

# *Immigrant Settlement and Integration*

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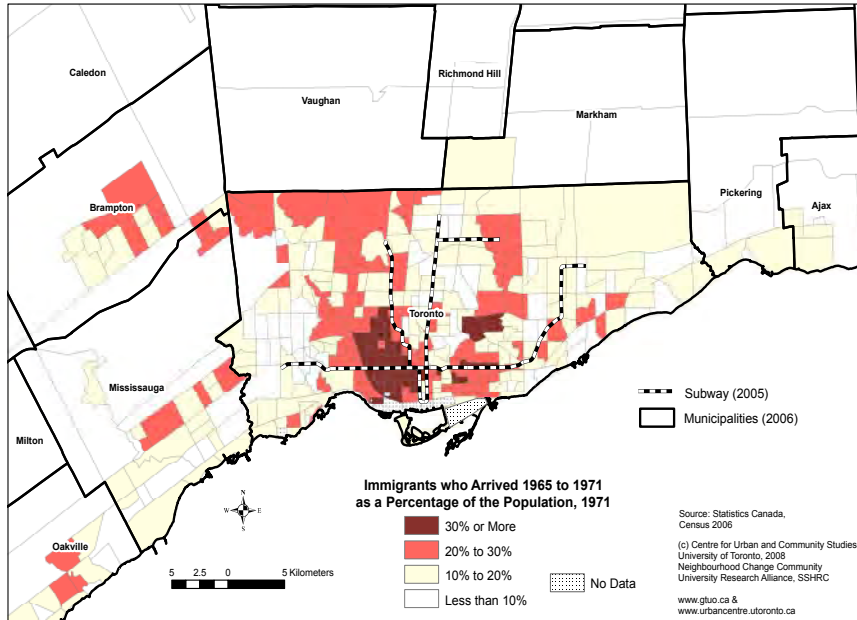
# Immigrant Settlement in Canadian CMAs: Major Themes

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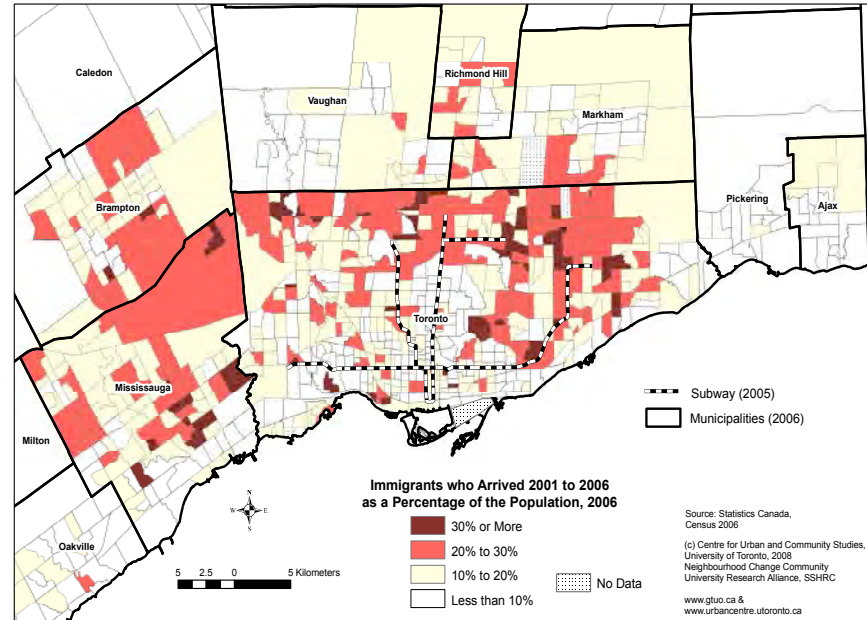
- *Increased Concentration of Recent Immigrants in Canada's Major Metropolitan Centres*
    - Especially Toronto, Montréal & Vancouver (70% of 2001-06 Immigrants)
  - *Shifts in Immigrant Origins*
    - From Europe to Countries in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Africa
  - *Suburbanization of Recent Immigrants*
    - Ethnic Background and Economic Status of these Newcomers is Extremely Diverse
    - Toronto and Vancouver versus Montréal
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# Recent Immigrants, Toronto, 1971 and 2006

Recent Immigrant (1965-1971) Percentage of the Population by Census Tracts, Toronto CMA, 1971

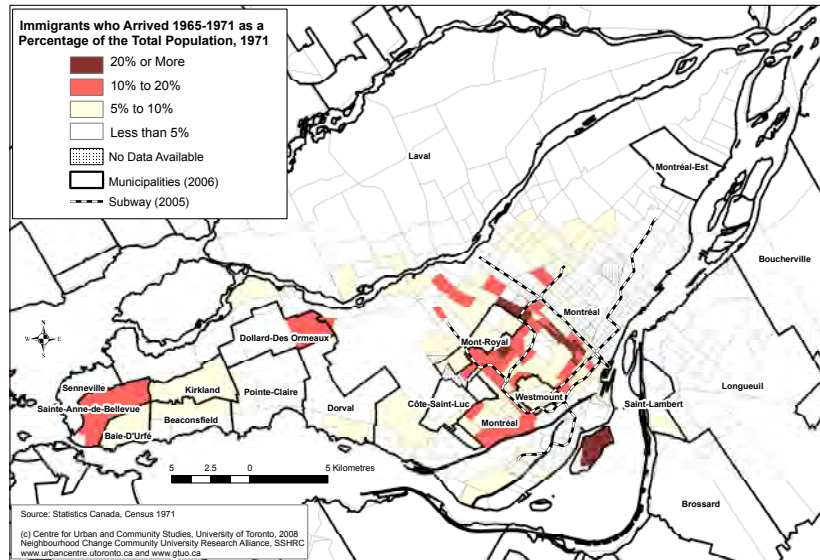


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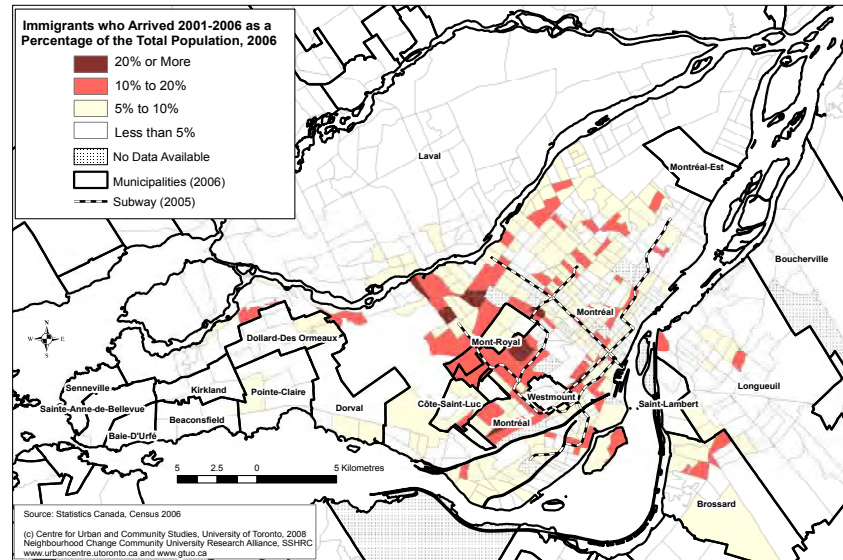


# Recent Immigrants, Montréal, 1971 and 2006

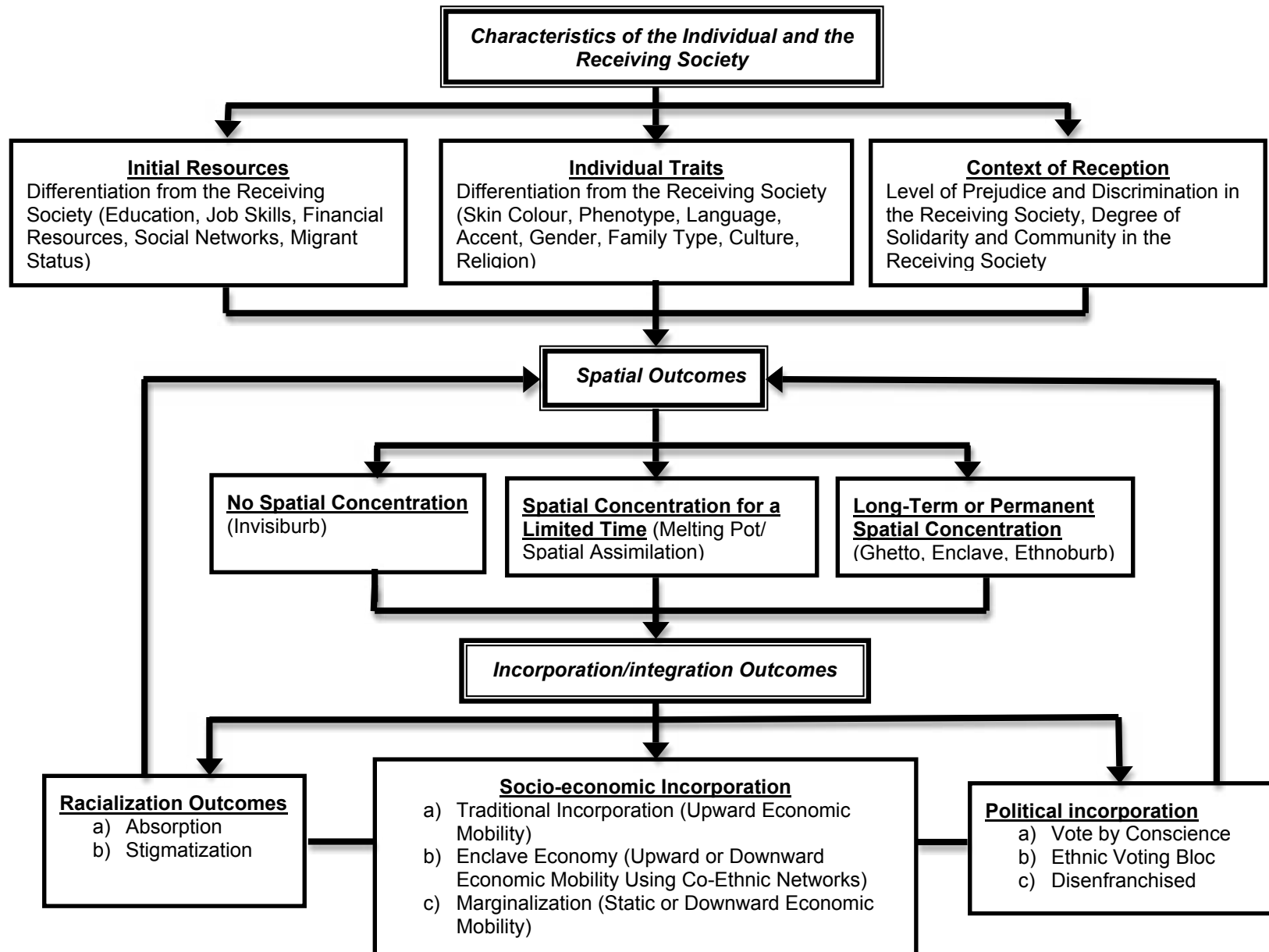
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# A Typology of Immigrant Settlement and Integration: Murdie & Skop, 2011



# As A Result . . . .

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- Process of Immigrant Settlement and Integration can Take Different Forms. The ‘One Pattern Fits All’ model (e.g. Spatial Assimilation) no Longer Resonates with the Experiences of Contemporary Immigrants in Specific Cities
  - Toronto vs. Montréal (Germain, 2011)
    - Toronto: Many Large Ethnic Groups Living in Relatively Homogeneous Neighbourhoods/Pros and Cons?
    - Montréal: Numerically Smaller Ethnic Groups Living in Multiethnic Neighbourhoods/Pros and Cons?
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# Towards a Research Agenda (1)

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- Systemic/Quantitative Perspectives
    - Statistical Analyses Based on Census Tract Data
      - Segregation and Spatial Concentration of Immigrant Groups in Major Canadian Cities
      - Extent of Ethno-cultural Homogeneity/Heterogeneity within Neighbourhoods
      - Change over Time (If the city becomes more polarized will neighbourhoods become more homogeneous ethnically?)
    - Conceptual Perspectives/Explanations
      - Voluntary (Enabling) vs. Involuntary (Constrained Choice) Perspectives. Most Immigrant Neighbourhoods Best Expressed as a Combination of the Two Perspectives. Need for Theory and Empirical Evidence. New Forms (e.g. Ethnoburb)
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# Towards a Research Agenda (2)

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- Typology of Immigrant Neighbourhoods
    - Based on a Statistical (Cluster) Analysis of Census Tract Data of Immigrant Neighbourhoods Pooled for all Major Canadian CMAs (Immigrants >??%)
      - Differences Between and Within CMAs
      - The Basis for Neighbourhood Case Studies
    - Case Studies of Individual Neighbourhoods Selected from the Typology (e.g., Uniethnic, Multiethnic, Recent Immigrants, More Established Immigrants, Ethnic Origin)
    - Bridge to Life Chances/Lived Experience/Qualitative Perspectives
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# Towards a Research Agenda (3)

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- Life Chances/Lived Experience/Qualitative Perspectives
    - Integration/Incorporation Outcomes of Immigrant Groups in Each Neighbourhood
      - Housing, Employment, Language, Community Engagement
      - Emphasis on a Longitudinal Perspective (e.g., “Housing Career”)
    - How Attained?
      - Assistance from Social Networks, NGOs, Municipalities
      - Reception by Existing Population
    - Subjective Evaluation
      - Neighbourhood Identity. Neighbourhood as “Community”
  - Final Question
    - The Fragmented or Cosmopolitan Metropolis?
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