

Newcomers' (Dis)Information Practices: The Role of Trust in Immigrant Networks

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Abstract

Nadia Caidi will share findings from ongoing research that examines the dynamics around engagement and effective use of information resources that cater to the ways of knowing of migrants and refugees to Canada. Specifically, she interrogates how the multiple and overlapping local and transnational information environments of communities are negotiated and comprehended, and come to embody new kinds of knowledge. The interaction between new Canadians' information practices and critical literacies (e.g., assessing the credibility of information) are examined from a socio-cultural perspective, thus shedding light on how migrants' knowledge practices are enacted; how newcomers (pre and post-arrival) make sense of their information environments; and how migrants' ways of knowing shift and adapt.