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 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

 Research or
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Attraction, Integration, and Retention Capacities of Northern Canada: Insights from the TAIGA RISE Project

Tailored Attraction, Integration, and Retention Strategies for Northern Ecosystems (TAIGA RISE) is a nationally funded, three-year project supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), designed to strengthen northern Canadian communities' capacity to attract, integrate, and retain newcomers. In its first year, the project collected survey data from 200 individuals—100 residents living in northern communities and 100 from outside the North—to explore experiences and perceptions of life in these regions. In this workshop, we will capture the story of northern communities from these dual perspectives, highlighting the contrasts and connections between lived experiences and external perceptions.

- **Fatemeh Kazemi**, Senior Researcher, Centre for Immigrant Research, The Immigrant Education Society (TIES)
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 Panel Discussion
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panel

Language Barriers in the Settlement Process in the Greater Moncton Area

This bilingual panel will examine how language barriers affect newcomer settlement in the Greater Moncton Area across multiple contexts. Panelists will explore linguistic challenges in specific schools, workplaces, and in the situation of intimate partner violence, as well as the role of language as a key tool for social integration. The discussion will highlight an on-going collaborative project that aims to create a series of self-guided learning tools to support community and institutional responses surrounding interpretation. Bringing together voices from municipal government, non-profit organizations, students, and academia, the session encourages conversations on inclusive strategies for improving communication in multilingual contexts.

- **Erika Cantu**, Local Immigration Partnership/Partenariat local en immigration, *Language as an Integration Tool/La langue comme outils d'intégration*
- **Elizabeth Jonah**, Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area, *Managing Language Diversity in the Workplace*
- **Anne Beinchet**, Université de Moncton, *Co-construction d'outils de formation autoportée en interprétation pour une agence d'établissement et pour l'accueil de personnes victimes de violence entre partenaires intimes*
- **Kelsey Cameron**, Université de Moncton, *Managing Language Barriers in a Moncton Highschool for Newcomer Students*