Recasting the Social in Citizenship

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[Recasting the Social in Citizenship: An Innovative Citizenship Studies Research Network]

The work of [Recasting the Social in Citizenship: An Innovative Citizenship Studies Research Network] addresses various dimensions of citizenship, but has a common focus on social citizenship. So far, it has already identified 400 potential members, and developed three infrastructural mechanisms for sharing knowledge and creating synergies: the SOCIUS website and Citizenship Studies Media Lab (CSML) at York University, the SOCIUS-L electronic list that enables an information broadcast system (archived and available to all members), and an electronic database accessible remotely by network members to enter, search and retrieve information about all network researchers, users, partners and stakeholders.

The cost of not acting

Contemporary policy problems concerning citizenship cut across and transcend familiar conceptual and institutional boundaries. Without an interdisciplinary approach complex citizenship issues like immigration and same-sex marriage, among others, will not be fully understood. Barriers to an effective understanding of these issues will remain in force, and researchers, policymakers, activists and publics – who would benefit from engaging in dialogue and collaboration – will not be brought together, impacting the future of policy in Canada.

Real-world solutions to real-world challenges

Real-world challenges demand different angles, different approaches, and different attitudes. Interdisciplinary and collaborative, York University research delivers relevant insights and meaningful solutions that address today’s complex social issues.