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The Year in Review — 2017

The Pathways to Prosperity Partnership had a very productive 2017. This included a variety of completed, new and ongoing research projects; enhanced strategies for training of highly qualified personnel; and a variety of opportunities for knowledge exchange. Our governance bodies operated effectively to provide representation and input into decision making by academics, members of the settlement sector, and representatives of municipal, provincial, and federal governments. We thank the members of the Management Committee, Board of Directors, Standing Committees, Planning Committees, and P2P staff for their dedication and contributions to the continuing success of the partnership.

Research Activities

2017 saw a great deal of research activity within Pathways to Prosperity, including a variety of completed projects, now posted in the [P2P website library](#), and a number of ongoing and new projects underway. This included projects led by P2P Co-investigators and projects funded through National Calls for Proposal to Partners and Collaborators for Research on P2P Priority Themes.

Projects completed this year include:

- ◆ Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program Environmental Scan
- ◆ Assessing the Changes to Canada's Live-In Caregiver Program: Improving Security or Deepening Precariousness?
- ◆ How Can We Engage Diasporas as International Entrepreneurs: Suggestions from an Empirical Study in the Canadian Context
- ◆ Spaces of Encounter: French-speaking Immigrants' and Refugees' Experiences of Social and Cultural Integration in Francophone Minority Communities
- ◆ The Image Of Muslims In Canadian Parliamentary Debates – Some Preliminary Results
- ◆ The Transformation of the Quebec Model: A First Portrait of the Impact

New and ongoing projects in progress, funded through the CFPs for Collaborators and Partners include:

- ◆ Accessing Canadian Healthcare for Immigrants: Empowerment, Voice and Enablement (ACHIEVE)

- ◆ An Examination of Racial Micro-aggressions among Refugee Youth in Two Canadian Cities
- ◆ Are SMEs with Immigrant Owners Exceptional Exporters?
- ◆ Examination of Older Immigrants' Contributions to Canadian Society: A Pilot Mixed Method Study
- ◆ Exploring Immigrant and Refugee Students' Experiences of Belonging: The Open Studio Project
- ◆ In Search of Welcoming Neighbourhoods and Adequate Housing: The Experiences of Recent Immigrants in Northeast Ontario
- ◆ Paternity in a Migration Context: Redefinition of the Paternal Role?
- ◆ Portfolio-based Language Assessment in LINC Literacy Classes: The Need for Data to Guide Policy and Practice
- ◆ Recognizing the Informal Sector: The Welcoming of Francophone Immigrants in Saskatchewan by Established Immigrants
- ◆ The Contradictory Geographies of Newcomer Volunteering in Canada: New Research Directions to Understand Economic Integration, Social Participation and Civic Engagement
- ◆ Who Stays and Who Leaves Atlantic Canada?

New and ongoing projects led by P2P Co-investigators include:

- ◆ Fostering Research Partnerships for Improved Labour Market Integration and Employment of Skilled Immigrants and Refugees in Edmonton, Calgary, and Fort McMurray
- ◆ Immigrant Language Ability, Occupational Choice, and Employment Skill Match Quality
- ◆ International Students as Future Citizens: Understanding the Relation between Universities and Cities
- ◆ The Art of Immigration
- ◆ The Health Outcomes and Health Service Use of Immigrants in New Brunswick: An Investigation Using Linked Administrative Data
- ◆ Warmth of Welcome: Australian, Canadian, and U.S. Immigration Systems Compared
- ◆ Welcoming Newcomers to Canada: Strategies for Increasing the Warmth of the Welcome and Promoting a Sense of Belonging among Newcomers

To be launched in early 2018, a new cross-regional project being conducted by P2P researchers across the country will examine attitudes toward immigrants and immigration in smaller and larger Canadian communities, with a focus on determinants of these attitudes. Initial input into the design and content of this project was obtained through roundtables held at the 2017 Pathways to Prosperity National Conference in Toronto. Updates on this exciting project will appear in upcoming eBulletins.

Training of Highly Qualified Personnel

The Standing Committee on Student Engagement continues to contribute its energy, enthusiasm and new ideas to the Partnership. Members of the committee sit on the P2P Board of Directors, participate in the planning of the Pathways to Prosperity National Conference, and receive registration and travel funding to attend the conference in exchange for volunteering a few hours of their time during the conference. The committee members also organize their own events. Members of the Committee now regularly

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organize Junior Scholars of Migration Graduate Student – Faculty workshops. Two such workshops were held in 2017, one a half-day workshop at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Toronto, and the other a session during the Pathways to Prosperity National Conference in Toronto. During these workshops, a total of seven students presented on their work and received feedback from experts in the field. We thank Claudia Prévost (Université Laval) and Serperi Sevgur (Dalhousie University) for serving as the Standing Committee Co-chairs in 2017 and for being willing to continue in this role for 2018. The committee is now discussing the possibility of expanding its constituents to include postdoctoral fellows, with the goal of promoting continuity to the committee and

providing opportunities for interested individuals to continue to participate in P2P post-graduation.

As an additional opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, 2017 was the third year of the P2P Student and Postdoctoral Exchange Program, designed to provide graduate students and postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to participate in new research or broaden the scope and breadth of research they already have underway. Two graduate students benefited from this program in 2017. Marc Yvan Valade from Ryerson University jump-started data collection for his dissertation by travelling to Brandon, Manitoba to begin fieldwork examining the capacity of local networks in attracting immigrants to smaller Canadian cities.

Nassibeh Ahadi from the University of British Columbia, Okanagan is using travel funding from P2P to conduct research in Surrey, Burnaby, and Coquitlam, British Columbia on the settlement and integration experiences of recent immigrants from the Middle East. The 2018 National Call for Proposals for the Student and Postdoctoral Exchange Program will be announced in the Spring.

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To enhance opportunities for graduate students in 2017, Pathways to Prosperity was a partner on the Summer Institute on the *Policy and Politics of Refugee Resettlement in Canada*, led by Mireille Paquet and Chedly Belkhodja of the Centre for Immigration Policy Evaluation at Concordia University. Speakers included Canadian and international scholars, community actors, and government representatives, as well as representatives of international organizations, providing a robust exchange of information. The Summer Institute attracted graduate students from across the country and internationally, with a total of 17 students participating.

Knowledge Mobilization


Pathways to Prosperity continues to actively engage partners, researchers, and stakeholders through a variety of knowledge mobilization products and activities. The bimonthly eBulletin – covering new research findings, P2P activities and events, research opportunities, and partner and collaborator activities – now has over 4,000 subscribers, reaching a

broad audience well beyond P2P's formal membership. The [P2P website](#) has been expanding, with many new additions to the library, new videos, and the addition of the Find an Expert section this year. The website attracted approximately 5,500 visits per month in 2017.

P2P also publishes content on four YouTube channels with over 330 videos now available. These videos have received over 400,000 views to date and have close to 1,250 subscribers. The most popular is the [Immigrant Story Bank](#), a series of approximately 45 video interviews focusing on the personal stories of immigrants in Canada and highlighting their journey to Canada and reasons for choosing Canada, as well as discussing issues of settlement, integration and identity. We are about to launch the new video series, P2P investigates, which highlights research being conducted by P2P co-investigators, collaborators, and partners. This new series will include short video interviews of project leads discussing research objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications of the research for policy and practice.




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Initiated just before the 2015 National Conference, we tweet @P2PConnects, with over 700 followers. We tweet about news related to Canadian and international immigration, updates about new P2P research and activities, and we promote the activities of our partners and collaborators.

In 2017, P2P held a variety of workshops on priority topics identified by our partners and collaborators. During the Printemps de l'École des hautes études publiques at the University of Moncton in early May, two workshops were organized by Christophe Traisnel and Irving Lewis, co-chairs of the P2P Standing Committee on Francophone Immigration. The first workshop focused on the multilevel dynamics that characterize migration policies and the issues encountered by Francophone minority communities when dealing with welcoming newcomers. The second workshop examined the relation between employment, family life, school, and successful integration of Francophone immigrants.



The Annual Preconference for Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) and Réseaux en immigration francophone (RIFs) attracted more than 150 attendees. Powerpoint presentations and videos from this preconference are now available on the P2P website



Two workshops were held in Toronto in November as preconferences to the Pathways to Prosperity National Conference. The first was the Annual Preconference for Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) and Réseaux en immigration francophone (RIFs), organized by LIP and RIF representatives across the country, and chaired by Petrusia Hontar of the St. Thomas – Elgin Local Immigration Partnership and Christian Howald of the Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone du Nord de l'Ontario. Attracting more than 150 attendees, the day provided an opportunity for the Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en immigration francophone to exchange information and discuss common topics of interest, such as the measurement of RIF and LIP outcomes, and improving LIP and RIF operations. Powerpoint presentations and videos from this preconference are now [available on the website here](#). Now a regular feature of this preconference, [LIP and RIF achievements](#) were also solicited prior to the event and were included in a Powerpoint presentation shown during the preconference and in a published booklet distributed at the preconference.

The second preconference – a smaller, targeted workshop of approximately 50 participants, organized by Actions Interculturelles and Pathways to Prosperity – focused on a research project examining the Development of Immigrants' Literacy and Essential Skills. The Powerpoint presentations from this workshop are [available on the website here](#).

The Pathways to Prosperity 2017 National Conference had more than 400 attendees over the three days. It included five plenary sessions, eighteen workshops, a poster session, and six roundtable sessions

To cap off the year, the Pathways to Prosperity Partnership held its Fifth Annual Conference in Toronto in November – *Canada's Place in the World: Innovation in Immigration Research, Policy, and Practice*. With the highest attendance level of our annual conferences to date (over 400 attendees across the three days of the preconferences and main conference), it included five plenary sessions, eighteen workshops, a poster session, and six roundtable sessions designed to obtain input on important issues within the Pathways to Prosperity Partnership. Opening addresses by Stacey LaForme, Chief, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and Robert Oliphant, MP and Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, focused on the need for improved relations between indigenous

and immigrant communities, and updates and new perspectives on Canada's immigration program. The special keynote address by the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Chair of the World Refugee Council and former Minister of Immigration, laid out many of the decisions and alternate pathways ahead of us in the area of immigration. The conference also included a theatrical production, *We Are Not the Others*, a play based on the findings of a two-year research project examining immigrant women's experiences. Judging by the enthusiasm of participants and the more formal feedback, the conference was a tremendous success. Thanks are due to the many individuals who participated in the conference planning committee and ensured that it addressed the interests of all stakeholders. All Powerpoint presentations and videos from the conference are now [available on the website here](#).

Thanks for another great year!
Victoria Esses and Jean McRae

Find an Expert: Submissions Invited

We are inviting P2P co-investigators, collaborators, partner representatives, LIP and RIF representatives, policy and program officials working in the area of immigration, and affiliated graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to join the P2P *Find an Expert* database.

[Find an Expert](#) is an online search engine and database of experts working in the field of immigration. The *Find an Expert* section of the P2P website has been designed to give users quick, efficient access to the P2P's expertise and experts. The database is searchable by: a) name of the expert; b) expertise; c) location; and d) sector. Categories of expertise include: Settlement and Service Provision; Social and Cultural Integration; Economic Integration; Political and Civic Integration; Health and Well-being; At-Risk Immigrants; Temporary Foreign Workers and International Students.

Experts can submit their information [at this link](#).



Registration Open Pathways to Prosperity and ICA-Victoria Workshop on International Students as Future Permanent Residents

Victoria, British Columbia

Friday April 20, 2018 | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Interest in international students in Canada has never been greater. Various levels of government, the business sector, the settlement sector, Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en immigration francophone have begun to recognize the impact and potential value that international students represent to Canadian society. However,

Canada is not alone in its growing desire to attract and retain foreign students. Global competition for international students is on the rise. As such, this full-day workshop will examine factors that impact the attraction and retention of international students in Canada, including motivations for studying and remaining in Canada, services and supports for international students, strategies for attracting and retaining international students where they are most needed, and how stakeholders can facilitate the transition from international student to permanent resident.

We welcome LIP and RIF representatives, service providers, government officials, researchers, graduate students, international student centre coordinators, and all other stakeholders to participate.

Registration Fees:

Category	Important Dates	Price
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

To register for the workshop, [click here](http://www.icavictoria.org/pathwaystoprosperity/) or copy and paste this URL in a browser — <http://www.icavictoria.org/pathwaystoprosperity/>

Hotel Information

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, 100 Harbour Rd, Victoria, BC. If booked by March 22, 2018 the rate is \$149.00 for a Standard - double or king room. To make your reservation, [click here](#) or call 1-800-268-1133 and quote 'Pathways to Prosperity Workshop on International Students' to obtain the group rate.

P2P 2017 National Conference: PowerPoint Presentations and Videos Available Online

On November 16-17, the Pathways to Prosperity held its 5th Annual Conference – *Canada's Place in the World: Innovation in Immigration Research, Policy, and Practice*. Two Preconferences took place on November 15: a Preconference for the Local Immigration Partnerships and the Réseaux en immigration francophone, and a Preconference on Developing Immigrants' Literacy and Essential Skills. There were 400+ attendees, and registration was sold out weeks in advance.

If you were unable to join the Conference or the Preconferences and would like to view the presentations, or you would like to reflect back on these events, you can now download the PowerPoint presentations and view the presentation videos [on the P2P website](#).



More than 400 delegates attended the Pathways to Prosperity National Conference and the Preconferences held in Toronto in November 2017

Also available for download are other resources from the conference, including Poster Presentations, which can be [accessed here](#). In the coming weeks, Pathways to Prosperity will tweet about these resources [@P2PConnects](#) with the hashtag [#p2pconference](#), and we invite you to tweet with us.

With the aim of increasing audience interaction, P2P provided a new platform for the conference attendees to ask questions of the panelists. The attendees submitted nearly 180 questions via Sli.do and the questions received more than 750 likes. The top rated questions were answered by the panelists. Sli.do was also used for polling during the Preconference for the Local Immigration Partnerships and the Réseaux en immigration francophone.

[Click here](#) to view/download presentations from the P2P 2017 National Conference

[Click here](#) to view/download presentations from the Preconference for the Local Immigration Partnerships and the Réseaux en immigration francophone

[Click here](#) to view/download presentations from the Preconference on Developing Immigrants' Literacy and Essential Skills

NEW REPORT

Pathways to Prosperity Funded Project

Assessing the Changes to Canada's Live-in Caregiver Program: Improving Security or Deepening Precariousness?

*By Rupa Banerjee, Philip Kelly, Ethel Tungohan, GABRIELA-Ontario,
Migrante-Canada, Community Alliance for Social Justice (CASJ)*

Using surveys and focus group discussions with Filipina women who arrived as caregivers through the Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) and subsequently attained permanent resident status in Canada, we gathered quantitative and qualitative data about the experiences of former caregivers after they transitioned from temporary foreign workers to permanent residents and eventually Canadian citizens. The aim of the study was to understand the experiences, issues and barriers faced by former caregivers, and investigate how recent changes in the Live-In Caregiver Program may affect caregivers. We found a number of noteworthy results from our survey data:

1. Caregivers were highly educated with a wide variety of educational backgrounds.
2. About half of the caregivers took courses in Canada. The most common program of study was Personal Support Worker (PSW). Most of those who began educational programs completed them.
3. Most caregivers transitioned out of caregiving work over time, but 90% remain within a few select low skill occupational categories even after 10 years or more in Canada.

From our focus group data, a number of pertinent themes arose:

1. There was a significant power imbalance between caregivers and employers and many caregivers reported experiencing abuse and exploitation.
2. Many experienced difficulties with labour market integration after completing the LCP due to discrimination and perceived stigma of caregiving work.
3. A sense of obligation and emotional ties to those they looked after often held caregivers back from changing jobs or seeking further educational courses.
4. Other challenges with taking educational upgrading courses included financial and time constraints.
5. Caregivers felt immense pressure as their families' sole breadwinners, both before and after the family arrived in Canada, which limited their ability to invest in their own career aspirations.

From our data, we identify a number of key recommendations that are relevant in the context of the legislative changes in the caregiver program:

1. Give caregivers open work permits that are not tied to their employers.
2. Eliminate the quotas limiting the numbers of caregivers who can be granted permanent residency.
3. Give all caregivers landed status upon arrival.

[Click here for the full report.](#)

NEW REPORT**Pathways to Prosperity Funded Project**

The Image of Muslims In Canadian Parliamentary Debates, 1994-2016: Some Preliminary Results

By Abdie Kazemipur

Since the events of 9/11, the Government of Canada (and that of Quebec) has introduced several pieces of legislation and held many hearings on issues related to Muslims. These deliberations and discussions reveal a great deal about the presence or absence of biases towards Muslims in the attitudes and decisions of authorities in Canada's highest administrative circles.

The documents needed for this research were publicly available online and are easily searchable by keywords. A thematic content analysis of these texts and transcripts was conducted: first, through a quantitative analysis of the occurrence of key terms; and second, through developing perceptual maps for different periods and different political parties. This allowed us to capture the possible changes in the government discourse across two decades, between 1994-2016.

The data point to a few preliminary findings. First, the frequencies with which the issue of Islam/Muslims come up in the parliamentary debates and hearings are understandably affected by the nature of the major events, both locally and internationally. This resulted in several frequency peaks: 1994/95, 2001, 2007-2009, 2012, and 2015/16.

Second, the events of 9/11 in the United States resulted in a peak discussion about Muslims within Canadian parliament, but it also led to a major transformation in the thinking of Canadian lawmakers about Muslim issues. Some of these transformations are: a) that this is no longer a subject of international affairs that has little to do with local Canadian life; and b) the concept of religion has a significant presence in discussions about Muslims.

Third, regardless of the possible changes on the ground, the notion of 'Canadian exceptionalism' – as a concept to distinguish Canada, as a successful model for integrating immigrants, from other western liberal democracies – is still very much alive in the psyche of Canadian MPs. References to this concept were most prominent in the period immediately after September 11, but they also appeared during the federal election of November 2015.

In addition to this time dimension, the data also show that Liberals have been making the most frequent reference to this concept in both periods. The findings show that the positions of the various political parties towards Muslims is still in flux, unlike some European countries with relatively more solidified positions. This calls for more and continuous research to detect the possible changes over time.

[Click here for the full report.](#)

Graduate Student Profile: Aasa Marshall
Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy,
University of Saskatchewan



Research Title or Area of Study:

"Learning as we go": Street-level bureaucrats and policy learning during the Syrian refugee resettlement process in Saskatoon

One-sentence Synopsis of Research:

The process of resettling Syrian refugees in early 2015 put pressure on the workers at Service Provider Organizations in Saskatoon – through this initiative, they underwent a process of policy learning that resulted in a strengthened local resettlement sector.

Q: What drew you to this area of study/research? Why did you choose it?

A: I first became interested in refugee issues during my BA in Development Studies, which culminated in my honours thesis, written in Melbourne Australia. It focused on how the media framed asylum seekers during a time when the government was reinstating off-shore processing policies for those who arrived by boat. Following my undergraduate studies I moved to Saskatoon, where I worked for a Service Provider Organization as a program coordinator. My experience there, and the fact that the beginning of my Master of Public Policy program coincided with the beginning of the federal government's initiative to bring 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada, led to the creation of my thesis.

Q: What was the most challenging part of your research?

A: The most challenging part of my research was trying to find a theoretical framework that explained the phenomena that emerged from my data. Because I was capturing a process while (and shortly after) it unfolded, I did not have a theory in mind until after I had collected my data and sought a framework that helped to explain the narrative that emerged. It was rewarding when I found Hugh Heclo's theoretical framework on policy learning, and saw that it reflected what I had observed through my research.

International Dialogue Forum - Femmes et féminismes en dialogue : approches de médiation, lectures interculturelles et intersectionnelles

By Michèle Vatz Laaroussi (University of Sherbrooke) and
the women from the Femmes et féminismes en dialogue team

In 2017, over 600 women began a discussion on issues concerning women and feminism in twelve countries located in the Global South and the Global North. A hundred of them gathered on 26-29 November 2017 in Montreal, to continue this dialogue at the International Dialogue Forum - Femmes et féminismes en dialogue : approches de médiation, lectures interculturelles et intersectionnelles. The forum is based on the action research project "Femmes et féminismes en dialogue" (Women and Feminisms in Dialogue), which started in Quebec in 2016 (SSHRC Insight Development Grant).

Attendees came from different countries/regions, generations, religious backgrounds, social groups and ideologies. This diversity not only helped in easing tensions between women pertaining to religion, Quebec identity or the very definition of feminism, but also helped in deconstructing respective biases. Eventually, the discussions helped in renewing connections around shared demands such as the right to education, the elimination of violence and the fight against women's impoverishment. The Quebec team then continued the project by promoting it in women's groups in Germany, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Ivory Coast, France, Madagascar, Morocco, Paraguay, Switzerland, and Tunisia (SSHRC Connection grant).

The two-day International Dialogue Forum was followed by a two-day public colloquium gathering of over 200 participants and close to 40 panelists from universities, feminist organizations, community organizations, citizens' groups, institutions and activist groups. During these two days and through a dialogue process, instead of talking about intersectionality and polarizing oneself against or for, women lived it, developed new solidarities, and agreed together on a common declaration, to be circulated in their society. This declaration, written in French, Spanish and Arabic, as well as the forum program and the companion guide for mediation action research can be [accessed at this website](#).

Professor Michèle Vatz Laaroussi Receives the Hector Fabre Award

On January 19, 2018, Michèle Vatz Laaroussi, professor at the University of Sherbrooke and P2P co-investigator, was awarded the Hector Fabre Award by the Quebec Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie. This award was given to Ms. Vatz Laaroussi for all of her research and engagement on immigration regionalization. More specifically, this award highlights the importance of her research for the Quebec regions and internationally. The Hector Fabre Award, awarded yearly, aims at highlighting the audacity and the determination of individuals and Quebec organizations that have acquired visibility internationally for their significant contribution to the development of their region.

<https://www.usherbrooke.ca/actualites/nouvelles/prix-et-distinctions/prix-et-distinction-details/article/36497/>

<http://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1078842/professeure-universite-sherbrooke-michele-vatz-laaroussi-prix-hector-fabre>

Immigration in the News: Top Stories of the Past Month

Below are links to top stories that the P2P is following. These stories and other material can be accessed through the [Media Corner](#) of the P2P's website. The Corner provides links to articles appearing in the national and local media. Some international content is also included. Articles are updated weekly.

- ♦ **Toronto Star - January 26, 2018** - [Canada's Refugee Board Abruptly Changes Its Scheduling System Amid Surging Backlog](#): Thousands of refugee hearings that had been scheduled for this year have been abruptly cancelled so officials can roll out a "first-in, first-out" scheduling system amid a growing backlog. In a form letter, the Immigration and Refugee Board told recent asylum-seekers that they should expect their cases to be heard in between 12 and 24 months as the board prioritizes hearings based on the date they are referred by immigration and border enforcement officers, affecting both those who cross the land border and those who arrive by air.
- ♦ **CBC News - January 25, 2018** - [New Citizenship Guide to Warn Against 'Abhorrent' Practice of Female Genital Mutilation](#): Canada's updated citizenship guide will include a warning to newcomers about the illegal practice of female genital mutilation. In a statement provided to CBC News, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen called it an "abhorrent practice" that is against the law in Canada. The issue has become politically charged, with the Conservatives suggesting the revamped guide would drop a reference to the practice.
- ♦ **Globe and Mail - January 18, 2018** - [Salvadorans Look for Plan B After Immigration Program](#): The Trump administration is ending the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) that has shielded immigrants from El Salvador from deportation after devastating earthquakes struck the country in 2001. The move has generated confusion and anger among nearly 200,000 Salvadorans covered by the program, many of whom have been in the US for decades. The announcement has also sparked a renewed push by the Canadian government to avoid a repeat of last summer, when thousands of migrants fled to the Quebec border to claim asylum in Canada.
- ♦ **Ottawa Citizen - January 18, 2018** - ['Into the Abyss': Immigration Lawyers Baffled Over Why Spousal Sponsorship Applications Sent Back](#): The federal government has made family reunification a priority. It created a "triage" processing system to reduce wait times and said it was committed to processing 80 per cent of the applications it received as of Dec. 7, 2016, by the end of December 2017. But lawyers in Ottawa say some packages have come back with scant explanation of what's wrong or missing. It forces the applicant to re-apply, which keeps families apart and prevents spouses from being able to accept or keep jobs, they say.
- ♦ **National Post - January 3, 2018** - [Parent Sponsorship Program Still Deeply Flawed Despite Changes, Immigration Lawyers Warn](#): The 2018 sponsorship program for parents and grandparents opened Tuesday. This year, those interested will have to provide more information about who they want to sponsor and whether they meet the program's income requirements before their names are entered in the lottery. Elizabeth Wozniak, a Halifax-based immigration lawyer, believes ineligible applicants will still submit the initial paperwork, bogging down the system and making it harder for those who do meet the criteria to bring their loved ones to Canada.
- ♦ **Toronto Star - January 2, 2018** - [Years After Canada Opened Its Doors, Thousands of Syrian Refugees Are Still Waiting to Come Here](#): As of early December, the Immigration Department said it was still processing applications for 20,000 sponsored Syrian refugees, including 15,927 from private sponsorship groups, 4,006 under government assistance, and the rest through joint sponsorships between the two. The department is working toward eliminating the existing backlog of applications for privately sponsored refugees by the end of 2019 and reducing processing times for new applications submitted after 2019 to about 12 months.

Recent Grants

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Atkin, S. (2017). *Pratiques informationnelles des immigrants en situation d'insertion professionnelle au Québec*. Affiche scientifique présentée à la conférence nationale 2017 de Voies vers la prospérité, Toronto, ON.

Banting, K. (2017). *Immigration, diversity and populist backlash: Is Canada exceptional?* Paper presented at the Immigration Summit, Conference Board of Canada, Ottawa, ON.

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