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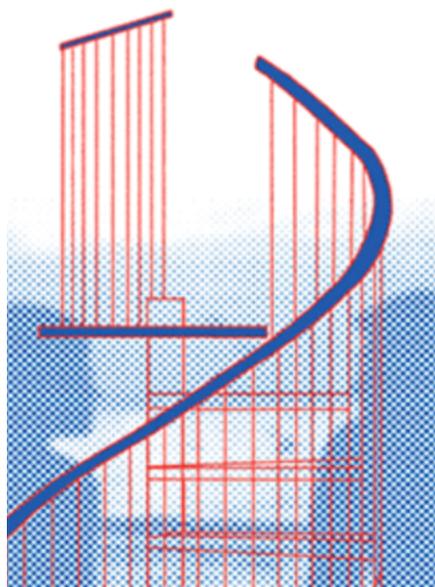
## *Welcome to CIRM's New Acting Director*

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As I leave the helm of CIRM for a sabbatical, I would like to thank [Nik Luka](#), professor at McGill's School of Urban Planning and Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture, for accepting the interim leadership mandate for 2020–2021. Nik has been involved with CIRM since the founding meeting in 2012. His fields of interest, the numerous research partnerships he pursues with local organizations and actors, as well as his in-depth knowledge of Montreal and the municipal sphere will enable him to continue the stimulating work underway with our members. As part of McGill's Faculty of Engineering, he will also be able to broaden and deepen CIRM's institutional anchoring. As I set sail to devote myself (at last!) to research, I wish him great pleasure and happiness at the helm of our centre!

Pascal Brissette  
Director, CIRM

## Call for Papers for the 1971–2021: 50 ans de corpus montréalais Conference



CIRM is proud to contribute as a partner to the international conference to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French-language corpus *Montréal 1971*, which has left its mark on modern sociolinguistics. The event which will take place in September 2021 is intended to pay tribute to Quebec's sociolinguistic pioneers and to bring together researchers concerned about the diversity of the French language and the use of oral language corpuses. The organizing committee encourages researchers from all disciplinary fields to take an interest in these corpuses, since they are very rich in stories about Montreal life. You have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to submit a paper proposal!

[More information](#)



### Website Redesign

Our team took advantage of the summer season to update some sections of CIRM's website. Specifically, new information has been added to our [partners](#) and [events](#) pages, while our members, professors of practice, fellows, and researchers have been grouped under the "[People](#)" tab. Other digital projects are still in progress — to be continued...

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### Social Data Hub: Team Presentation

After the City of Montreal's victory in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge in the spring of 2019 and the launch of local component *Montréal en commun*, CIRM was entrusted with the development of a tool for the collection and analysis of data on Montreal and its populations: the Social Data Hub. Coordinated by Karolyne Arseneault, this project brings together literature professor and discourse analysis specialist [Pascal Brissette](#) (McGill U.), our scientific coordinator [Stéphan Gervais](#), our knowledge mobilization coordinator Audray Fontaine, our professor of practice [Ana Brandusescu](#), and developer and solutions architect Luc Véronneau (Véronneau Techno. Conseil) as external consultant. Three research assistants are also involved: B.A. Geography graduate Arzen Chan as well as M.A. Literature students Julie Levasseur and Julien Vallières.

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## Upcoming Events

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### *Repenser la ville en temps de pandémie Series: “Repenser la recherche en temps de pandémie”*

**Friday, October 2** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

The first webinar in this series hosted by [Madga Fahrni](#) (CIRM / History and Feminist Studies, UQAM) and [Daniel Weinstock](#) (CIRM / Law and Political Science, McGill U.) will allow both professors to discuss the impacts of the current pandemic on the research community. Four other webinars will follow during the 2020–2021 academic year. Stay tuned!

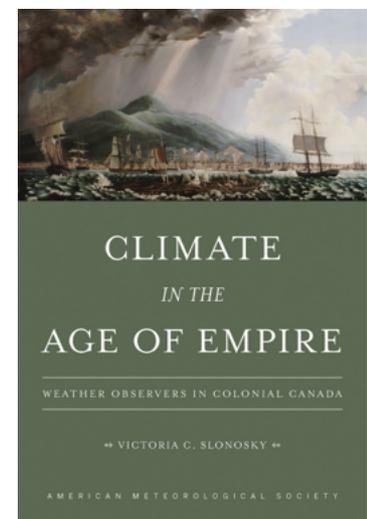


Source: Archives de l'Université de Calgary

### *Meteorology and Climate Change in the St. Lawrence Valley: Past and Current Observations Seminar*

**Thursday, September 24** from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

CIRM invites you to a discussion hosted by professor [Frédéric Fabry](#) (Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, McGill U.) on Canada's meteorological history and climate observation tools with author and researcher [Victoria C. Slonosky](#) (CIRM / Geography, McGill U.). Follow [this link](#) for further information.



Source: Chicago University Press

### *De la ville intelligente à la ville intelligible Seminar*

**Thursday, October 29** from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Authors [Nicolas Merveille](#) (UQAM) and [Jean-François Gagné](#) (Element AI) will address the conflict between individual integrity and capitalist development in an urban context. More details will follow.

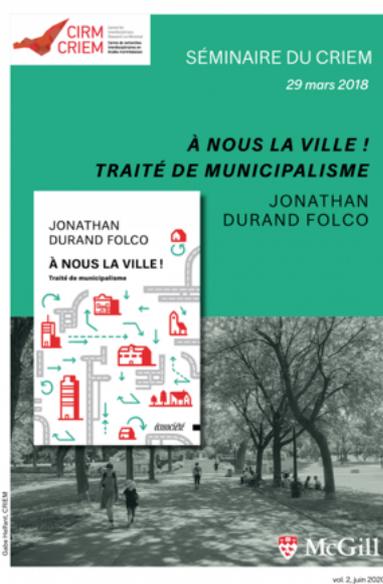


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## Reminders

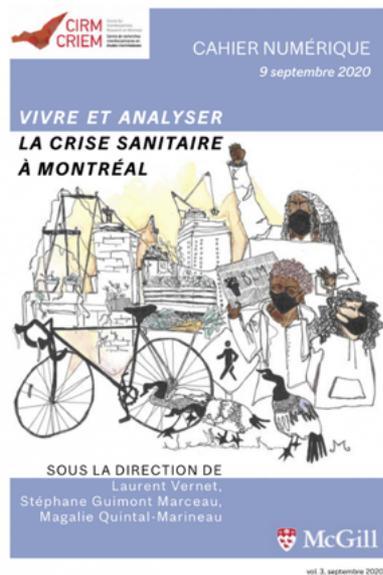
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## À nous la ville! Traité de municipalisme Digital Notebook Launch

This publication allows readers to reflect on the eponymous essay by [Jonathan Durand Folco](#) (CIRM / Saint Paul U.). In his text entitled “Promesses et défis du municipalisme”, the author looks at both the founding principles and the concrete applications of this political project. He highlights the possibilities and limits of municipalism in order to better identify the strategic perspectives to be adopted. This digital notebook also presents a commentary by [Caroline Patsias](#) (CIRM / UQAM) on issues of equality and human relationships in the creation of local commons.

Read notebook



## Vivre et analyser la crise sanitaire à Montréal Digital Notebook Launch

Edited by [Laurent Vernet](#) (CIRM / UQAM), [Stéphane Guimont Marceau](#) (INRS) et [Magalie Quintal-Marineau](#) (INRS), this publication examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the metropolis’s social fabric. The experiences and analyses of teachers, students and practitioners invite readers to reflect on the elements of change and continuity brought by the crisis in Montreal, and to analyze the spaces of marginalization or resistance that it reveals.

Read notebook



## New Reading Corner

CIRM has compiled a selection of readings related to urban studies and the city of Montreal. This list, which is updated periodically, features fiction as well as scholarly works, some of which have been the subject of our seminars. Each suggestion is commented by one of our members or teammates.

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*Bulletin Board*

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**Book Release: [Voix francophones de la migration : univers migrant, fictions et réalités](#)**  
— submitted by Carmen Mata Barreiro

- Edited by Antonia Pagan Lopez and Isaac David Cremades Cano
- Presses universitaires de l'Institut Catholique de Toulouse, 2020

**Data Rescue Archives & Weather (DRAW) Webinars on Weather and Citizen Science for [Science Literacy Week @ McGill](#)** — submitted by Victoria C. Slonosky

- “What is DRAW?”: September 21 at [11:00 a.m.](#) and [4:30 p.m.](#)
- “How to DRAW: Transcribe like a Pro”: September 23 at [11:00 a.m.](#) and [4:30 p.m.](#)
- “What is DRAW? The Project and How to Transcribe”: [September 24 at 4:30 p.m.](#) and [September 25 at 11:00 a.m.](#)
- Contact Person: [Rachel Black](#)

*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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Which post has received the most reactions on our social media in the last few months? Our [blog](#)'s very [first article](#) written by Pascal Brissette (CIRM / McGill U.), which was shared on our [LinkedIn page](#) on June 25.

Subscribe to our various accounts to make sure that you don't miss anything and take part in the conversation!

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ANNOUNCEMENT | CIRM launches its own [#blog!](#)

Its objective is to offer a bilingual space for interdisciplinary discussion between our members as well as a playground for exploring various ideas in urban and Montreal studies. Questions, hypotheses, and reflections will be formulated, studying the city in all its aspects.

Read the first post written by CIRM director Pascal Brissette (McGill University), which questions the transformations and memory of Griffintown as represented in the novel of the same name by Marie-Hélène Poitras (Alto, 2012). [📖](#)



**Griffintown en ses récits**  
medium.com • Lecture de 7 min





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