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The Migration and Ethnic Relations Student  
Executive Committee Presents  
**MER Graduate Student  
Conference 2018: Migration  
and Diversity in Changing  
Global Contexts**



April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

9:30 AM—10:00 AM <b>Registration</b> opens at the Social Science Centre (SSC), outside room 6210. Refreshments in SSC 6210.
10:00 AM—11:00 AM <b>Keynote</b> (SSC 6210)
“Not All Roads Lead to Rome: Notes of a “Once-Upon-a-Time a Refugee.” <i>Dr. Clelia O. Rodriguez, UWO.</i>
11:00 AM—11:10 AM <b>Break.</b>
11:10 AM—12:10 PM <b>Session 1</b> (SSC 6210)
<p><b>Culture and Identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “‘Best English Names’ on the Global Linguistic Market: A Commodification of Chinese Naming Practices.” <i>Federica Guccini, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “‘I’m Just Gonna Call You Steven.’ How Having an Ethnic Name Impacts Integration.” <i>Nadja Schlote, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “Canada as a Safe Haven?: Homonational Modernity and the In/Authentic Queer Refugee.” <i>Jennifer Tran, UWO.</i></li> </ul>
12:10 PM—1:10 PM <b>Lunch</b> (SSC 3227)
1:10 PM—2:10 PM <b>Session 2</b> (SSC 5220)
<p><b>Racialization and Anti-Racism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Changing Spaces of Racism in Brampton, Ontario: A Multimedia Analysis.” <i>Stuart McHenry, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “Visible minorities and Aboriginal people in Canada: The impact of ethnic profiling by police on sense of belonging.” <i>Jonathan Cleary and Lianne Mulder, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “Deconstructing Internalized Oppression: Ethnic Identity Formation Among South Asian Youth.” <i>Tasmeea Islam, UWO.</i></li> </ul>

2:10 PM—2:20 PM <b>Break.</b>
2:20 PM—3:20 PM <b>Session 3</b> (SSC 5220)
<p><b>Precarity in Migration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Historical and Contemporary Migration: the “Shithole” Race in Danger.” <i>Sebastien Kouakou, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “Challenging “Illegality”: The Role of Toronto’s Sanctuary City Policy in Providing Access to Services and Shifting Perspectives of Belonging for Undocumented Persons.” <i>Sarah Marshall, York University.</i></li> <li>• “Ball is in Your Court: Political Economy of Rohingya- a ‘Imagined Community’.” <i>Atm Shaifullah Mehed, Queen’s University.</i></li> </ul>
3:20 PM—3:30 PM <b>Break.</b>
3:30 PM—4:30 PM <b>Session 4</b> (SSC 5220)
<p><b>Colonialism and Capitalism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Neoliberalism and its Influence on Jamaican Migration since 1970.” <i>Lianne Mulder, UWO.</i></li> <li>• “Don Vasco de Quiroga: The Side Effects of Good Intentions.” <i>Luis Miguel Herrera Bejines, UWO.</i></li> </ul>