

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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WELCOME

We recognize the important role of our collaborators. This Newsletter focuses on presenting the project's Research Assistants and Expert Advisory Group.

You'll also find out about the news from our community, including the 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

Subscribe to our seasonal newsletter to keep up with our project findings and reflections; news of the project and research team members; reports and publications; outstanding practices and resources about GBV and migrants /refugees.

NEWS ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees*: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response* aims at a systematic and comparative analysis of the ways in which (a) various policy frameworks, social, and cultural attitudes to migration, as well as the migration process itself, combine to increase vulnerabilities to gender-based violence (GBV) and (b) government, NGOs, or regional and international policy-making institutions could help to mitigate risks, protect women, and provide better services to survivors. We have secured a book contract with Palgrave Macmillan in cooperation with the project's participating countries (France, Austria, Ireland, Turkey, Norway, and Israel). The inclusion of Canada, with its unique and pioneering policies on migrant and refugee resettlement, will provide valuable comparative data, relevant to policy makers and service providers in the larger project and on both sides of the Atlantic.

Using secondary and primary research methods, this project takes an intersectional approach and analyzes the ways in which discriminations and inequalities based on gender, race, nationality, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity interact to make certain women more vulnerable to GBV and less able to access support and services for survivors than others. The secondary research methods (e.g., policy analysis, mapping migrant women's associations in Canada) are completed. Qualitative interviews are the core of our primary research methods. We have completed interviews with key informants (e.g., settlement service providers) to understand, among other things, their experiences of working with recent migrant and refugee women who have experienced GBV and how services could be improved. We are currently conducting interviews across Canada with recent migrant and refugee women about their experiences, beliefs and impacts of GBV (including strengths-based outcomes), as well as interactions with service providers. If you are an individual or organization who can put us in touch with interview candidates (women who would like to share their experiences with one of our highly skilled and trained interviewers), please see the final page of this newsletter for more information.

*We have adopted these terms from the common language of the multi-national project. By using them we seek to include a range of individuals with various legal statuses who arrived to Canada from other countries and have experienced GBV.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESEARCH](#)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE

On November 25, 2020 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), the annual international campaign "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" began and will last until December 10 (Human Rights Day). Saint Mary's University is participating through their Twitter account by highlighting the university's various activisms with the #16Days hashtag.



GBV SETTLEMENT SECTOR STRATEGY

YMCA of Greater Halifax, Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services, CISSA-ACSEI, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, Ending Violence Association B.C., Ending Violence Association of Canada, Elmwood Community Resource Centre and OCASI announced the launch of the National Gender-Based Violence Strategy.

This project will build the capacity of settlement and anti-violence sectors to co-develop a shared base of knowledge and to better support newcomers and refugees through a coordinated, comprehensive approach. Working collaboratively is a strategic way to make change happen.

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LAMP, LIFEBOAT, LADDER

"Lamp, Lifeboat, Ladder" has a mission to resettle torture survivors in safe countries. Their public-private project has been brought to life through an agreement with the Canadian government which has enacted a temporary public policy. Roughly 500 refugees (up to 90 torture survivors and their family members) will be offered an opportunity to relocate to Canada. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

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BEFORE YOU GO...

Are you an immigrant or refugee woman?

We want to hear your story

Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response

We are interviewing migrant and refugee women across Canada on the theme of violence against women. We want to learn about your migratory journey and your settlement experience here in Canada. By sharing stories with us, we hope to better understand experiences of violence against women, the strategies women employ to prevent violence and deal with its impacts, and how services that support migrant and refugee women can be improved.

The interview will last about one to two hours. We can provide the services of an interpreter. To help defray any costs you may incur by participating in this interview we will compensate you with \$30. Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. Your safety and confidentiality are important to us and we will work with you to ensure your privacy and security.

For more information or if you would like to participate in this project please contact*:

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👉 <https://smu.ca/gendernet/welcome.html>

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<https://gbvmigration.cnrs.fr/the-project/> <https://smu.ca/gendernet/welcome.html>

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Saint Mary's University Research Ethics Board (# 19-092), the Research Ethics Board of the University of New Brunswick (#2019-113), the University of Guelph Research Ethics Board (# 19-09-004), and the University of Manitoba Human Ethics Board (#P2019:099)

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