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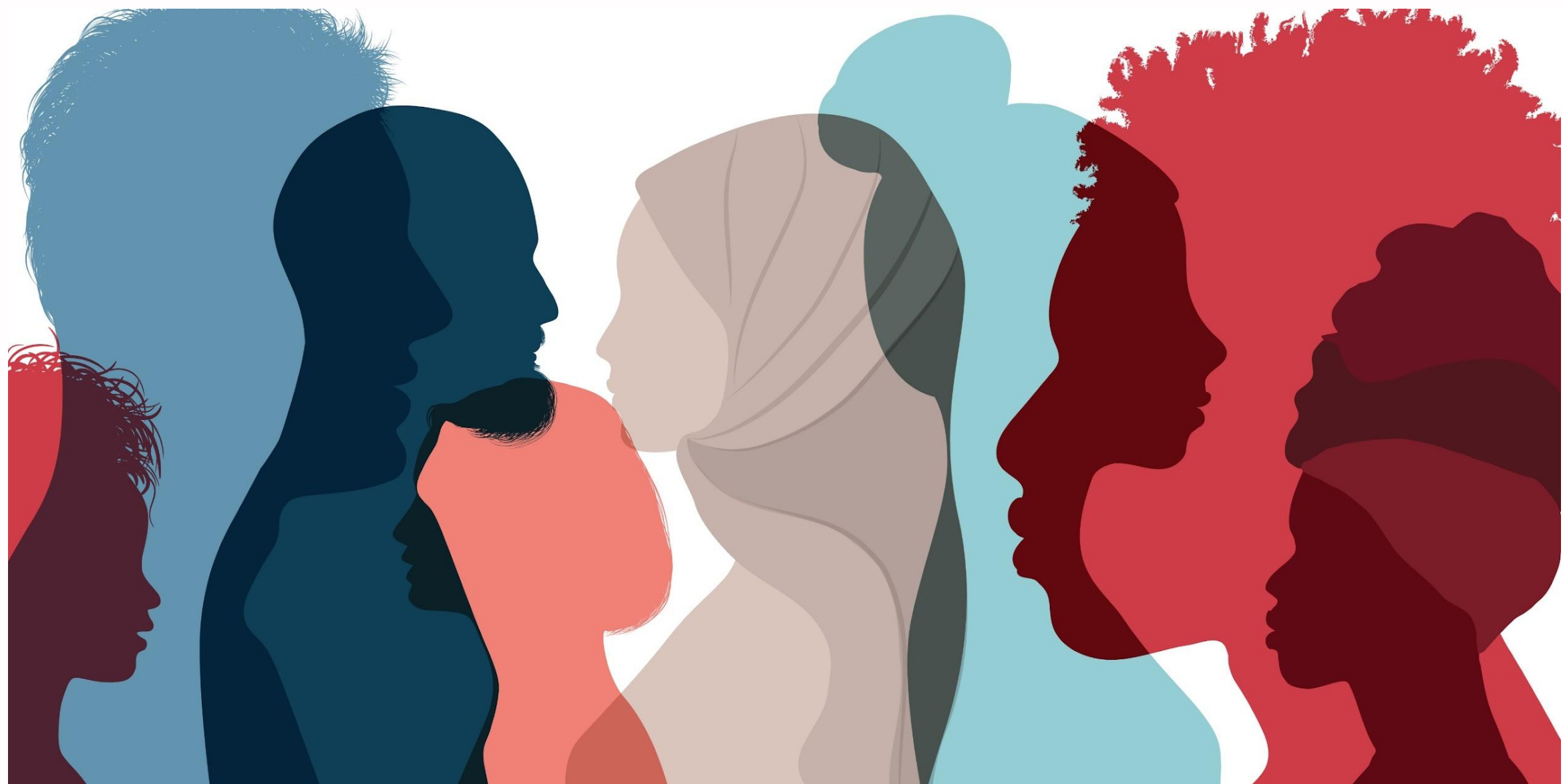


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President's Report for the Association for Canadian Studies and Metropolis Canada

JULIE PERRONE

Chair of the Board of Directors
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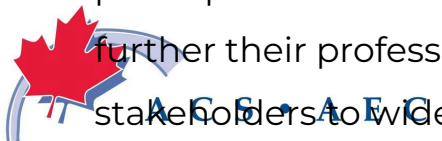
Despite the important challenges that the Association for Canadian Studies encountered owing to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, the last year proved to be the most active in the history of the ACS. The organization pivoted quite successfully to virtual events and the Metropolis Canada conference attracted over 1000 participants online. The annual history conference yielded over 500 attendees. But it was in the area of research that the ACS experienced record growth as we moved swiftly to create the COVID-19 Social Impacts Network which included participants from several government departments, representation from civil society as well as academic researchers from many disciplines. The network saw the ACS undertake a wide range of new research projects thus contributing to an unprecedented expansion of our research capacity. Also, funding for our largest research project the Canadian Index for Measuring Integration was renewed during the year and we're working to expand the index to include indicators for measuring inclusion.

The year 2020-2021 saw the Association for Canadian Studies emerge as the most frequently quoted organization of its type in Canada with citations for the year near equal to the combined total for what are widely regarded as Canada's 18 leading think tanks.

With the expansion of Metropolis initiatives, this year offered an opportunity for reflection about our branding and the relationship between the Association for Canadian Studies and the various Metropolis projects. It was decided to keep the brands distinct from each other rather than combining them and the various Metropolis projects would be part of what will be called the Metropolis Institute. One of the new and rapidly expanding initiatives emerging from Metropolis is e-learning and in this regard *uMetropolis* was created. We surveyed some 300 Metropolis conference participants and over 90% expressed a willingness to take courses under the uMetropolis brand to further their professional development. We propose to co-develop most of the courses with stakeholders to widen the number of potential learners. The Canadian Commission for UNESCO is an

I want to thank the members of the Board of Directors of the Association for Canadian Studies for their continued commitment to the organization. In the midst of continuing challenges arising from the contagion, the professional team stepped up in an important way. That team has expanded quite significantly over the past year with the numbers rising from 8 to 16 and there remained additional positions to fill. We have been fortunate to have so dedicated a team of professionals and I want to sincerely thank Jack Jedwab, James Ondrick, Sarah Kooi, Ashley Manuel, Paul Holley, Miriam Taylor, Chloé Nignol, Anh Nguyen, Gillian Aitken, Lisa Abramowicz, Christopher Surtees, Stefan Stefanovic, Laura Comboigo, Erika Lambert, Fatmata Kamara, and Akash Ondaatje who worked for the organization in the year 2020-21. It is because of every team member's sincere commitment to the mission of ACS that the organization was able not only to navigate a difficult and shifting situation but address it head on through innovative and meaningful projects.

Finally, I thank the various funding partners and stakeholders of the ACS that helped us immensely in meeting the challenges of the past year. Amongst them include Leger Marketing, the Canada History Fund (Department of Canadian Heritage), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the University of Manitoba, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Women and Gender Equality, the Department of Justice, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Vanier Institute of the Family, the Winnipeg Foundation, the Quebec Community Groups Network and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. Their support is greatly appreciated.





Report from the Treasurer of the Association for Canadian Studies and Metropolis Canada

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JANE BADETS

Treasurer of the Association for
Canadian Studies

Despite the ongoing challenges arising from the contagion the ACS finances were stable for the fiscal year 2020-2021. On the basis of annual operations we generated a deficit of \$1,217 from the annual operations of the Association based on record levels of revenue of \$1,367,340 and expenditure at \$1,368,557.

There was an important diversification in the share of revenues arising from multiple research projects associated with assessing the social and economic impacts of COVID-19. Funding for the Metropolis conference fell further owing to the continuation of income reduction from lower registration charges for online events. Canadian Heritage's share of overall revenue dropped below 25% relative to the previous year.

Overall the Association for Canadian Studies reserve fund (unrestricted net assets) stood at \$131,870.



CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



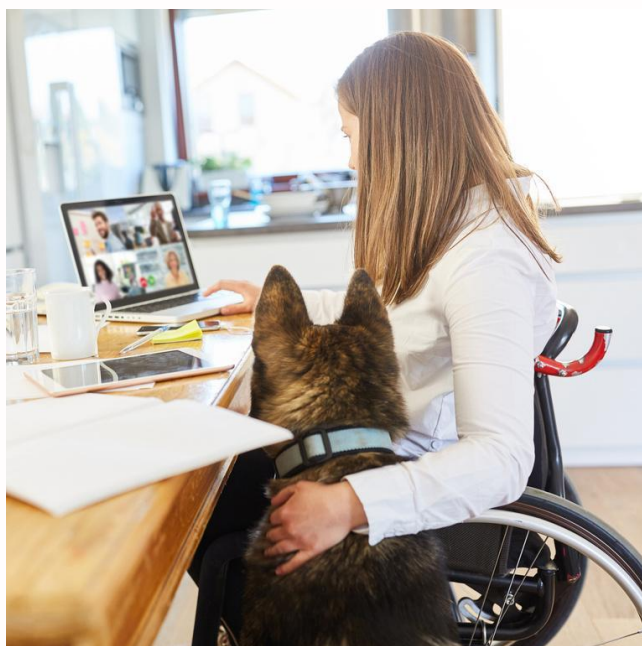
Note that due to COVID-19, all ACS-Metropolis events were held virtually, online. We moved quickly to present online events in order to keep in touch with our various constituencies and offer them programming on timely issues of concern to all. A number of one day webinars, symposiums and forums were held on a wide spectrum of issues related to concerns all had with living and working during a global pandemic. The larger 2-5 day Metropolis conference scheduled to take place in person was replaced with online conferences at which we were able to present extensive programming and attract hundreds of delegates from every region of Canada.

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1. The Path Forward: Americans and Canadians Working Together on Migration in the Biden-Harris Era

Webinar, December 15, 2020

This event was presented as a Metropolis North America event with the partnership of The Refugee Council, USA and was marketed to both our Metropolis North America audience as well as our entire network.

The event addressed the reality that COVID-19 had fundamentally altered the flows of international migrants and the movement of people between the United States and Canada. At the time of the event, the borders between the two countries had been closed for several months and majorities in both countries were not ready for reopening in the near term. A theme of the event included the pending entry of the Biden-Harris administration and the changes we could expect in relations between our two countries especially around issues of borders and migration. Featured speakers included: Adam Hunter, Executive Director, Refugee Council USA; Doris Meissner, Senior Fellow and Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC; Stacey Simon, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships and Policy, World Education Services; Nga Vương-Sandoval, Refugee Congress Delegate for Colorado; Marjorie Villefranche, CEO, Maison d’Haïti in Montreal; and the Honourable Thomas Mulcair, Political Commentator, Professor, University of Montréal, and former leader of the Official Opposition in Canada.

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2. The Impact of COVID-19 in Select Sub-Saharan African Cities

Webinar, December 11, 2020

Organized and presented with UNESCO, the webinar highlighted the key findings from the joint research project of the COVID-19 Social Impacts Network and UNESCO.

Chaired by Michaëlle Jean, and featured leading researchers and experts, including Gabriela Ramos, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, and Jack Jedwab, Chair of the Metropolis Canada's COVID-19 Social Impacts Network, the research project identified key indicators, socio-demographics, and challenges in hopes of generating evidence-based policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis in nine cities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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3. Teaching History & Social Studies in the time of COVID-19

October 23, 2020 Online Conference

The Association for Canadian Studies partnered with The Ontario History and Social Science Teachers Association (OHASSTA), the Manitoba Social Science Teachers Association (MSSTA) L'Association Québécoise pour l'enseignement en univers social (AQEUS) and the Social Studies Educators Network of Canada (SSENC) to present a online conference entitled Teaching History & Social Studies in the Time of COVID-19, held October 23, 2020.

The on-line conference featured both provincial and national content that provided educators a unique opportunity to connect with history and social science teachers from across the country and continue their professional development and learning new tools and techniques in teaching history and social studies while facing the many challenges of teaching in the COVID-19 era.

The director of the project Thinking Historically for Canada's Future Professor Carla Peck was also involved in the virtual conference and the Alberta Teachers' Association Social Studies Council (ATASSC) registered a contingent of its members for the conference.

The event included the founder of Black history month, The Honourable Jean Augustine as keynote speaker, over 30 workshop and panel sessions featuring teachers and leading academics, researchers, and others from government NGO's and educational organizations as well as an extensive and interactive virtual exhibitor room with over 25 exhibitors where delegates were able to view their resources and ask questions in real time. Over 500 delegates attended the conference.

Presentations and resources from the conference have been made available to all delegates via the Association for Canadian Studies website. The sessions were recorded and are now available on the SSENC RESSC YouTube channel.

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4. Stories of Hope: A Celebration of Canada

June 29, 2020, Online forum

The special and unique event was held in this time of social strife brought on due to the pandemic. The purpose of the event was to help Canadians unite to overcome our challenges and differences. The virtual event featured over two dozen voices with inspiring stories. Speakers from Indigenous, LGBTQ+, Francophone and a variety of multicultural communities shared how they prevailed over their personal challenges and learned from their experiences. Free-flowing conversations ranged over a number of themes, including history, immigration, diversity and youth. Songs, special greetings, videos, and spoken word poetry further uplifted and engaged the audience. Speakers included: the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage; The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean; Former Governor General of Canada, Jann Arden, Canadian Musician; Mohamed Ahmed, Olympic Long Distance Runner, and many more.

This web conference had a good turnout, with 464 online registrations and 377 participants who signed in via Zoom, most of whom were either policy-makers, practitioners or researchers. In addition to participation from across Canada, conference attendees also logged in from the United States, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Poland and Columbia.

This event was funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

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5. Understanding Systemic Racism in Canada: Concept and Data, Online Conference, June 23, 2020 - 11:00 am , Online forum

The Association for Canadian Studies, Metropolis Canada and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO held an online conference entitled that featured some of Canada's leading experts assessing anti-racist policies and practices as well as present new data on perceptions about systemic racism on the part of Canadians with a special focus on the views of the country's racialized communities and Indigenous Peoples.

The event was attended by well over 800 participants. It was funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

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6. The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic/Syndemic on Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the USA

June 19, 2020, Online forum

The University of Manitoba and the ACS COVID-19 Social Impacts Network held an online forum where new data on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic was presented, Problems resulting from the lack of data was discussed and participants shared insights as to how well Indigenous peoples and communities were managing through the Covid-19 crisis and shared their ongoing efforts to ensure capacity, preparedness and resilience. The Hon. Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services, M.P. opened the forum and featured speakers included: Dr. Kiera Ladner, Canada Research Chair in Miyo we'citowin, Indigenous Governance and Digital Sovereignities / Professor, Department of Political Studies, the University of Manitoba, Dr. Valerie Gideon, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada, Dr. Evan Adams, M.D., MPH, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Public Health, Director General's Office of Population and Public Health, First Nation and Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada/Government of Canada, Bonnie Healy, Chair, Board of Directors, First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) / Health Director at the Blackfoot Confederacy.

This web conference was also a success, with 461 online registrations and 394 participants who signed in via Zoom, most of whom were either policy-makers, practitioners or researchers. In addition to participation from across Canada, conference attendees also logged in from the United States, Ghana, Uruguay and Korea.

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7. COVID-19: Managing Mental Health in Canada

June 5, 2020 Online Forum

The COVID-19 Social Impacts Network presented this forum where new data on the state of mental health in Canada was presented and some of the country's leading mental health experts provided insights into how well Canada is managing the covid-19 crisis and to present an discuss best practices as we go forward. Speakers included: Anna Romano, Vice-President, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), General Roméo Dallaire, retired Lieutenant-General / Former Force Commander of UNAMIR / former Canadian Senator, Dr. Mary Bartram, PhD, RSW, Director, COVID-19 Policy, Mental Health Commission of Canada and Julie Bernier, Director, Health Analysis Division, Statistics Canada & Ron Gravel, Director, Center for Population Health Data, Statistics Canada.

This web conference was just as successful as the previous, with 648 online registrations and 585 participants who signed in via Zoom, most of whom were either policy-makers, practitioners or researchers. In addition to participation from across Canada, conference attendees also logged in from the United States and Israel.

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8. Reshaping North America? An Online Conference on the Borders, Boundaries and Mobility in the United States, Canada and Mexico, May 22, 2020 Online forum

Metropolis North America and the COVID-19 Social Impacts Network held an online conference to look at the impact of COVID-19 on migration and mobility in the United States, Canada and Mexico and examine possibilities for cooperation between researchers, policy-makers and civil society across our three countries. The event featured speakers from Government, academia and research institutes from Canada, the USA and Mexico.

The web conference was successful, with 478 online registrations and 400 participants who signed in via Zoom, most of whom were either policy-makers, practitioners or researchers. In addition to participation from across Canada, conference attendees also logged in from the United States, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Haiti and India.

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9. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on family well-being in Canada

May 15, 2020, Online forum

Hosted by the Vanier Institute of the Family and the COVID-19 Social Impacts Network, the event focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had on family well-being in Canada Speakers included: Lisa Wolff, Director, Policy and Education, UNICEF Canada, Don Giesbrecht, CEO, Canadian Child Care Federation and Joël Denis, Executive Director, Public Health Agency of Canada.

We estimated that attendance peaked at close to 300 attendees. Visit the event page for full details, with access to all presentations and the full transcript of the event.

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10. The Economic and Social Impacts of COVID-19 on Newcomers to Canada,

May 1, 2020, Online conference

The first public event of the newly established ACS Covid-19 Social Impacts network was chaired by Jack Jedwab, and consisted of two feature sessions. The first shared the latest findings on the varying economic and social impacts of COVID-19 from Statistics Canada as well as survey data from the Association for Canadian Studies/Leger Marketing that had a focus on newcomers and minorities. The other session featured policy makers, researchers and immigrant service providers describing the challenges being encountered by newcomers in this unprecedented crisis.

The first of the web conference series was a resounding success, with 1263 online registrations and 921 participants who signed in via Zoom, most of whom were either policy-makers, practitioners or researchers. In addition to participation from across Canada, conference attendees also logged in from the United States, France, Spain, Switzerland, Netherlands, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

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Metropolis Summit – Online Conference, The Economic and Social Impact of COVID-19 on Immigration, Integration and Settlement in Canada, November 12, 13 & 16, 2020

This event was the first virtual Metropolis Summit. To a degree, it replaced the Metropolis conference in Winnipeg that was cancelled due to the pandemic, but it focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting migration in Canada.

The conference was well attended and offered over 50 sessions attracting presenters and delegates from across Canada.

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The conference program included five opening sessions, 51 workshop sessions, 34 roundtable sessions and 25 poster presentations over the course of the five-day conference period. We had up to six concurrent sessions with a total of 381 speakers (a single session had up to 5 speakers). The final program with all the workshops, roundtables and poster presentations can be found at <https://cvent.me/qMP2Dw>. A range of research, best practices and other relevant information pertaining to immigration, refugees and settlement was well represented in the sessions including presentations from academia, all-three levels of government, as well as representatives from immigrant server provider organizations and other pertinent NGOs. The sessions covered a wide range of research, practical applications and field comparisons in various provinces and jurisdictions. Over 1,000 individuals from every region of Canada registered for the conference.

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The event billed as the annual Metropolis North America (MNA) Migration Policy Forum aimed to act as an important three-country platform for exchanging evidence-based ideas and practices on migration and identities. The Forum enabled participants to share knowledge and key lessons on policy issues in the United States, Mexico and Canada as they pertained to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenters from Canada, The USA and Mexico included policy makers, mayors of border towns, academics and researchers.

The second day of the conference featured sessions that offered two country or three country comparisons of findings from the surveys associated with the research project, "COVID-19's differential Impact on Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers: A Socioeconomic Analysis of Canada, US and Mexico." This project is in partnership with the University of Manitoba and funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).



SOCIAL RESEARCH

One of the ongoing goals of the ACS is to conduct social research to better understand the cultural and political perspectives of Canadians, and to disseminate the information garnered.

THE CANADIAN INDEX FOR MEASURING INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION (CIMII 3.0)

Supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, in 2020-2021, the Canadian Index for Measuring Integration (CIMI) moved to the 3.0 edition which featured its reframing as the Canadian Index for Measuring Integration and Inclusion (CIMII) project. Hence, in addition to the integration indicators, we are identifying inclusion indicators and they will be the object of indexing in the forthcoming iteration of the CIMII.



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

THE CANADIAN INDEX FOR MEASURING INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION (CIMII 3.0)

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Over the course of this reporting period, the following activities were completed:

- Finalized the list of ten members of the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC).
- Explored Statistic Canada's Crowdsourcing Survey datasets and the annual Labour Force Survey (2019 to 2021) to better understand the impacts of COVID-19 on the outcomes of immigrants compared to the Canadian-born population.
- Developed the online CIMI learning tool to provide a cross-sectoral understanding on the state of immigrant integration in Canada.
- Updated the CIMI tool on www.integrationindex.ca, launched the COVID-19 Social Impacts webpage and incorporated e-learning tool link.
- Transferred knowledge to key stakeholders (settlement service providers, researchers, and policymakers) and engaged with CIMI users via our website, webinars, quarterly newsletters, and Measuring Integration and Inclusion Workshop series.



ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF THE IMMIGRANT-SERVING SECTOR



In January 2021, the ACS commenced work on a two year project funded by World Education Services' (WES) Mariam Assefa Fund, entitled "Envisioning the Future of the Immigrant-Serving Sector." The project team is currently conducting nationwide research and consultations to discover how to strengthen the immigrant-serving sector so that it is more responsive, collaborative, innovative, and sustainable. The project team has already completed an extensive literature review/environmental scan to see how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the settlement sector, conducted two surveys for settlement organizations and newcomers and is in the process of completing 4 focus group discussions with a view to identify actionable solutions and recommendations to strengthen the settlement sector in the areas of funding, knowledge sharing, attraction and accessibility and capacity building. Eventually, the project team will be testing these proposed solutions in a project pilot phase, with the support of our implementation partners and toolkits will be developed and shared with the sector for evaluation and replication.

More information, including our reports and survey data can be found on our project website:

<https://acs-aec.ca/en/acs-wes-project/>

COVID-19 SOCIAL IMPACTS NETWORK & CIHR PROJECT



In March 2020 the ACS convened the *COVID-19 Social Impacts Network*, a multidisciplinary group of public servants, statisticians, social science and public health academics, and leaders of civil society organizations that met virtually on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to identify various research questions for the Canadian public, indicators for measurement and socio-demographics of interest incorporated into weekly surveys put into the field by Léger. The mission of the network was to generate the most timely results to track Canadian attitudes and behaviours as they relate to COVID-19 over time.

Results have been reported regularly (at least weekly/bi-weekly) across multiple news media platforms through a partnership that Léger established with Canadian Press as well as other media contacts.

COVID-19 SOCIAL IMPACTS NETWORK & CIHR PROJECT



Through the data generated and the partnerships formed through the virtual meetings, the ACS undertook additional research projects including:

- “Taking Pulse of Justice Needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic” for the Access to Justice Secretariat in the Department of Justice, Government of Canada
- “Taking Pulse of Vulnerable Groups during the COVID-19 Pandemic” for Women and Gender Equality Canada, Government of Canada
- “Understanding the Social Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Canadians” for the Public Health Agency of Canada
- “An analysis of immigrant attitudes and behaviors during the COVID-19 pandemic” for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Providing evidence-based responses to address the social and economic challenges of COVID-19 in the province of Manitoba for the Winnipeg Foundation

Virtual meetings of the COVID-19 Social Impacts Network continued into the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

COVID-19'S DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND NEWCOMERS: A SOCIOECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF CANADA, US AND MEXICO

Beginning at the end of summer 2020, the ACS research team has been partnering with the University of Manitoba for the research project, “COVID-19’s differential impact on Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers: A socioeconomic analysis of Canada, US and Mexico,” funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The funding was awarded to Lori Wilkinson at the University of Manitoba. The ACS team contributes to the project with questionnaire development, quantitative analysis, translation, and website management. The project will be completed in 2022.



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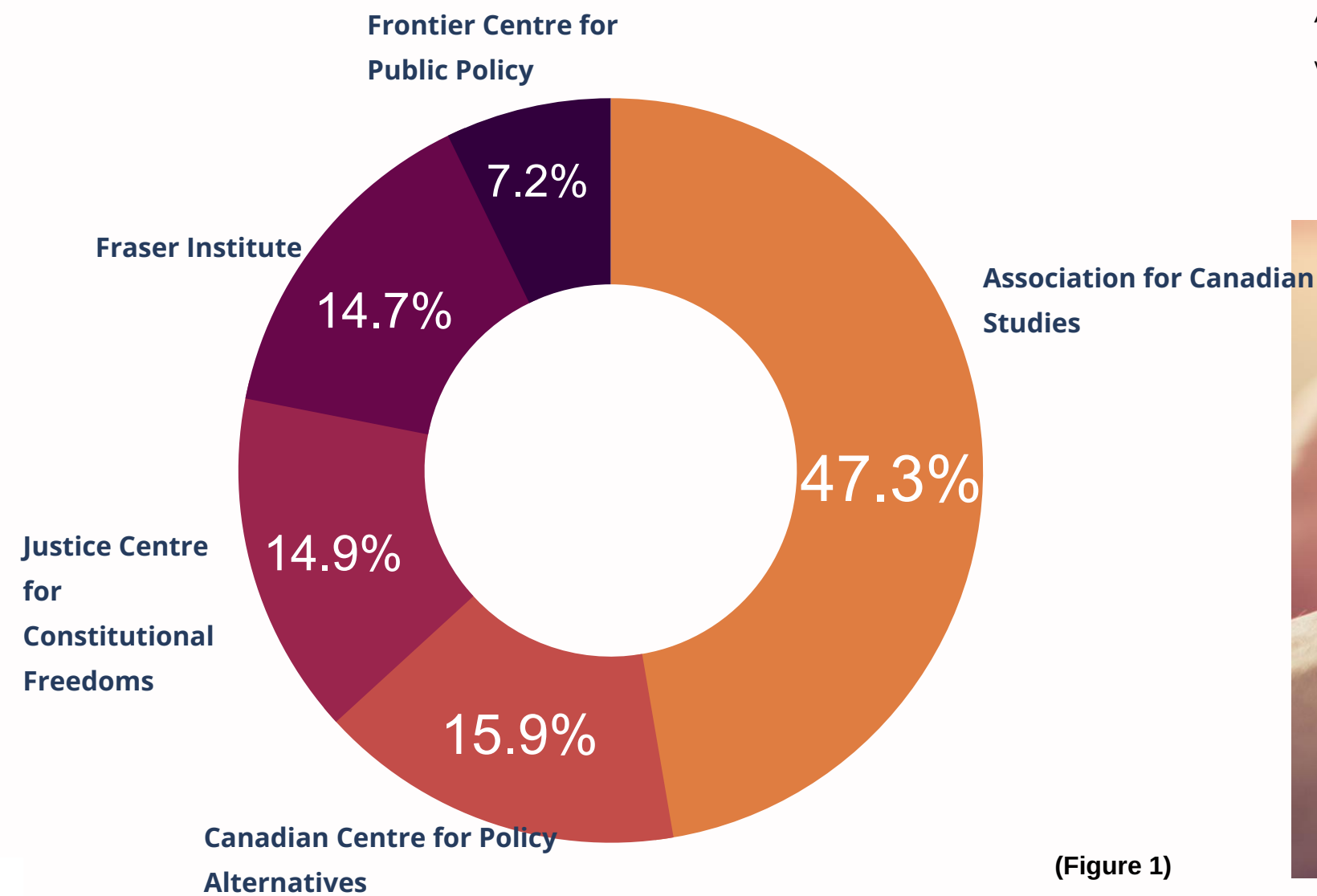


The year of 2020-2021 saw a change in personnel in the Communications department. The Communications Coordinator was merged with the E-Learning Coordinator position, and the Communications Coordinator moved to a newly created Events Coordinator position. The staff as of March 2021 is Director of E-Learning and Web and a Communications Assistant.

Key activities for the year were:

- the purchase of the Meltwater platform to more closely track ACS' coverage in traditional news and social media;
- the beginning of development for a weekly news digest to be sent out to subscribers;
- the commissioning of a new website to represent both ACS and Metropolis;
- a move towards web events, requiring greater communications support.

Owing to their depth, quality and relevance, findings from research conducted by the ACS is often referenced by the media on Canadian culture, perspectives and values. From April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021, results from research conducted by the ACS were cited in over 27,000 press articles, across several Canadian provinces, but also nationally and internationally. From October 2020 to March 2021 (the only period for which there is available data), the ACS had the largest share of voice in traditional media in Canada when compared to the four other most cited non-profits in the same field (Figure 1).



(Figure 1)

The ACS primary means of communicating with its audience is through email. The number of email subscribers as of March 2021 is 10,220. The ACS uses social media platforms to reach multiple audiences across Canada and beyond. The ACS Twitter account ([@CanadianStudies](https://twitter.com/CanadianStudies)) presently has over 2,182 followers while the Metropolis Canada Twitter account ([@MetropolisConf](https://twitter.com/MetropolisConf)) currently has over 1,861 followers. The ACS maintains profiles Facebook and LinkedIn.

The ACS also continues to update its own www.acs-aec.ca and www.metropolisconference.ca websites with publications (including Canadian Diversity and Canadian Issues), research, studies, press articles featuring the ACS, various events, etc. However, the ACS is also working on launching a new website in the year 2021-2022 which will represent both brands, the ACS and Metropolis.



E-learning: uMetropolis

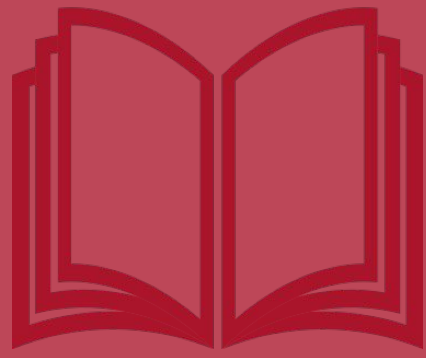
The year 2020-2021 saw online learning move from a vision to reality. uMetropolis is an online learning platform for knowledge and skill-sharing around immigration, diversity and inclusion. The target audience is researchers, service providers, community workers, and government employees.

The courses on the learning platform will be funded by partners interested in developing courses for this target audience and Canadian Heritage. The year's major activities were:

- hiring an e-learning coordinator;
- hiring a part-time Instructional Designer;
- the development of a web platform that will host ACS e-learning courses;
- content development for 3 courses:
 - a CCUNESCO-commissioned course for the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities;
 - Measuring Immigrant Integration in Canada - a "how-to" course for the CIMI tool, partly commissioned by IRCC;
 - Reflections on Ancestry, Identity and the Peoples of Canada - a course based on the Canadian Issues publication *The Personal Past: History, Identity and the Genealogical Impulse*.

Looking forward to 2021-2022, a strategic plan is in place to launch the platform to users at the 2022 Metropolis Conference. Course development will continue, while platform branding, marketing and development of new partnerships will be high priority.





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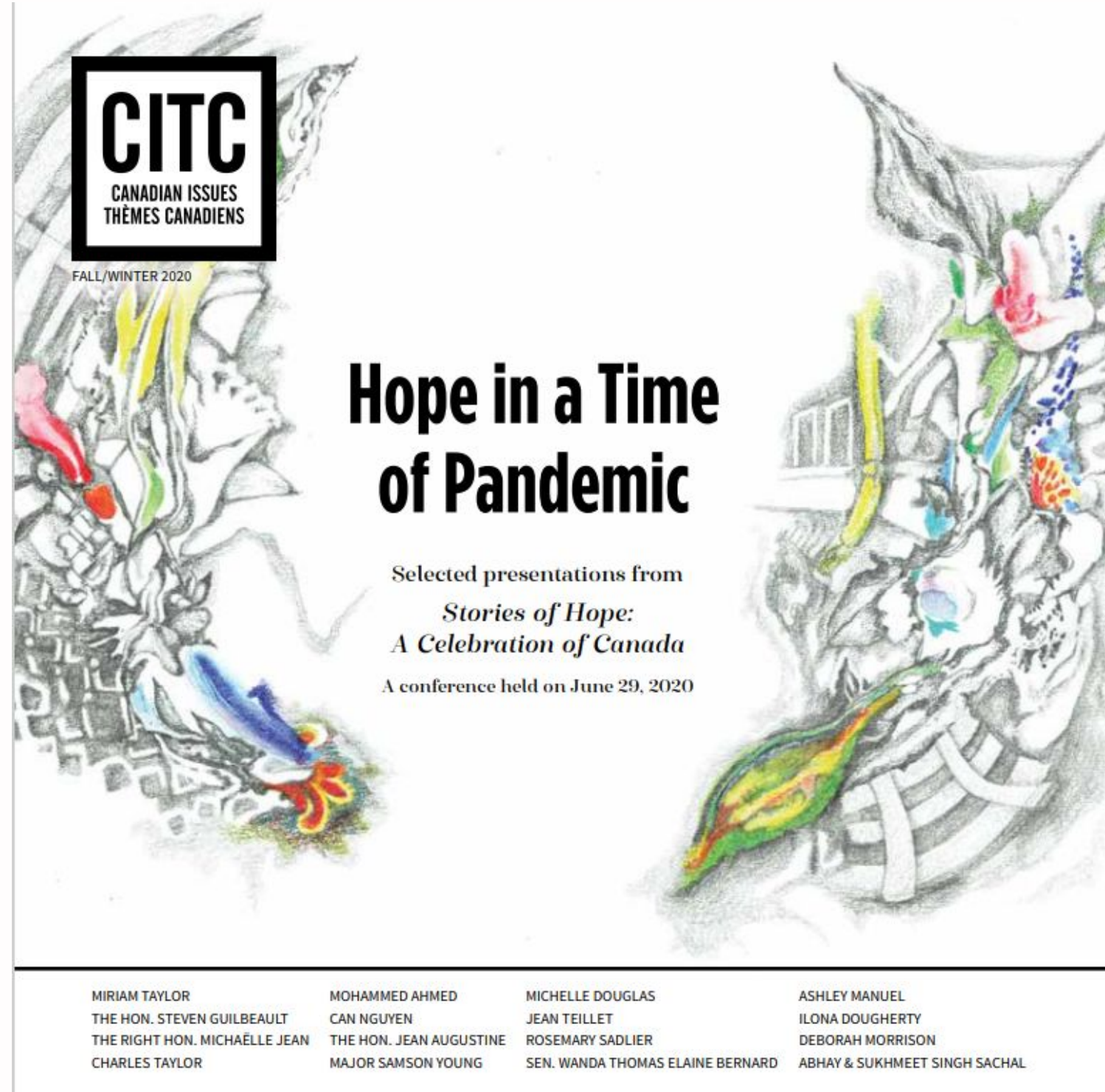
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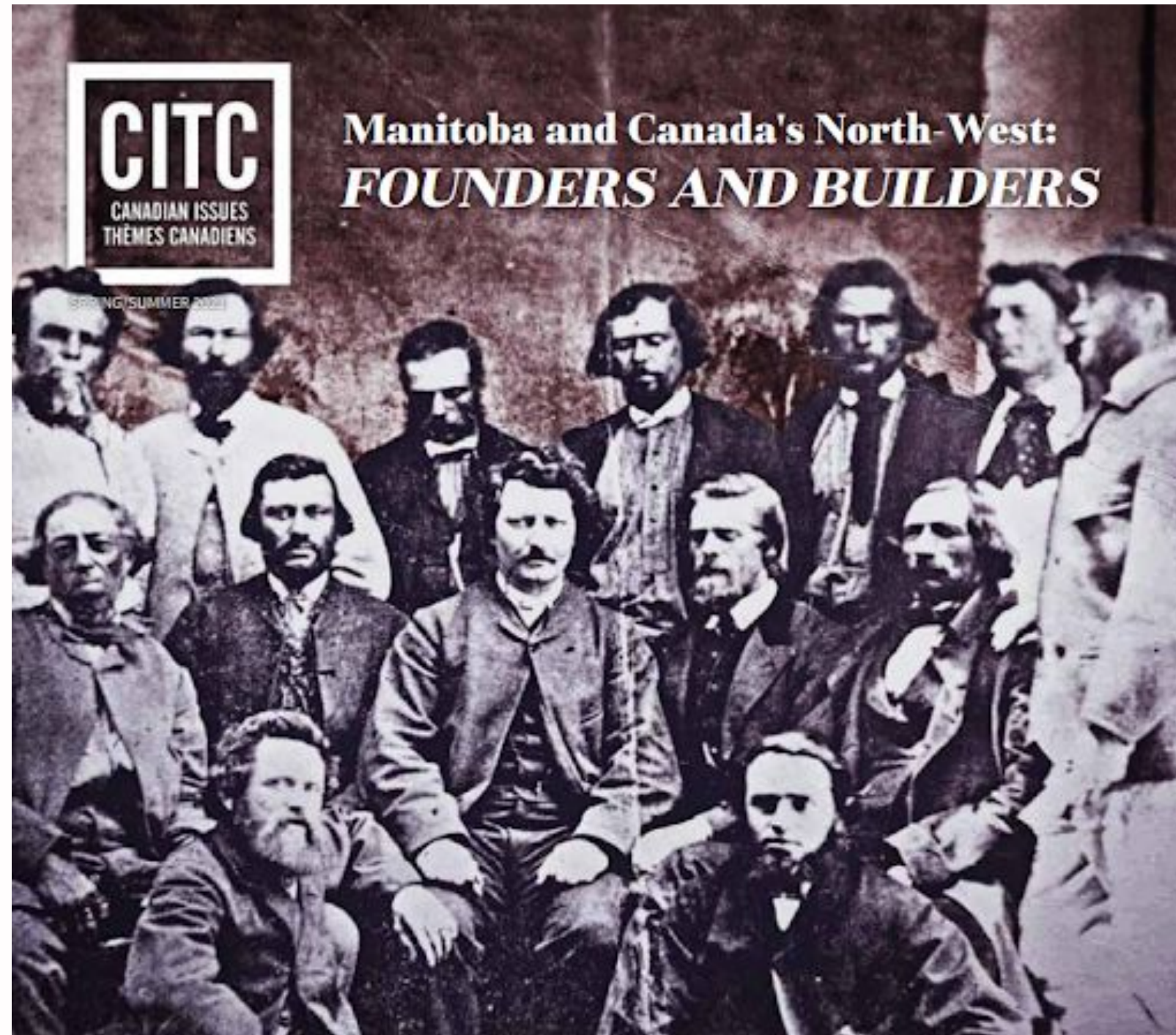
Canadian Issues is the flagship publication of the ACS. First published in 1975 as an academic journal, its focus has changed over time to target a broader audience with articles pertaining to Canadian history and identity submitted by leading thinkers in these fields. Canadian Issues is partly funded by the Canada History Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage and is fully bilingual.



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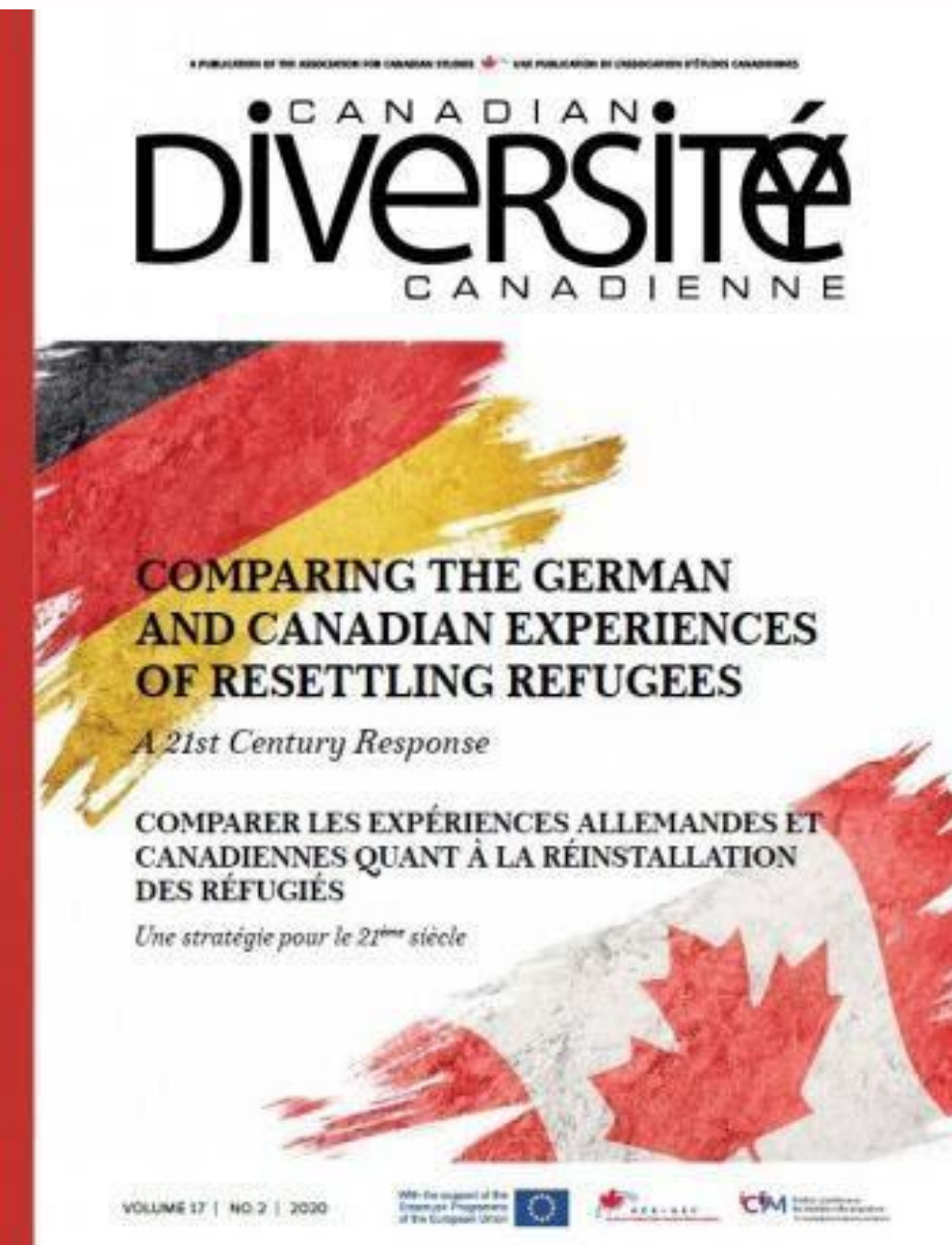
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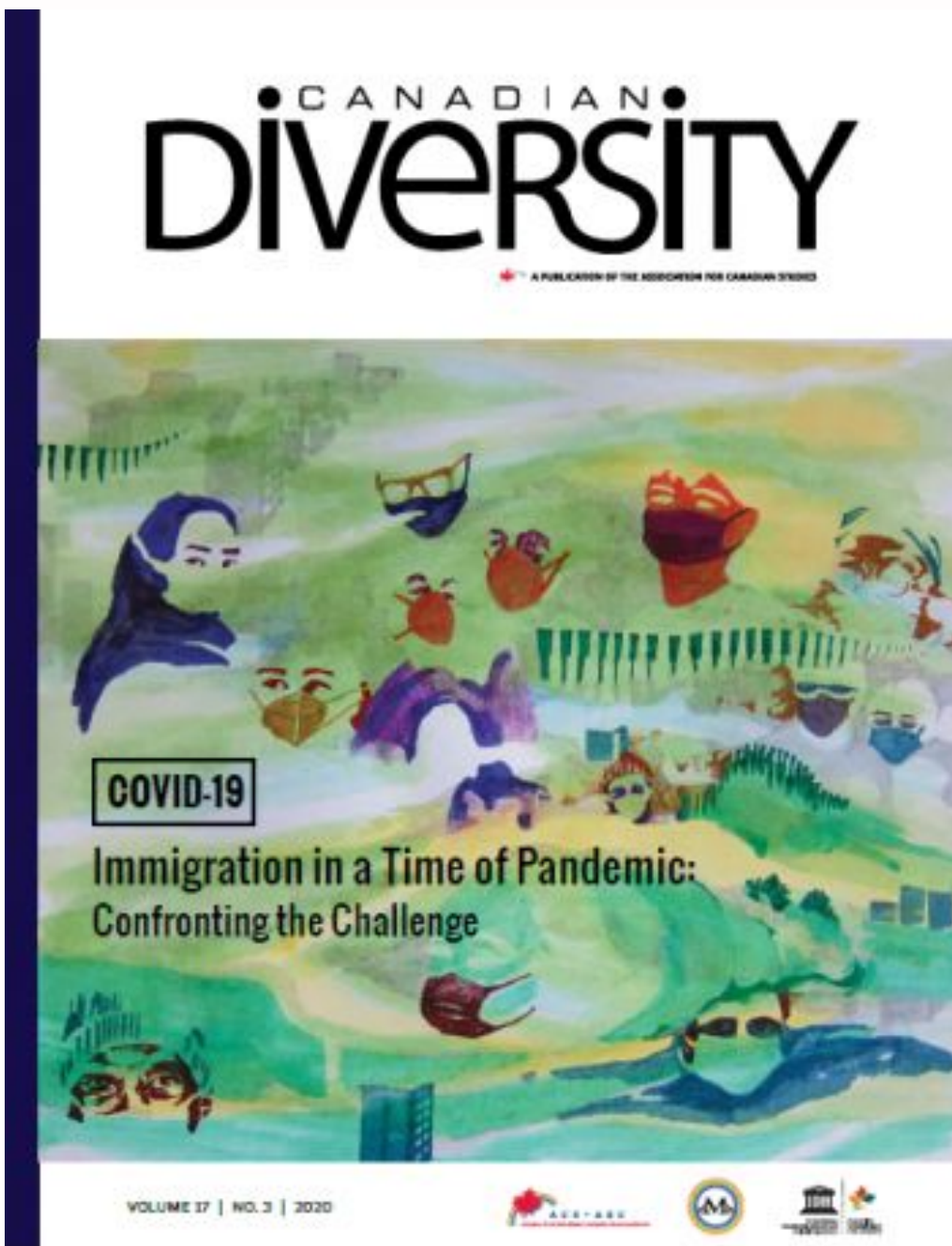
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