

Cultural Psychiatry Day 2010
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Keynote Speakers

Dr. Cécile Rousseau is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at McGill University working with refugee and immigrant children. She has developed and evaluated school-based prevention programs for immigrant and refugee children using different creative expression modalities. Presently, her research is focusing, among other things, on the effect of the international context around 9/11 on adults and children of minorities and mainstream community and on the effect of migratory politics.

Dr. Debra Stein completed her medical school and psychiatric residency at the University of Toronto, with a specialty in Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. During medical school, she became acquainted with the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, a resettlement agency committed to improving the lives of survivors of political violence and war. She has continued to learn and work at the Centre for many years. After her residency, she worked with Mount Sinai Hospital's Perinatal and Infant Team and initiated on-site psychiatric services for CCVT clients, a program which continues in full force currently.

Raoul Boulakia studied political science at the University of Toronto, law at Osgoode Hall, and became a lawyer in 1990. He has been engaged in human rights advocacy throughout his career, primarily representing refugees and immigrants. He often appears before the Immigration and Refugee Board and Federal Court. He was a founding member and past president of the Refugee Lawyers Association of Ontario. He has also advocated with respect to the value of Canadian citizenship rights, in such cases as the repatriation litigation for Suaad Hagi Mohamud.