New Perspectives on Institutions and Immigration in Second-tier Cities

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Presentation Format

• Overview of the literature
• New perspectives for the research
• Conclusions
Approaches in Second-tier Cities: The Ontario Context

Lack of empirical studies

• Walton-Roberts (2004)
• Di Biase and Bauder (2005)
• Brochu and Abu-Ayyash (2006)
• Block (2006)
• Mulholland (2006)
New Perspectives

• An empirical study of Filipino immigrants in three of Ontario’s second-tier cities

“Our Local, Regional And Transnational Networks And The Integration And Settlement Dispersal Of Filipino Immigrants”
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Research Methods

Research themes
a) Immigration histories and employment trajectories
b) Transnational networks and linkages
c) Importance of local institutions and “gateway” cities
Expected time-table

• May–Aug. 2006: basic preparations (ethics approval, logistical planning)
• Sept.–Nov. 2006. Sample development.
• Dec-Feb. 2007. Interview survey and analysis.
• Mar.-Apr. 2007: Dissemination, including 9th National Metropolis Conference