The Centre for Feminist Research Presents:

2018 BUSINESS AND SOCIETY FORUM

Black Women Resisting Social & Business Exclusion in France, Canada & Brazil

2.30pm, February 1, 2018
519 Kaneff Tower
York University

Forum Agenda

2.30-2.40pm: Welcome by CFR Director Dr. Alison Crosby

2.40-3.00pm: Introduction by Dr. Caroline Shenaz Hossein, York University & BUSO Coordinator


3.20-3.40pm: Dr. Gertrude Mianda, York University, “Francophone African Immigrant Women in Toronto and Ottawa: The difficult quest for economic integration”

3.40-4.00pm: Dr. Simone Bohn, York University, “The Quilombolas’ Refuge in Brazil: Social Economy, Communal Space and Shared Identity”

4.00-4.20pm: Dr. Melanie Knight, Ryerson University (Discussant)

4.20-4.45pm: Q &A

4.45-5.00pm: Wrap up

In the U.N. Decade of the Year of Persons of African Descent 2015-2024, it is important to examine the extraordinary socio-economic contributions of Lusophone and Francophone Black women.

Many Black women in France and Canada have come as immigrants with the hopes of seeking a better way of life for their families. Dr. Felix Germain examines the isolation and economic hardship Caribbean women face in France when they cannot find decent work nor easily integrate into French society.

Similar to the French experience, Black French-speaking Canadian women are left to their own devices to create their own social economies. Dr. Gertrude Mianda shares more about the life experiences of Black women in Ontario who are marginalized along racial, gendered and linguistic lines.

Brazil, the country to receive the largest number of slaves in the Atlantic slave trade era, has an important Black population in the Americas – and the largest African diaspora in the world. Dr. Simone Bohn introduces the powerful use of cooperatives called Quilombos, in which Afro-Brazilians seek to meet their economic and social needs, and to push against systemic racial bias in the country.

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