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## News

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### News from our McConnell Professor of Practice

**Ana Brandusescu** has just published the report *Artificial intelligence policy and funding in Canada: Public investments, private interests*. Her analysis of artificial intelligence (AI) policy and investments in Canada concludes that the Canadian AI ecosystem relies primarily on public funding which, in return, mostly benefits the private sector.

And that's not all: Ana Brandusescu has recently joined Canada's Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Open Government and will be representing CIRM in this capacity for the next two years. [Further information.](#)

### *Vivre tous ensemble* Webseries

Savoir Média and Eurêka! Productions, with CIRM's support, have produced 12 short videos relating the journey and experience of new Quebecers belonging to as many Montreal-based communities. This original web series offers an authentic foray into the heart of the immigrant experience.

Our members **Steven Lapidus** (Canadian Jewish Studies, Concordia U.), **Sonia Cancian** (History of Italian Immigration, McGill U.) and **Fabio Scetti** (Sociolinguistics, U. Paul-Valéry-Montpellier) share their expertise on the Israeli, Italian and Portuguese diasporas.

[Read the report on AI](#)

[Watch the episodes \(in French\)](#)

## CIRM is Hiring: Six Positions to Fill

Are you interested in Montreal studies as well as in research-action in partnership with the city's economic, social, cultural, community, and governmental sectors? Our centre is seeking applications to fill six part-time positions as part of its general activities or its [Data for Society Hub](#):

- Communication Assistant
- Communication Assistant (Events)
- Undergrad Research Assistant
- Graduate Research Assistant
- Front-End Developer
- Distributed Systems Developer

Those interested in submitting an application must do so via the Workday platform before **March 16, 2021**.

[View the detailed job postings](#)

## Upcoming Events

### *Montreal as Seen by... Dominique Ollivier*

**Wednesday, March 17** from 12:00p.m. to 1:15p.m.

The lecture series presented in collaboration with the McGill Quebec Studies Students' Association, McGill Quebec Studies Program and McGill Institute for the Study of Canada is back! The President of the Office de consultation publique de Montréal, [Dominique Ollivier](#), will share her vision of the city and its issues in light of her personal and professional experience as well as her volunteer involvement with numerous organizations. [Details and registration](#).

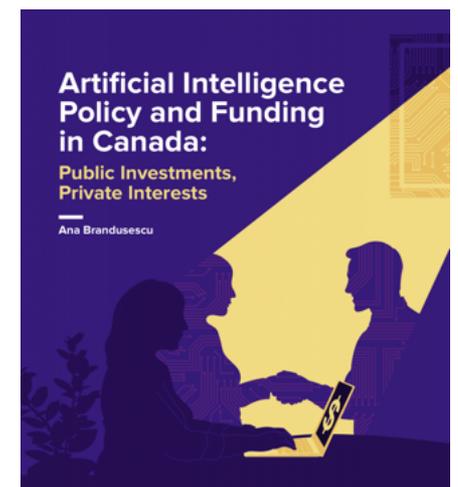


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### *CIRM Seminar on AI Policy and Funding in Canada*

**Thursday, March 18** from 12:30p.m. to 2:00p.m.

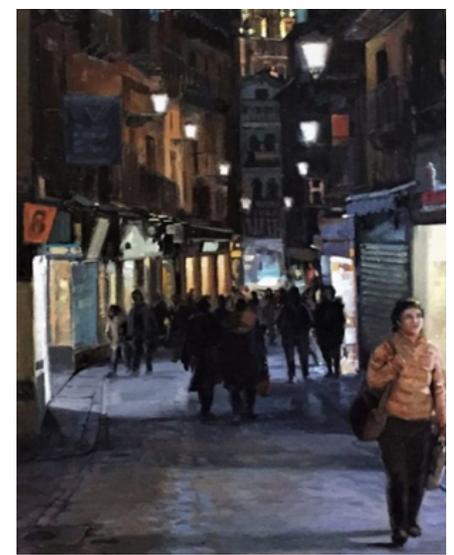
CIRM is inviting you to discover the latest research from its McConnell Professor of Practice during this online seminar. Alongside civil society experts, [Ana Brandusescu](#) will discuss tech policy, public markets, and open government in order to offer recommendations related to the artificial intelligence ecosystem and the innovation economy. [Details and registration](#).



## *Estudios sobre la noche/Night Studies/Études sur la nuit* Research Seminar

Thursday, March 25 at 10:00a.m.

This CIRM-sponsored event is a collaboration of **Will Straw** and **Jess Reia** (CIRM / Art History and Communication Studies, McGill U.) with researchers from Mexico and France. Programme for the next session: Sara Brandellero (Leiden U.) – *Migrant Narratives of the Night: moorings, memories and belonging*; Marcos Góis (UFRJ) – *Nightlife and public spaces in Rio de Janeiro: public sociability, urban violence and nighttime mobility*. [Details et registration](#).



Source: Estudios sobre la noche

## Launch of the *Habiter* Digital Notebook

March 2021

The second issue in the *Shaping Neighbourhoods: Experience and Innovation* series, very soon to be published in collaboration with **Quartier de l'innovation**, focuses on the practices implemented to promote social diversity when designing living spaces. With contributions by **Nik Luka** (CIRM / McGill U.), Erwan Poënces (MUP, U. Rennes 2), Michel Saint-Cyr (**Espace La Traversée**), and Laurence Vincent (**Prével**). [Read the previous notebooks](#).



## *Rethinking the City in Times of Pandemic* Series

Spring 2021

The webinar co-hosted by **Magda Fahrni** (CIRM / History and Feminist Studies, UQAM) and **Daniel Weinstock** (CIRM / Law and political science, U. McGill) continues to offer a reflection on urban space in the light of the health crisis. What if the current upheavals were an opportunity for innovation? Date and topic of the next webinar will be announced in the near future. [Find out more about the series](#) and [watch the recordings of the last webinars](#).



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## The F-MR Lab

March to June 2021

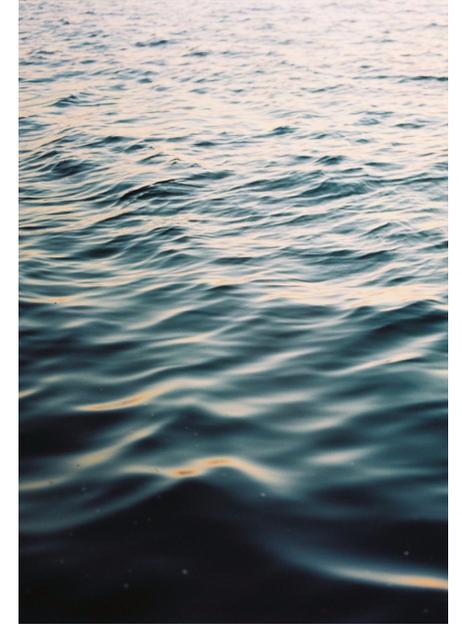
**MR-63**, in collaboration with CIRM, invites you to discover its future Impact Laboratory through *Labo F-MR*, a series of four virtual events dedicated to heritage conservation, sustainable development, territorial inclusion, and culture. Researchers, practitioners, members of the MR-63 team and citizens will exchange ideas to lay the groundwork for possible action-research projects that will address the issues involved in the creation and management of MR-63 in Griffintown. The first webinar on heritage, hosted by **Aliki Economides** (CIRM / Architecture, Laurentian U.), will take place on **Friday, March 26, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm**. Keep



## *Montrealers and Islanders*

June 2021

This summer, CIRM welcomes you to the shores of the St. Lawrence for a series of three conferences-experiences about the river and the metropolis as part of the **thematic week** organized by Stratégies Saint-Laurent. These events will combine field visits with interdisciplinary and multisectoral discussions. Hosted by **Nathalie Boucher** (Urban Anthropology, R.Es.P.I.R.E), **Natalie Doonan** (CIRM / Communication, U. Montréal) and **Jeanne-Hélène Jugie** (CIRM / Comité ZIP Jacques-Cartier), they will provide an opportunity for collective reflection on Montreal's river issues in terms of environment, green economy and access to water. Stay tuned!



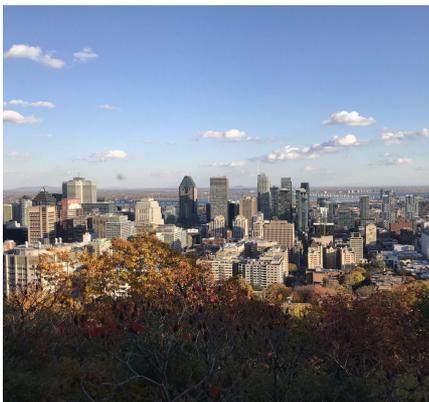
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**Did you know?** All our virtual events can now be viewed on demand via the **Multimedia** section of our website.

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### *Blog: The Urbanologist*

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#### **A Starting Point: Transversal Questions and Recommendations for Montreal's Digital Data Charter**

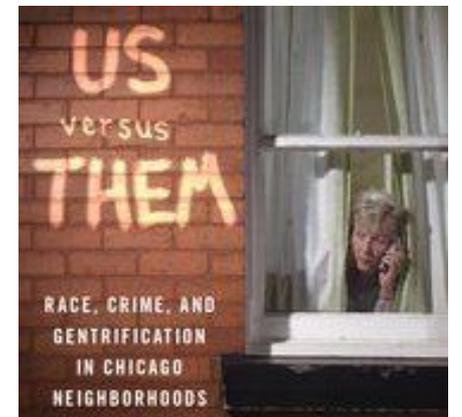
**Jess Reia** and **Ana Brandusescu**, our 2020–2021 BMO Postdoctoral Fellow and McConnell Foundation Professor of Practice since 2019, identify a few changes to be made to the consultation process and principles of the City of Montreal's **Digital Data Charter** beyond ethics issues. [Go to post.](#)

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### *Reading Corner*

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**Jan Doering** (CIRM / McGill U.) presents his monograph *Us versus Them: Race, Crime, and Gentrification in Chicago Neighborhoods* (Chicago University Press, 2020) by linking it to a series of events that has dominated the news over the past year: the “unprecedented protest against institutional racism, especially (although not exclusively) within police departments.” [Read his commentary](#) and [watch the recording of the CIRM seminar on this topic.](#)



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### *Rappels*

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## BMO 2021–2022 Postdoctoral Fellowship

CIRM is now accepting applications for a \$45,000 postdoctoral fellowship (with a \$3,000 research budget) for the next academic year! The submitted projects must deal wholly or in part with Montreal and intersect with at least one of the centre's six research-action axes. You have until **May 10, 2021** to submit your application. [Learn more about the fellowship and the selection process.](#)



## Call for Papers for the *Shaking the Foundations* Conference

You have less than a month to submit a paper proposal for the **Montreal Comic Arts Festival's** anniversary-conference, which will take place from October 28 to 30, 2021. Co-organized by CIRM, this event aims to bring together creators and researchers interested in the comic arts around research presentations, field experiments, and discussions exploring the links between cities and comics. **Deadline: April 2.** [Read the full description.](#)

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## *Bulletin Board*

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**Call for Applications: Postdoctoral fellowship on contemporary French immigration to Quebec and Canada** — Submitted by Mireille Paquet and Chedly Belkhodja

- Position open to researchers from all social sciences
- Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Concordia University
- Deadline: March 12, 2021

**Call for Applications: Summer internships in Quebec Studies (in Montreal)**

- Offered by the McGill Faculty of Arts Internship Office and the Quebec Studies Program
- Information: [stephan.gervais@mcgill.ca](mailto:stephan.gervais@mcgill.ca)
- Deadline: March 15, 2021

**Call for Applications: Innovative Ecosystem Mobilization and Facilitation Agent position**

- Job opening at the Montreal Urban Innovation Lab
- Deadline: March 17, 2021

## Call for Applications: **Incubation Program Coordinator position**

- Job opening at the Maison de l'innovation sociale
- Deadline: March 22, 2021

## Call for Projects: **Students Reinventing Cities — Faubourgs Area**

- Montreal component of an international competition to imagine the ecological and inclusive transformation of an urban neighbourhood
- Teams composition: students currently enrolled at university
- Deadline: April 15, 2021

## Call for Papers: **La laïcité au Québec: perspectives historiques** — Submitted by Paul-Etienne Rainville

- Issue of *Études d'histoire religieuse*
- Deadline: April 15, 2021

## Call for Papers: **L'histoire des droits de la personne au Québec: état des lieux et perspectives de recherche (XIX<sup>e</sup> et XX<sup>e</sup> siècles)** — Submitted by Paul-Etienne Rainville

- Special issue of *Bulletin d'histoire politique*
- Deadline: May 15, 2021

## Publication: **All the Feels: Affect and Writing in Canada / Tous les sens: Affect et écriture au Canada** — Submitted by Carmen Mata Barreiro

- Edited by Marie Carrière, Ursula Mathis-Moser, and Kit Dobson
- University of Alberta Press, January 2021

## Publication: **Emotional Landscapes Love, Gender, and Migration** — Submitted by Sonia Cancian

- Edited by Marcelo J. Borge, Sonia Cancian, and Linda Reeder
- University of Illinois Press, January 2021

CIRM invites its members and partners to **submit** any call for papers or contributions, events, and book launches, related in whole or in part to Montreal and its issues, that they would like to see featured in this section.

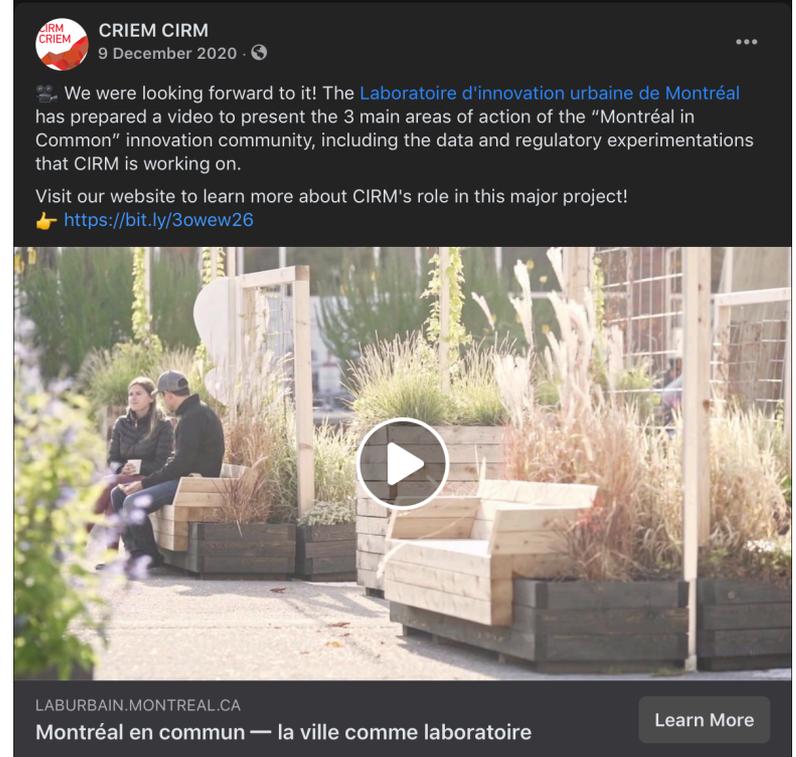
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*Highlight*

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What has received the most reactions on our social media in the last few months? Many of you watched and “liked” our sharing of the *Montréal in Common* video presentation on **Facebook**.

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