

**Invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> zoominar of the ESREA Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms  
Network on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm (CET):**

**Multiculturalism at a Crossroads:  
Combating Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobia during COVID-19 in Canada**

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The year 2021 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official multiculturalism policy in Canada. Often held up internationally as a successful model, Canada's practice and policy of multiculturalism have enjoyed international recognition as being pioneering and effectual. Yet, this apparent successful record has not gone unchallenged during COVID-19 when its racial and ethnic conflict and division resurfaces. Since the outbreak of the global pandemic, there has been a surge in racism and xenophobia across the country towards Asian Canadians. On the occasion of celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is necessary to revisit multiculturalism at the crossroads of anti-Asian racism during COVID-19. Using critical discourse analysis, this talk critically analyzes incidents that were reported in popular press during the pandemic pertaining to anti-Asian and anti-Chinese racism and xenophobia. To combat and eliminate racism, there is an urgent need for immediate action by adopting a framework of pandemic anti-racism education in post-COVID-19 Canada.

**Link to the zoominar:**

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