University of New Hampshire, USA	Author of <i>Locating Migration: The Migrant and the Scale and Pathways: Placing Migration Theory</i> . Founder and former Editor of the journal <i>Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power</i> . Former Editorial Board Member of a range of journals including <i>American Ethnologist</i> , <i>Social Analysis</i> , <i>Focaal</i> , and <i>Anthropological Theory</i> .

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9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel 3: Exploring the Nexus of Work and Belonging Among Immigrant Workers

Discussant: Nancy Clark, Human and Social Development, University of Victoria

Chair: Sofia Noori, Curriculum and Pedagogy, University of British Columbia

Participant	Paper Title
Sandra Schinnerl Political Science University of British Columbia	Measuring Migration Transitions: Factors that Predict Stay Rates, Employment and Economic Outcomes of International Student Graduates in British Columbia's Economic Regions
Hongxia Shan Educational Studies University of British Columbia	Professional Learning/Knowing in Practice: Immigrant Engineers Reticulating the Epistemic Culture of the Profession
Charlotte Yang Geography Hong Kong Baptist University	Upgrading or Downgrading in the Platform Economy? Migrant Labour Mobility from Manufacturing Factories to Food Delivery Platforms in China
Angel Bella Geography University of British Columbia	Mobilizing Imaginaries: Reconceptualizing Spaces to Recognize the Resistance of Migrant Domestic Workers

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Panel 4: Borders and Bordering Practices

Discussant: Alexia Bloch, Anthropology, University of British Columbia

Chair: Elif Sari, Anthropology, University of British Columbia

Participant	Paper Title
Abu Fakhri Sociology Simon Fraser University	“The Game” Chronicles: Mapping the Temporal, Affective, and Epistemic Border Violence in ‘Irregular’ Migration to Europe
Jessica Templeman Law University of British Columbia	Bordering Practices in the Criminal Court
Molly Joeck Law University of British Columbia	Gender and Risk in Canadian Immigration Detention
Anita Koo Sociology Hong Kong Baptist University	Transitions across Borders: Migration Aspirations and the Negotiation of Subjectivities Among Young Adults in a Periphery

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DAY 2 - THURSDAY MAY 16, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Panel 5: Global Diasporas and Transnationalism

Discussant: Kaxton Siu, Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University

Chair: Elizabeth “Biz” Nijdam, Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies, University of British Columbia

Participant	Paper Title
Quinton Huang History University of British Columbia	Unfixed Lives: Rethinking the History of Migration, Settlement, and Refugees in Postwar Hong Kong
Tori Shucheng Yang Sociology University of British Columbia	Differences That Matter: Friendship Dynamics Among Chinese LGBTQ+ Migrants in North America
Anne Cécile Delaise Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy University of British Columbia	Belonging and Daily Occupations in Migrants' Transnational and Mobile Lives
Lucetta Kam Humanities and Creative Writing Hong Kong Baptist University	Belonging in Mobility: A Study of Queer Women Leaving Hong Kong after 2014
Pu Hao Geography Hong Kong Baptist University	The Transnational Chinese: An Examination of Identity and Belonging

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The keynote session recording will be available on Youtube
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