

## Agenda: Workshop on International Students as Future Permanent Residents

Time	Session
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast and Registration</b>
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p>Jean McRae and Victoria Esses, Co-Chairs, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p>
9:15 AM – 10:40 AM	<p><b>Session 1: Who Comes to Canada, Who Stays, and Why?</b></p> <p>Chair: Sabine Lehr, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria</p> <p>This session focuses on the characteristics of international students who are coming to Canada, those who are choosing to stay in Canada and become permanent residents, motivations for transitioning to permanent residency, and where these potential permanent residents are choosing to live. The role of successful employment in this process will also be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Angie Larocque, Immigration Branch, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada</li> <li>◆ Michael Haan, Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario</li> <li>◆ Victoria Esses, Department of Psychology, University of Western Ontario</li> </ul>
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
11:00 AM – 12:20 PM	<p><b>Session 2: Innovative Services and Supports for International Students</b></p> <p>Chair: Winnie Lee, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria</p> <p>This session focuses on innovative services and supports for international students, including those designed to increase understanding of the Canadian cultural context and facilitate connections to the local community so that international students are retained as permanent residents in communities that need them most.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Anne Cirillo, International Student Services, University of Victoria</li> <li>◆ Valeri Pilgrim, Internationalization Office, Memorial University of Newfoundland</li> <li>◆ Wendy Roth, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia</li> </ul>

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12:20 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM – 2:50 PM	<p><b>Session 3: Employer and Municipal Perspectives on International Students</b></p> <p>Chair: Herb Schuetze, Department of Economics, University of Victoria</p> <p>This session focuses on employers' perspectives on hiring international students, including challenges and perceived benefits, and the role that municipalities can play in the attraction and retention of international students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Christine Covell, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta</li> <li>◆ Karima Ramji, International Programs, University of Victoria</li> <li>◆ Sarah Wayland, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council</li> </ul>
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
3:10 PM – 4:30 PM	<p><b>Session 4: Facilitating the Transition from International Student to Permanent Resident</b></p> <p>Chair: Jean McRae, Co-Chair, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p> <p>This session focuses on strategies and programs to facilitate international students' transition to permanent residents. What policies and programs have been put into place to retain international students as an asset for the Canadian economy and society at large?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Alexandra Bozheva, Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario</li> <li>◆ Carling Helander, BC Ministry of Jobs, Trade, and Technology</li> <li>◆ TBD</li> </ul>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p><b>Session 5: Next Steps and Plans for Collaboration, Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Jean McRae and Victoria Esses, Co-Chairs, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p> <p>This final session will involve an open discussion of strategies for sharing best practices in supporting international students, and future research needs in this area.</p>

**Registration:**

- ◆ Early Bird Fee (Registered and paid on or before March 22, 2018): \$100.00
- ◆ Regular Fee (Registered and paid after March 22, 2018): \$125.00

[Click here to register for the workshop.](#)

**Hotel Information:**

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria, BC. If booked by **March 22, 2018** the rate is \$149.00 for a Standard - double or king room. Please [click here](#) or call 1-800-268-1133 to make your reservation and quote 'Pathways to Prosperity Workshop on International Students' to obtain the group rate.