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

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Francophone African Immigrant Women in Toronto & Ottawa: The Difficult Quest for Economic Integration

Dr. Gertrude Mianda is an Associate Professor in the Gender and Women's Studies program at Glendon College, York University.



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.

Decolonizing the Republic: African & Caribbean Migrants in Postwar Paris (1946-1974)

Dr. Felix Germain is an Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.



The Quilombolas' Refuge in Brazil: Social Economy, Communal Space and Shared Identity

Dr. Simone Bohn is an Associate Professor of Political Science at York University.



Forum discussant

Dr. Melanie Knight is an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology at Ryerson University.



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