



# CONTEMPORARY DIRECTIONS IN CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURALISM

Tuesday, March 31, 2015  
3:30-5:30pm  
Ryerson University

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Bronfman  
Room  
7th Floor,  
Chang School,  
Heaslip House  
297 Victoria Street

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Moderator: **Dr. Gunjan Sondhi**, Postdoctoral Fellow  
York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR)

Ryerson's Centre for Immigration and Settlement (RCIS), Migration Matters (York University), York's Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), and the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) present:

## Contemporary Directions in Canadian Citizenship and Multiculturalism

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Elected in 2006 and dissatisfied with the vision of its Liberal and Progressive Conservative predecessors, Canada's Conservative government has assertively implemented its own vision of Canada in the fields of citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism. After nine years of Conservative rule, and with 2015 being an election year, this panel will discuss the directions of policy, policy making and outcomes along with the vision of Canada expressed in these fields. Time will be allocated to discuss these themes following the presentations.

*The panel features:*

### **Andrew Griffith**

Former Director General, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Branch,  
Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Andrew is the author of *Policy Arrogance or Innocent Bias: Resetting Citizenship and Multiculturalism* (2013). Copies of his highly informative book will be available for purchase (\$15). He will discuss and reflect upon his period as a civil servant under former Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and the government's record in these fields. His book provides insight into the relationship between the bureaucratic and political levels of government during a period of significant change. Andrew regularly comments on citizenship, multiculturalism and related issues and spent 30 years within Canada's public service. He twice received the Public Service Award (2007 and 2010) and has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012). He maintains an active blog on multiculturalism in Canada, <https://multiculturalmeanderings.wordpress.com/>.

### **Avvy Go**

Clinic Director of Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic

Working within the legal clinic system Avvy has tirelessly worked to serve the legal needs of low income immigrants with linguistic and other barriers in accessing the legal system since being called to the bar. She will discuss the impact of changes to citizenship laws and regulations on clients and the vision of Canada she sees being implemented. Apart from her legal practice, Avvy spends much of her time in community organizing and advocacy work. She is a member of the Order of Ontario (2014) and in recent years has been honoured with both the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers' Lawyer of Distinction Award (2012) and City of Toronto's William P. Hubbard Award for Race Relations (2008).

### **John Carlaw**

Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, York University

The organizer of the panel, John is a Graduate Research Fellow of York's Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) and affiliate of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC). He is studying the politics of immigration and refugee policy under the present government. He has written and will discuss a chapter on the Conservatives' political project and citizenship and immigration policy for an upcoming Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) publication. The volume updates its 2008 volume *The Harper Record*, with an expected publication date of May 2015.

The panel will be moderated by **Dr. Gunjan Sondhi**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the York Centre for Asian Research.

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