

 **Code 1239. Indexing Immigrant Integration in North America Cities: Opportunity and Challenges**

Length/Duración: 180 minutes

How well have North America's larger cities met the challenges associated with the adjustment of newcomers? The purpose of this workshop is to determine what criteria and benchmarks are best suited in measuring immigrant adjustment across the largest immigrant receiving cities in Canada and the United States. We will discuss the assumptions that would underlie an immigrant integration index across selected North American cities based on a review of existing indexes. One of the key issues is to determine if and how differences in the composition of the immigrant population(s) in Canada and the United States respectively represent a challenge in developing a comparative framework. What other demographic factors need to be taken into account? When it comes to immigrant integration are different models of governance in the two countries yet another consideration that needs attention in thinking about the main elements that would be part of an index. Finally, what are the other possible obstacles to generating evidence-based conclusions on immigrant integration?

 **3:00 - 6:15 p.m**
Room/Salón: C-8

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