

Reception Contexts
Event Program
October 12, 2016, 9:15am – 6:00pm

Reception Contexts is a one-day synergy event hosted by York’s Canada Research Chair in Socially Engaged Research in Race and Racialization, Department of Sociology, in partnership with York’s Centre for Refugee Studies. Reception Contexts will connect graduate students, emerging and established scholars working in the broad areas of ethnic exclusion, racialization and immigration in Europe, North America and the Middle East so as to explore and consider how their work can help to shed light on exclusionary practices related to the reception of ‘Syrian refugees’ in various national contexts.

Reception Contexts recognizes that a robust understanding of the specificities of the reception of Syrian refugees requires that we take account of historical and contemporary reception practices and discourses pertaining to other groups (including in-group gender, class, status, age and religious distinctions) and the reception cultures of various national contexts. We stress the importance of comparative work both between and within groups, but also between and within national contexts.

Reception Contexts will consist of three panel discussions in which invited participants will give short quick-fire presentations on key aspects of their work so as to solicit and respond to commentary from other panelists. The aim is to generate and synergize ideas for further research topics.

Panel 1 will examine the critical question of migration and changing conceptions of national belonging so as to draw out the intricacies and nuance of contemporary reception. Panel 2 will build on the thematic area of national belonging by critically examining cultural constructs of ethnic and racial exclusivity. Panel 3 will respond to the discussion points generated in Panels 1 and 2, summarizing key areas of concern so as to develop an inter-regional action plan for future research.

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Time	LOCATION: Harry Crowe Room, 109 Atkinson College
9:15am	Guests Arrive
9:30am—9:55am	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p>Ananya Mukherjee-Reed, Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University, Canada</p> <p>Philip Walsh, Chair, Sociology, York University, Canada</p> <p>Jennifer Hyndman, Director, York Centre for Refugee Studies</p> <p>Christopher Kyriakides, Canada Research Chair, Sociology, York University, Canada</p>
<p>10:00am-11:50am</p> <p>10:05am- 10:20am</p> <p>10:20am-10:35am</p> <p>10:35am-10:50am</p> <p>10:50am-11:05am</p> <p>11:05am-11:20am</p> <p>11:20am-11:35am</p> <p>11:35am-11:50am</p>	<p><u>Panel 1: Migration & National Belonging</u></p> <p>Chair: James Baker (Sociology, McMaster University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sabrina Paillé (Sociology, York University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Gender equality, anti-immigration and processes of othering</i> 2. Archie Delshad (Political Science, University of California, Irvine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Iranian-American Political Experience: Iranian Assimilation into American Politics.</i> 3. Dean Ray (Sociology, York University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Cultures that Matter: the boundaries of worth in Canada and their consequences</i> 4. Dina Taha (Sociology, York University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nationalism(s) and the Shifts in Egyptian Policies and Attitudes toward Migrants and Refugees</i> 5. Gökbörü Tanyildiz (Sociology, York University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Beyond Homonational Epistemologies of Normative Sexual Regimes</i> 6. Angelo Tramountanis (Political Science, National Centre for Social Research, Greece) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Defining National Belonging and Exclusion: the case of Greek Immigration and Refugee policy</i> 7. Tracy Thomas (Sociology, York University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Barbaric Cultural Practices Act: Racialization, Strategic Exclusion, and Media Reception: Canada's 'Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices'</i>
11:50pm—12:30pm	Panel 1 Discussion
12:30pm—1:30pm	Lunch

1:30pm—3:20pm	<p><u>Panel 2: Reception Cultures</u></p> <p>Chair, Christina Clark-Kazak (Editor-in-Chief, Refuge, Canada’s Journal on Refugees)</p>
1:35pm-1:50pm	<p>1. Carmela Murdocca (Sociology, York University, Canada)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Let’s help our own”: the politics of race and benevolence in Canada
1:50pm-2:05pm	<p>2. Sarita Srivastava (Sociology, Queen’s University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Affective and Moral Terrain of Contemporary Multiculturalism</i>
2:05pm-2:20pm	<p>3. Milena Belloni (Sociology, University of Trento)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Stabilising magnets or enablers of onwards migration: The role of informal ethnic networks in refugees and asylum seekers transit migration in Italy</i>
2:20pm-2:35pm	<p>4. Gada Mahrouse (Simone de Beauvoir Institute and Women’s Studies, Concordia University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Antiracist feminist considerations of domestic violence in the resettlement and integration of Syrian Government Assisted Refugees</i>
2:35pm-2:50pm	<p>5. Yara Dababneh (Humanitarian Aid Worker, Middle East)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The ‘Arab refugee’ in Jordan</i>
2:50pm-3:05pm	<p>6. Antonio Sorge (Anthropology, York University, Canada)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Parochialism and the Sicilian Far Right</i>
3:05pm-3:20pm	<p>7. Victor Satzewich (Sociology, McMaster University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Racism, ethnicity and migrant integration in Canada</i>
3.20pm-3.35pm	<p>8. Frehiwot Tesfaye (Sociology, York University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reflections on Images of African & Middle Eastern Refugees in Canada</i>
3:35pm—4:15pm	Panel 2 Discussion
4:15pm— 4:35pm	Coffee Break
4:35pm—5:45pm	<p><u>Panel 3: International Panel Discussion</u></p> <p>Discussant: Christopher Kyriakides</p> <p>Respondents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas Hylland Eriksen (Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway) 2. Musa Shteivi (Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan) 3. Paolo Boccagni (Sociology, University of Trento, Italy) 4. Rodolfo Torres (Centre for Global Migration Research, University of California, Irvine) 5. Nicolas Demertzis (Communication, University of Athens, Greece)
6.00pm	Day concludes

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