Housing Immigrants in Canadian Cities

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Deteriorating Housing Conditions for Many

Many recent immigrants to Canada are paying high rents for crowded and substandard housing, which threatens their inclusion in Canadian society. They have little success finding and keeping work, settling their families, and participating in local communities.

A Better Shared Understanding

Housing Immigrants in Canadian Cities, a collaborative research project, examines contemporary immigrants’ housing in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver to foster new understandings of the challenges they face. Working with policy makers and housing activists, researchers compare the housing conditions of ethnically and racially diverse immigrants and how they find housing. The research team includes Robert Murdie of York University, Damaris Rose and Annick Germain of Urbanisation, Culture et Société, Institut nationale de la recherche scientifique, Jean Renaud of the University of Montreal, and Daniel Hiebert and Elvin Wyly of the University of British Columbia.

The Cost of Not Acting

Without appropriate housing, immigrants cannot settle successfully. By better understanding the housing conditions of recent immigrants, this project will help reverse the recent deterioration in immigrants’ economic, political and social circumstances 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.