



Montreal and the Holidays: Experiences, Ideas, Sharing

What kind of vacations will Montrealers take? There is every reason to believe that cyclists and pedestrians will benefit from more space to move around safely, but voices are already raising to denounce the impacts of urban redevelopment on automobile traffic, parking spaces and the movement of goods and merchandise. Elsewhere in the world, audacious experiments are taking place: **streets are being closed, then opened to shops, restaurants and bars**. Will Montreal take advantage of this extraordinary summer to experiment bold developments and regulations? Knowing that boldness doesn't always rhyme with consensus, will the crisis be a lever for innovation and an opportunity to rethink urban development? Will we finally, without complex, assert the primacy of the human being over the "machine", of the citizens who inhabit and visit the city over those who merely pass through it?

Meanwhile, CIRM will take advantage of the summer to stock up on ideas. The team has given itself the pleasant mission of reading and sharing its readings, questions and reflections. A "reading corner" was **put online** a few days ago and a new interdisciplinary

blog has just been **launched** on the platform Medium. We hope that they will appeal to you and make you want to enter into dialogue with us.

As usual, I wish you to stay healthy and, despite the current situation, have an excellent vacation.

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Director
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News

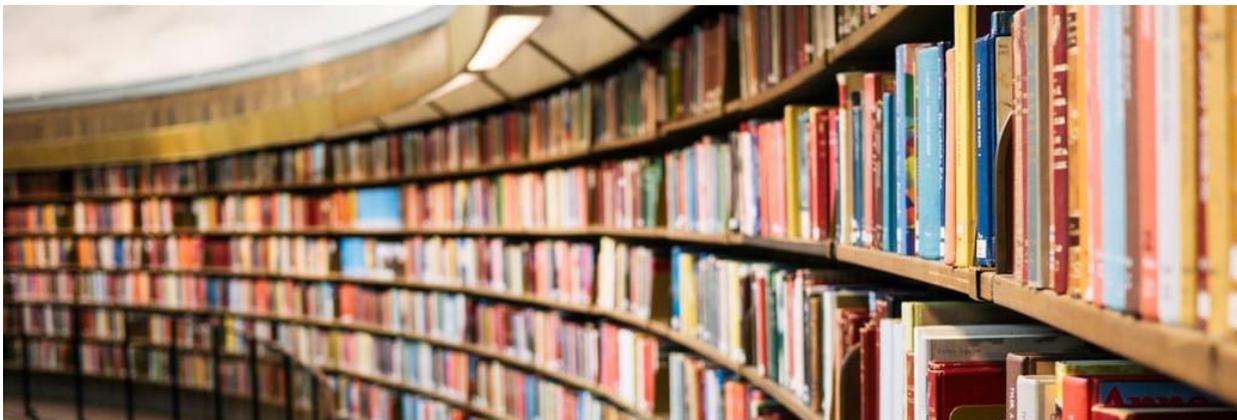
A Blog for the CIRM Community

In order to facilitate the exchange of ideas between researchers in urban studies, CIRM has set up a blog on **Medium**. This blog will serve as a space of interdisciplinary discussion for members. Questions, hypotheses and reflections will be formulated. Montreal will be observed from all disciplinary angles and our researchers will use the blog as a playground for ideas. The first three posts will discuss the "Grande Nuit" of April 29, 1960 (**Will Straw**), the Montreal comic strip seen from Italy (**Anna Giaufret**), as well as Griffintown and its ghosts (**Pascal Brissette**).



Advertisement for the "Grande Nuit" of April 29, 1960, *Le Devoir*, April 9, 1960, p. 10 (Source: Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec)

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CIRM Presents its Reading Corner

Running out of reading ideas in these times of confinement? CIRM presents its selection of books related to urban studies and the city of Montreal. This list, updated monthly, includes works of fiction and scholarly works, some of which have been the subject of CIRM

seminars. Created in collaboration with several of our members, the Reading Corner is accompanied by commentaries that highlight the main ideas raised by each work.

Discover the Reading Corner

Coming this Fall

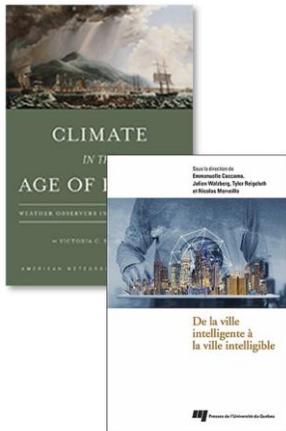
Rethinking the City in Times of Pandemic

CIRM is currently working on a series of multidisciplinary webinars to address urbanity in a pandemic context. The series entitled *Rethinking the City in Times of Pandemic* ("Repenser la ville en temps de pandémie") will be hosted by Professors **Daniel Weinstock** (CIRM / Law and Political Science, McGill U.) and **Magda Fahrni** (CIRM / History and Feminist Studies, UQAM). It will foster a comparative reflection studying Montreal from both a contemporary and historical perspective. A first meeting will take place in September, when the two facilitators will discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on their research. Four thematic webinars will follow in the Fall and Winter semesters, starting with an overview of the various pandemics that have affected Montreal over the past few centuries. Stay on the lookout!



Source: Archives Collection of the University of Calgary

CIRM Seminars



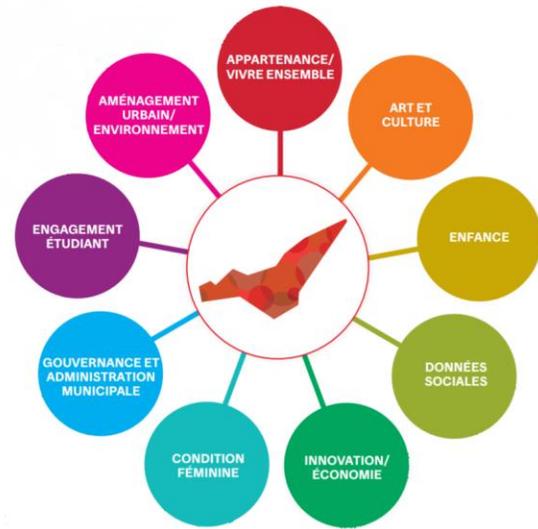
Good news: the CIRM seminars that could not take place this winter will resume virtually during the next semester! This will be an opportunity to discover the books *Climate in the Age of Empire: Recording, Analyzing and Rescuing Three Centuries of Saint-Lawrence Valley Weather Data* (Chicago University Press) and *De la ville intelligente à la ville intelligible* (Presses de l'Université du Québec) with their respective authors: **Victoria Slonosky** (CIRM / Geography, McGill U.) for the former, and **Nicolas Merveille** (ESG-UQAM) and Jean-François Gagné (**Element AI**) for the latter. More details will follow.

Reminder

Updated "Activities and Networks" Diagram

CIRM's network brings together more than 70 partners around 14 projects related to themes such as the status of women, social data, student engagement, urban planning, innovation, and many others. Discover the 2019-2020 projects and partners by following the link below.

[Access the diagram](#)



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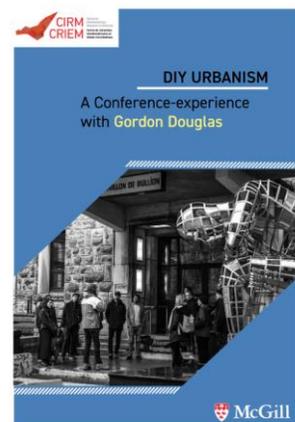
Jhessica Reia has a Master's degree and a PhD from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and holds the position of **Andrew W. Mellon** Postdoctoral Researcher at the **Department of Art History and Communication Studies of McGill University**. Their CIRM-BMO postdoctoral research project, under the supervision of Professor **Will Straw**, focuses on the relationships between a smart city program, urban governance mechanisms, and nightlife in Montreal.

[More details](#)

Launch of the *DIY Urbanism* Digital Notebook

Discover CIRM's first digital notebook featuring visiting researcher and multidisciplinary urban planner **Gordon Douglas** (San José State U.). In his text entitled "The Vitality of Participatory Urbanisms, and Some Cautions", Douglas takes a look at the inequalities of "do it yourself" urban planning initiatives. The notebook also features a reflection by Athanasios Tommy Mihou (**Paysage Solidaire**) and a foreword by **Jan Doering** (CIRM / Sociology, McGill U.).

[Read the notebook](#)



A second digital notebook will follow shortly. *À nous la ville! Traité de municipalisme* will look back on the seminar dedicated to this book by **Jonathan Durand Folco**, in March 2018. Look out for our next publications!

Spotlight

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👏👏 Congratulations to Harold Bérubé (CIRM / Université de Sherbrooke), Mary Anne Poutanen (CIRM / McGill University), Julie Ravary-Pilon (BMO Postdoctoral Fellow 2019-2020 / Université de Montréal) and Nik Luka (CIRM / McGill University) for receiving grants from the Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada, CRSH!

To learn more about their research projects 📌
<https://bit.ly/3cX3P2U>

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Quatre membres du CRIEM obtiennent des subventions du CRSH
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Which publication has received the most reactions on our social media in the last few months? It was the announcement of the grants obtained by four of our members, which appeared on our [Facebook page](#) on April 29. Three more members have since been added to the list of grant recipients: [Erin Hurley](#), [Marie Leconte](#) and [Natalie Doonan](#).

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