

# LISA RUTH BRUNNER

Curriculum vitae

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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2024–present **Public Policy Consultant**, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia

2023–present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Political Science and the Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia

- Funded by the Canada First Research Excellence Fund
- Research collaborator on three national [Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides](#) projects (in the [Citizenship and belonging in a globalized and digitalized world](#) research cluster):
  - [Narratives of citizenship](#) (PI: Antje Ellermann)
  - [Naturalization ceremonies](#) (PI: Antje Ellermann)
  - [Individual and structural barriers to citizenship acquisition](#) (PI: Vince Hopkins)

## EDUCATION

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2023 **Ph.D.**, Educational Studies, University of British Columbia

- Dissertation: [The ethics of edugration: Canada's higher education-migration nexus](#)
- Co-supervisors: Vanessa Andreotti and Sharon Stein

2014 **Certificate**, Immigration, University of British Columbia

2011 **M.A.**, Geography, Simon Fraser University  
**Certificate**, University Teaching and Learning

- Thesis: [From protracted situations to protracted separations: Acehnese-Canadian refugee settlement in Vancouver, BC](#)
- Supervisor: Jennifer Hyndman

2006 **B.A.**, Political Science and English Literature (honors), University of Pittsburgh  
**Certificate**, Film Studies  
**Certificate**, Women's Studies

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

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2014–present **Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant**, in good standing with the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (member #R511382)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed (double-anonymized) journal articles

- In press Stein, S., Andreotti, V., Restoule, J., Vukovic, R., McGregor, C., Francis Pelton, L., Hundza, S., Milford, T., Seager, W., Randhawa, J., **Brunner, L. R.**, & Mohajeri, A. Deepening relational capacity to confront the polycrisis in higher education and beyond. *Higher Education Research and Development*.
- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.** International student mobility and the politics of distance education. *British Journal of Educational Technology*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/bjet.13543>
- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, Shokirova, T., Stein, S., & Gamal, M. Higher education's care/control of refugee and displaced students: Tools for more ethical supports. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.29333/ejecs/2212>
- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, Trilokekar, R. D., Morris-Lange, S. Liu, H., Laufer, M., El Masri, A., & Joshi, A. Magnets, gatekeepers, surveillants, and refiners: The emergence of higher education institutions as migration governance actors in Australia, Canada, and Germany, 1990 to 2019. *International Journal of Educational Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijer.2024.102490>
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, Karki, K. K., & Valizadeh, N., Shokirova, T., & Coustere, C. Unfamiliarities, uncertainties, and ambivalent long-term intentions: Conceptualizing international student-migrant settlement and integration. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-024-01116-1>
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Tao, W. W. Artificial intelligence and automation in the migration governance of international students: A collaborative accidental ethnography. *Journal of International Students*.  
<https://doi.org/10.32674/jis.v14i4.5762>
- 2024 Coustere, C., **Brunner, L. R.**, Shokirova, T., Karki, K., & Valizadeh, N. International graduate students as labour: Responding to the global imaginary. *Higher Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10734-023-01118-5>
- 2024 Shokirova, T., & **Brunner, L. R.** Diminishing graduate student-teacher power dynamics through care and vulnerability. *Feminist Pedagogy*.  
<https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/feministpedagogy/vol4/iss4/10>
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R.** Settler nation-building through immigration as a rationale for higher education: A critical discourse analysis. *Higher Education Research & Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07294360.2023.2193732>
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R.** Higher education institutions as eyes of the state: Canada's international student compliance regime. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2022.2037407>

- 2023 **Brunner, L. R.**, Streitwieser, B., & Bhandari, R. Classifications and clarifications: Rethinking international student mobility and the voluntariness of migration. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2023.2261416>
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R.** Towards a more just Canadian education-migration system: International student mobility in crisis. *Studies in Social Justice*.  
<https://doi.org/10.26522/ssj.v16i1.2685>
- 2022 Shokirova, T., **Brunner, L. R.**, Coustere, C., Karki, K., & Valizadeh, N. Confronting and reimagining the orientation of international graduate students: A collaborative autoethnography approach. *Journal of Teaching and Learning*. <https://doi.org/10.22329/jtl.v16i2.7019>
- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** 'Edugration' as a wicked problem: Higher education and three-step immigration. *Journal of Comparative & International Higher Education*. <https://doi.org/10.32674/jcihe.v13i5S.4061>
- 2017 **Brunner, L. R.** Higher educational institutions as emerging immigrant selection actors: A history of British Columbia's retention of international graduates, 2001–2016. *Policy Reviews in Higher Education*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23322969.2016.1243016>
- 2014 **Brunner, L. R.**, Hyndman, J., & Mountz, A. 'Waiting for a wife': Transnational marriages and the social dimensions of refugee 'integration.' *Refuge*. <https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.38664>

### Submitted journal articles

**Brunner, L. R.**, & McCartney, D. Colonial logics as public secrets in international student mobility. Under review with *Nordic Journal of Comparative and International Education*.

### Journal articles in preparation

**Brunner, L. R.**, Marquez, C. R., Zezyulina, N. Competing problematizations of virtual naturalization ceremonies. In preparation for *Social Problems*.

**Brunner, L. R.**, & Ellermann, A. Narrating nationhood: State-sponsored depictions of Indigenous-settler relations in Canadian citizenship guides. In preparation for *Journal of Ethic and Migration Studies*.

**Brunner, L. R.**, & Li, G. The conflicting aims of higher education admission and immigration selection criteria. In preparation for *Comparative and International Education*.

**Brunner, L. R.**, Ellermann, A., & YoungWolfe, D. Migration arguments as colonial entitlements. In preparation for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

**Brunner, L. R.**, & McCartney, D. M. Contesting international student mobility as a 'backdoor' into Canada. In preparation for *Politics & Policy*.

Coleman, K., Balandina, N., MacPherson, K., James, A., **Brunner, L. R.**, Baker, S., & Streitwieser, B. Does the academy care? Higher education media coverage of displaced students. In preparation for *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*.

### Refereed book chapters

In press **Brunner, L. R.**, & Shokirova, T. Working with international students. In B. P. Vareed, H. Gateri, & P. B. Adjei (Eds.), *Critical Multicultural Social Work in Canada*. Springer.

In press Marom, L., **Brunner, L. R.**, Chhina, G., & Fontaine, P. Constructions of Punjabi international students in Canadian news media. A. P. Kaur & I. S. Rajan (Eds.), *Punjabi diaspora: Sociocultural, economic, and political engagements*. Routledge.

### Other refereed publications

2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Cervantes-Macías, M. E. Reflections on Canada's first international student cap. *Critical Internationalization Studies Review*. <https://doi.org/10.70531/2832-3211.1043> (Originally published February 2024 as: [Reflections on Canada's first international student cap](#) by the Critical Internationalization Studies Network).

2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, Streitwieser, B., & Bhandari, R. [International student mobility, opportunity, and the voluntariness of migration: A new conceptual approach](#). *International Higher Education*. (Republished as: [A new 'edugration' approach to international student mobility](#) in *University World News*).

2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Tao, W. W. Artificial intelligence and the governance of international migration. *Mobile People & Diverse Societies* (Eurac Research Science Blog). <https://doi.org/10.57708/BFZLXO9QXRQWGQXNVDBZMKG>

2023 **Brunner, L. R.** Feeling foreign. In L. A. Arasaratnam-Smith & D. K. Deardorff (Eds.), [Developing intercultural competence in higher education: International students' stories and self-reflection](#). Routledge.

2022 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Li, G. [The conflicting aims of university admission and immigration selection criteria in Canadian 'edugration.'](#) *University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies Working Paper Series*.

2017 **Brunner, L. R.** [Education quality assurance in British Columbia](#). *Canadian Bureau for International Education PhD Research Series*.

2010 **Brunner, L. R.**, Hyndman, J., & Friesen, C. [Aceh-Malaysia-Vancouver: Settlement among Acehnese refugees five years on](#). *Metropolis British Columbia Working Paper Series*.

## Reports

- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.**, Khajeh, M., & Silva, C. *Understanding Canadian resettlement pathways to assist Afghan scholars, researchers, advocates, and civil society actors*. Scholars at Risk Canada Section Emergency Report.
- 2010 **Brunner, L. R.** [\*Changing faces, changing neighbourhoods: Government assisted refugee settlement patterns in Metro Vancouver\*](#). Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia.

## Policy Briefs

Internal policy analysis commissioned by, and distributed to member organizations of, the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia:

- 2024 *Canada's temporary resident reductions* (April 12)
- 2024 *Canada's 2024 federal budget* (April 26)
- 2024 *Canada's citizenship rate decline* (May 12)
- 2024 *Canadian emigration* (May 31)
- 2024 *European Parliament elections* (July 4)
- 2024 *International students in Canada* (July 16)
- 2024 *Rhetorical shifts in public policy discussions of migration* (July 29)
- 2024 *Canada's migrant worker program* (August 9)
- 2024 *Canada's Safe Third Country Agreement* (August 24)
- 2024 *Public attitudes towards immigration* (September 20)
- 2024 *Rhetorical framing of immigration within U.S. and Canadian political discourse* (October 4)
- 2024 *Immigration in the BC provincial election campaign* (October 17)
- 2024 *Canada's 2025-2027 Immigration Levels Plan* (October 29)
- 2024 *Impacts of a second Trump U.S. presidency* (November 29)
- 2024 *Eby's new BC New Democratic Party cabinet* (December 19)
- 2025 *Justin Trudeau's resignation* (January 21)
- 2025 *Migrants working in Canada's construction industry* (March 9)
- 2025 *What does Prime Minister Mark Carney think about immigration?* (March 25)

- 2025 *Pierre Poilievre's immigration rhetoric* (March 29)
- 2025 *Bloc Québécois, NDP, Greens, and People's Party immigration rhetoric* (April 4)
- 2025 *Hate and far-right extremism in Canada* (April 25)

## Public commentary

- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.** [Canada should be opening more doors to gifted refugee students, not closing them](#). *Policy Options*.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.** [International study cap: How some private companies are marketing tech and AI solutions](#). *The Conversation*. (Republished as: [Admissions: The growing impact of immigration issues](#) in *University World News*.)
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Coustere, C. [Migration experts scrutinize Justin Trudeau's explanation for immigration cuts](#). *The Conversation*. (Widely republished, including as: [Immigration cuts are coming. What do they mean?](#) in *The Tyee*, and [Migration experts analyze Trudeau's explanation for immigration cuts](#) in *The UBC Magazine*).
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Pratt, G. [Canada has finally started upending this two-step approach to immigration. We have questions](#). *Toronto Star*.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Trilokekar, R. D. [International students as problems and solutions: Shifting narratives in Canada's international education and immigration landscape](#). *University Affairs*. (Republished in French: [Quand les étudiant.e.s de l'étranger représentent à la fois problèmes et solutions](#)).
- 2024 Coustere, C., & **Brunner, L. R.** [The complex costs of Quebec's international student policy reforms](#). *University Affairs*.
- 2024 Trilokekar, R. D., El Masri, A., & **Brunner, L. R.** [The good, the bad and the ugly: Who is to blame when policy lacks clarity, coordination and is contradictory?](#) *The PIE News*.
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Unangst, L. [Can Canadian models help refugees in the United States?](#) *University World News*.
- 2023 Shokirova, T., **Brunner, L. R.**, & Coustere, C. [How to handle the transition to parenthood as an international student](#). *University Affairs*. (Republished in French: [Devenir parent quand on est étudiant.e international.e : conseils pour une transition réussie](#)).
- 2023 Shokirova, T., **Brunner, L. R.**, Karki, K. K., Coustere, C., & Valizadeh, N. [Reimagining international graduate student orientation](#). *University Affairs*. (Republished in French: [Réinventer l'accueil des étudiant.e.s de l'étranger aux cycles supérieurs](#)).
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R.** [The ethical complexities of Canada's dependence on education](#). *University Affairs*.

- 2021 Sabzalieva, E., Moscovitz, H., & **Brunner, L. R.** [The new geopolitics of international higher education](#). *University World News*.
- 2010 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Friesen, C. [The changing faces and neighbourhoods of government assisted refugees in Metro Vancouver](#). *Cultures West*.

### Book reviews

- 2017 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Metcalfe, A. Book review of "The Aims of Higher Education: Problems of Morality and Justice" by Harry Brighouse and Michael McPherson (eds.). *Teachers College Record*.
- 2010 **Brunner, L. R.** Book review of "Handbook of Tourist Behavior" by Metin Kozak and Alain Decrop (eds.). *The Canadian Geographer*.
- 2010 **Brunner, L. R.** Book review of "Everyday Urban Public Space: Turkish Immigrant Women's Perspective" by Eda Ünlü Yücesoy. *Social & Cultural Geography*.
- 2010 **Brunner, L. R.** Book review of "Itineraries in Conflict: Israelis, Palestinians, and the Political Lives of Tourism" by Rebecca L. Stein. *Environment and Planning D*.
- 2009 **Brunner, L. R.** Book review of "Telling Young Lives: Portraits of Global Youth" by Craig Jeffrey and Jane Dyson (eds.). *Cultural Geography*.

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2025	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> , Immigration Research Initiative, Department of Political Science, Concordia University	Room, board, + travel costs
2025	<b>Conference Grant</b> , Constellation of Truths, University of Victoria	Room, board, + travel costs
2023	<b>Sessional Conference Fund Grant</b> , Faculty Association, University of British Columbia	\$1,500
2022	<b>Student Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization Funding Grant</b> (co-applicant), Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia	\$1,000
2022	<b>Graduate Student Travel and Research Presentation Fund</b> , Educational Studies Department, University of British Columbia	\$2,000
2022	<b>Graduate Student Affiliate Travel Award</b> , Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia	\$800
2022	<b>Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant</b> , Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia	\$750

2022	<b>Graduate Student Travel and Research Dissemination Fund</b> , Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of British Columbia	\$500
2021	<b>Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaboration Grant</b> , Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia	\$1,100
2017	<b>Summer Forum for Inquiry + Exchange</b> (artist residency), Kāneʻohe, Hawaii	Room + board
2017	<b>Liu Migration Network Event Funding Grants</b> (multiple), Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia	\$3,000
2016	<b>Bombardier Canada Graduate Doctoral Scholarship</b> , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	\$105,000
2016	<b>Four Year Doctoral Fellowship</b> , University of British Columbia (accepted at reduced amount)	\$72,800 + four years tuition
2016	<b>Killam Doctoral Scholarship</b> , Killam Trusts (accepted at reduced amount)	\$62,000 + two years tuition
2016	Named as <b>Liu Scholar</b> , Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia (five-year term)	N/A
2010	<b>Mitacs Accelerate Research Internship</b>	\$10,000
2009	<b>Graduate Fellowship</b> , Geography Department, Simon Fraser University	\$6,500
2007	<b>Fulbright U.S. Student Program Grant</b> , U.S. State Department	\$25,000
2006	<b>Brackenridge Research Fellowship</b> , Honors College, University of Pittsburgh	\$3,500
2005	<b>Brackenridge Research Fellowship</b> , Honors College, University of Pittsburgh	\$3,500

## AWARDS

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2023	<b>Settlement and Integration Practices that Work</b> (for "Digital immigration advising tools for international university students"), Pathways to Prosperity and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	\$600
2022	<b>Graduate Merit Award</b> , Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences	\$500

2021	<b>Joseph Katz Memorial Scholarship</b> , Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia	\$2,225
2016	<b>Killam Donald N. Byers Memorial Prize</b> , Killam Trusts	\$3,000 + award ceremony travel
2015	<b>PhD Entrance Award</b> , Special UBC Graduate Scholarship, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia	\$15,000
2010	<b>Chris Taylor Award</b> , Metropolis British Columbia	\$1,000 + award ceremony travel

## INVITED TALKS

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2025	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> , Trilokekar, R. D., & Morris-Lange, S. (upcoming). <i>Higher education institutions as migration governance actors in Australia, Canada, and Germany, 1990 to 2019</i> . Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Wissenschaftswerkstatt (Science Workshop), Virtual.
2025	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> (upcoming). <i>Understanding shifts in Canadian immigration and public opinion</i> . Immigrant Welcome Centre's Welcoming Communities Coalition, Virtual.
2025	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>Get your research 'out there': Communicating with popular audiences</i> . Global Scholar Fund Experience-Sharing series, Global PhD Network in Education, University of Manchester, Virtual.
2025	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>Canada's temporary resident population reductions: Impacts on service provision</i> [keynote address]. Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia Provincial Forum, Vancouver, BC.
2024	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>Canada's International Student Program policy changes: How did we get here and where are we going?</i> International Institute of Migration and Development and Utrecht University, Virtual.
2024	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>Immigration issues for international students</i> . Canadian Bar Association BC Immigration Law conference, Vancouver, BC.
2024	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> , & Shokirova, T. <i>Towards more ethical international education advising during times of change</i> . Canadian Bureau for International Education Student Advising-Conseil aux étudiants Presents series, Virtual.
2023	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>University orientation, newcomer settlement, or immigrant integration?: Conceptualizing edu-gration</i> . Manchester Metropolitan University Education and Social Research Institute, Virtual.
2023	<b>Brunner, L. R.</b> <i>A scholar-practitioner perspective on Canada's international student ecosystem in Canada</i> . Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies Summit, Surrey, BC.

- 2023 Trilokekar, R. D., **Brunner, L. R.**, Morris-Lange, S., Haas, C., & Joshi, A. *International students are "ideal" immigrants: A critical discourse analysis of study-migration pathways in Canada, Australia and Germany*. Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Wissenschaftswerkstatt (Science Workshop), Virtual.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R.** *Immigration and settlement: Impact and gaps in policy*. International Student Experience Summit, City of Brampton and Sheridan College, Brampton, ON (presented virtually).
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R.** *Bettering best practices: Cultivating agency for international students*. Canadian Bureau for International Education International Network of Tomorrow's Leaders webinar, Virtual.
- 2022 Shokirova, T., & **Brunner, L. R.** *Reimagining the orientation of international graduate students*. University of Regina Faculty Social Work Research Centre, Virtual.
- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** *Higher education institutions as eyes of the state: Canada's international compliance regime*. University of Oxford Centre for Global Higher Education, Virtual.
- 2016 **Brunner, L. R.** *'Grey areas' in international student immigration policy*. Canadian Bar Association National Immigration Law conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 **Brunner, L. R.** *Is Canada really generous? Breaking the Cycle: Canada's Refugee Record on the Global Stage* symposium, Vancouver, BC.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Conferences organized

- 2025 Migration, borders, and the politics of inclusion and exclusion (upcoming; co-organizer). Queen's University Belfast School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

### Panels organized

- 2025 *Revisioning newcomer settlement and integration from the ground up*. Co-sponsored by the University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies and Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia, Virtual.
- 2025 *Navigating intersectionality, policy, and activism: Queer international students in the Global North*. Co-sponsored by Research with International Students and the Critical Internationalization Studies Network, Virtual.
- 2025 *The crash of the international student 'market': Facing the consequences*. University of British Columbia Green College special event, Vancouver, BC.

- 2024 *Cash cows and back doors: Contesting media representations of international students.* Pathways to Prosperity conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 *The crash of the international student 'market': Causes, consequences, and the future of Canadian higher education* (co-organizer). Co-sponsored by the Critical Internationalization Studies Network, Simon Fraser University Centre for Research on International Education, University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies, and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Education Professor of Climate Complexity and Coloniality, Virtual.
- 2024 *Citizenship and belonging: A research and service provider perspective.* Metropolis Identities conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 *How do provincial and municipal governments utilize research?* Pathways to Prosperity Workshop Series, Virtual.
- 2023 *Higher education institutions as immigration actors: Practicalities and complexities.* Canadian Bureau for International Education conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2022 *International students as 'ideal' immigrants: How COVID-19 further exposed disconnects between policy, practice, and the lived experiences of international students in Canada, Italy, and Germany* (co-organizer). International Metropolis conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2023 *International student settlement supports across and within sectors: Challenges and best practices in BC, Nova Scotia, and Ontario.* Pathways to Prosperity conference, Virtual.
- 2022 *Producing policy-relevant research: A roundtable for graduate students and junior scholars with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada representatives* (co-organizer). Pathways to Prosperity conference, Virtual.
- 2017 *Responsible research with the settlement sector.* After the Flight: Community-University Refugee & Migration conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2013 *IRPA section 91: Changing roles in international student advising?* Canadian Bureau for International Education conference, Vancouver, BC.

### Papers presented

- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Ellermann, A. (upcoming). Truth and reconciliation in Canadian and Australian citizenship guides. American Political Science Association annual conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2025 Coustere, C., **Brunner, L. R.**, Shokirova, T., & Valizadeh, N. (upcoming). International students as labour: Experiencing the global imaginary in Canada's post-secondary education. Royal Geographical Society & Institute of British Geographers annual conference, Birmingham, England (presenting virtually).

- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.** (upcoming). Are international students “ideal” immigrants?: A critical discourse analysis of shifting imageries of international students and their implications for policy and practice in Canada, Australia and Germany. Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education conference, Toronto, ON (presenting virtually).
- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, Marquez, C. R., Zezyulina, N. Competing problematizations of virtual naturalization ceremonies. Migration, Mobilities, and Changing Political Landscapes (University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies Annual Research Conference), Vancouver, BC.
- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.**, & McCartney, D. M. *Contesting international student mobility as a 'backdoor' into Canada*. Constellation of truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.** *A migration perspective*. The crash of the international student 'market': Causes, consequences, and the future of Canadian higher education. Co-sponsored by the Critical Internationalization Studies Network, Simon Fraser University Centre for Research on International Education, University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies, and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Education Professor of Climate Complexity and Coloniality, Virtual.
- 2024 Shokirova, T., **Brunner, L. R.**, & Karki, K. K. *Bound by borders, defined by roles: International student partners and the renegotiation of gender relations*. Pathways to Prosperity conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 Marom, L., **Brunner, L. R.**, Fontaine, P., & Chhina, G. *Back, open, and closed doors: Canadian mainstream media representations of Punjabi international students, 2020-2024*. Pathways to Prosperity conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, and Ellermann, A. *Narratives of Indigeneity and settler identity in citizenship study guides*. Canadian Ethnic Studies Association conference, Edmonton, AB.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.**, & Ellermann, A. *Truth, reconciliation, and an evolving national identity*. Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia Leadership Forum, Burnaby, BC.
- 2024 **Brunner, L. R.** *'Edugration' at a distance: Virtual internationalization, migration, and discourses of 'taking up space'*. European Consortium for Political Research conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2024 Streitwieser, B., & **Brunner, L. R.** *Classifications and clarifications: Rethinking higher education's role in international student mobility and the voluntariness of migration*. Comparative and International Education Society conference, Virtual.

- 2023 **Brunner, L. R., & Shokirova, T.** *Towards more ethical international education advising: Tools for hyper-self-reflexivity.* Canadian Bureau for International Education conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R.** *Settler nation-building through immigration as a rationale for higher education: A critical discourse analysis.* Pathways to Prosperity conference, Montreal, QC.
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R., & Shokirova, T.** *Towards a more ethical practice in higher education's support of displaced and forced migrant scholars/students.* Equipping Student Leaders as Partners for Sustainable Humanitarian Action conference, Waterloo, ON.
- 2023 **Brunner, L. R., & Tao, W.** *Artificial intelligence in Canada's governance of temporary migrants.* Toronto Metropolitan University Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration Working Group, Virtual.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R., & Trilokekar, R. D.** *Shifting 'edugration' discourses in Australia, Canada, and Germany: Higher education as the new immigration actor.* Association for the Study of Higher Education conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R., & Trilokekar, R. D.** *International students as 'ideal' immigrants: How COVID-19 further exposed disconnects between policy, practice, and the lived experiences of international students in Canada.* International Metropolis conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R.** *Virtuality, digitality, and artificial intelligence in the governance of international students.* National Center of Competence in Research (nccr) – on the move Neuchâtel Graduate Conference, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, Virtual.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R., Shokirova, T., Karki, K., Valizadeh, N., & Coustere, C.** *University orientation or newcomer 'integration'? International student settlement in Canada.* Canadian Sociological Association conference, Virtual.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R., Coustere, C., Karki, K., Shokirova, T., & Valizadeh, N.** *International graduate students as labour: Revisiting the global imaginary.* Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education conference, Virtual.
- 2022 **Brunner, L. R., & Li, G.** *'Ideal' immigrants: Mapping the capital accumulation of international post-secondary students in Canada.* Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education conference, Virtual.
- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** *Unsettling 'international student mobility': The colonial and imperialist logics underpinning its foundational terms.* Association for the Study of Higher Education Council on International Higher Education pre-conference, Virtual.
- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** *Nation-building, immigration, and rationales for higher education.* International Public Policy Association conference, Barcelona, Spain, Virtual.

- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** *Higher education institutions as eyes of the state: Canadian international student compliance reporting.* Comparative and International Education Society conference, Virtual.
- 2019 **Brunner, L. R.** *Arts-based social cartography: Using speculative fiction to educate desire.* International Society for Education through Art conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019 **Brunner, L. R.** *Critical internationalization, contractions, and complicity.* Shaping Sustainable Futures for Internationalization in Higher Education conference, Toronto, ON (presented virtually).
- 2016 **Brunner, L. R., & Paulmier, M.** *Navigating immigration policies to welcome international research students.* Canadian Bureau for International Education conference, Ottawa, ON.
- 2016 **Brunner, L. R., & Samuels, D.** *What we do when we 'do' immigration: RCICs and the navigation of institutional and immigration policy.* Internationalizing Higher Education: Past Practices and Future Possibilities conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 **Brunner, L. R.** *Higher educational institutions as immigrant selection actors.* Comparative and International Education Society conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2012 **Brunner, L. R.** *A comparative analysis of the resettlement outcomes of Acehnese and Karen government assisted refugees five years after arrival in Metro Vancouver.* Canada and Refugee Resettlement conference, Richmond, BC.

#### **Invited panelist, chair, or related role**

- 2025 *Understanding and addressing changing attitudes toward migrants and immigration in Canada* (chair). Pathways to Prosperity Canada, Virtual.
- 2025 *Empowered voices: Women's rights amidst migration & displacement* (facilitator). World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program event, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 *Navigating information, decision-making, and service delivery: Insights on international student mobility and settlement in Canada* (chair). Pathways to Prosperity conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2024 *Navigating uncertain times in international education.* Canadian Bureau for International Education International Network of Tomorrow's Leaders (guest speaker), Virtual.
- 2024 Insights into academic publishing (roundtable moderator). Center for Migration Studies International Research Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- 2021 Climate teaching connector (panelist). University of British Columbia Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, Virtual.

- 2017 Immigration and international students: The ins and outs of 2016 and predictions for 2017 (panelist). Canadian Bureau for International Education webinar, Virtual.
- 2017 Immigration in higher education (chair). Japanese Canadian Academic Consortium Annual Student Forum, Vancouver, BC.
- 2014 IRPA section 91: Changed roles in international student advising? (panelist). Canadian Bureau for International Education conference, Ottawa, ON.

## CAMPUS TALKS

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- 2025 **Brunner, L. R.** *International students in Canada's broader migration management regime*. The crash of the international student 'market': Facing the consequences. University of British Columbia Green College special event, Vancouver, BC.
- 2021 **Brunner, L. R.** 'Edugration' as a wicked problem. University of British Columbia Centre for Migration Studies Grad Student Power Hour, Virtual.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of British Columbia

#### *Instructor*

- **Current Issues in Higher Education** (graduate; spring 2024; hybrid)
- **Locating Oneself in Global Learning** (graduate; spring 2023; online)
- **Introduction to the Study of Higher Education** (undergraduate; summer 2023 and spring 2022; online)
- **Education, School, and Social Institutions** (undergraduate; fall 2021; in-person)

#### *Teaching assistant*

- **Education, School, and Social Institutions** (undergraduate; fall 2020; online)

### Simon Fraser University

#### *Instructor*

- **Multicultural and Race Relations Education: Policy Development and Program Implementation** (graduate; spring 2025; in-person)
- **International Teaching Assistants Seminar** (graduate non-credit; multiple terms/cohorts 2010–2012; in-person)

#### *Teaching assistant*

- **Regional Development and Planning** (undergraduate; fall 2011; in-person)
- **Global Development** (undergraduate; fall 2010; in-person)
- **Political Geography** (undergraduate; fall 2009; in-person)
- **Gender and Geography** (undergraduate; spring 2009; in-person)
- **Geography of Tourism** (undergraduate; fall 2008; in-person)

## Bilkent University

### *Instructor*

- **Academic English Speaking Skills** (undergraduate preparatory program; fall 2007, spring 2008, and summer 2008; in-person)

## University of Pittsburgh

### *Teaching assistant*

- **Seminar in Composition** (undergraduate; spring 2006 and fall 2006; in-person)

## Guest Lectures

- **International and Intercultural Education**, Simon Fraser University (spring 2024 and summer 2024)
- **Canadian Government and Politics**, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (spring 2024 and fall 2024)
- **Student Experiences & Educational Outcomes in Colleges & Universities**, York University (summer 2024)
- **International Higher Education**, George Washington University (fall 2023 and fall 2024)
- **Internationalization of Higher Education**, York University (fall 2022 and fall 2024)
- **Introduction to International Studies**, Alexander College (summer 2022)
- **Global Perspectives on International Education**, Royal Roads University (spring 2022)
- **Comparative Education**, University of British Columbia (fall 2020, fall 2021, fall 2022, and fall 2023)
- **Teaching English Language Learners through Cross-Curricular Inquiry** B.Ed. cohort, University of British Columbia (fall 2020)
- **Higher Education Systems in Canada**, University of British Columbia (summer 2019)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2023–2024 | <b>Research Assistant</b> , Simon Fraser University<br>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant<br><i>Experiences of Punjabi international students in BC</i> (PI: Lilach Marom)   |
| 2022–2023 | <b>Research Assistant</b> , York University<br>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant<br><i>International students are 'ideal' immigrants: A critical discourse analysis of study-migration pathways in Canada, Australia and Germany</i> (PI: Roopa Desai Trilokekar) |

- 2012      **Research Assistant**, Simon Fraser University  
*Karen refugees after five years in Canada: Readyng communities for refugee resettlement* (PI: Jennifer Hyndman)
- 2011–2012      **Research Assistant**, Simon Fraser University  
 Stone, S. D., Crooks, V. A., & Owen, M. K., *Working Bodies: Chronic illness in the Canadian workplace*. McGill-Queen's University Press.  
 (PI: Valorie Crooks)
- 2010      **Research Assistant**, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of British Columbia  
 Semi-structured interviews and data analysis for *Safe Harbour* project
- 2010      **Researcher**, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia (ISSofBC)  
 Geographic information systems mapping, data analysis, and visualization for *Government assisted refugee settlement patterns in Metro Vancouver*
- 2008–2010      **Research Assistant**, Simon Fraser University  
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant *Settlement among Acehnese refugees five years on* (PI: Jennifer Hyndman) and Hyndman, J., *Dual disasters: Humanitarian aid after the 2004 tsunami*. Kumarian Press.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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### Podcasts and radio interviews

- 2025      **CBC Radio** On the Coast with Gloria Macarenko: [Kwantlen Polytechnic University announces mass layoffs](#)
- 2025      **Borderlines** podcast: [Options for international students narrowing in 2025, asylum claims increasing, with Lisa Brunner](#)
- 2024      **Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences** *Big Thinking* podcast: [Navigating Canada's immigration and education nexus](#)
- 2024      **Vancouver Coop Radio** *Redeye* show/podcast: [Trudeau's message glosses over complexities of immigration](#)
- 2024      **International Cash Cows** podcast: [Navigating the shifting landscape](#)
- 2024      **Toronto Star** *It's Political* podcast: [Is Canada's consensus on immigration fracturing?](#)

### TV interviews

- 2025      **Global News** Morning BC: [Expert on Trump crackdown](#)

2024 **OMNI Television:** [Sondaggio Leger, il "Canadian dream" è sempre più difficile realizzare](#)

### Print interviews

2025 **The Tyee:** [Immigration Cuts Are Hurting Education in Small Communities](#)

2025 **The Tyee:** [Are Canadians Safe Travelling to the US?](#)

2025 **CBC News:** [B.C.'s Kwantlen Polytechnic University lays off 70 faculty members](#)

2025 **CityNews Vancouver:** [What other impacts could the Trump administration have on B.C.?](#)

2024 **The Signal:** [The tuition gap between domestic and international students in Canada](#)

2024 **Toronto Star:** [Canadian startup that has helped spur our international student growth has cut its workforce in Ontario](#)

2024 **Washington Post:** [Canada bet big on immigration. Now it's hitting the brakes.](#)

2024 **La Source:** [En quoi la réduction du nombre d'étudiants étrangers admis au Canada constitue un revirement historique?](#)

2024 **UBC News:** [How the international student cap affects immigration to Canada](#)

2022 **Toronto Star:** [How Canada can fix its 'predatory' relationship with international students](#)

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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### Journal editorial boards

2025–present *Comparative and International Education/Éducation Comparée et Internationale*

### Monograph proposal reviews

2025 Oxford University Press

2023 Palgrave Macmillan

### Journal manuscript reviews

*British Educational Research Journal*  
*British Journal of Educational Technology*  
*Canadian Ethnic Studies*  
*Comparative and International Education*

*Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*  
*European Journal of Higher Education*  
*Globalisation, Societies and Education*  
*Higher Education*  
*International Journal of Education Research*  
*International Journal of Migration and Border Studies*  
*Journal of Comparative & International Higher Education*  
*Journal of International Migration and Integration*  
*Journal of International Students*  
*Journal of Migration and Border Studies*  
*Progress in Economic Geography*  
*SN Social Sciences*  
*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*

### **National committee service**

- 2023–present **Advisory Committee**, Pathways to Prosperity
- 2021–present **Standing Committee of Students and Junior Scholar Engagement**, Pathways to Prosperity (Co-chair 2023–present)

### **Mentorship**

- 2023–2024 **Advisor**, International Network of Tomorrow's Leaders, Canadian Bureau for International Education
- 2015–2016 **Mentor**, International Network of Tomorrow's Leaders, Canadian Bureau for International Education

### **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2022–present **Scholars at Risk Committee**, University of British Columbia
- 2021–2022 **Executive Committee**, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia
- 2021–2022 **Coordinator**, Graduate Student Speaker Series, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia
- 2017–2019 **Coordinator**, Liu Migration Graduate Student Network, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia
- 2008–2010 **Co-Chair**, GeoSpeakers Series, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- 2021–2022 **Teaching Development Program for New Faculty**, Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, University of British Columbia

2021	<b>Intercultural Intersections in International Education: Reflective Practices through Dialogue</b> (Certificate), British Columbia Council for International Education
2020	<b>Foundations of Project Management</b> , Mitacs Training, University of British Columbia
2012	<b>Mental Health First Aid Canada</b> , Mental Health Commission of Canada
2009	<b>Summer Course on Refugee and Forced Migration Issues</b> , Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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2023–2024	<b>Consultant</b> , Canadian Bureau for International Education, Ottawa, ON
2012–2023	<b>International Student Advisor</b> , Student Affairs, University of British Columbia
2017	<b>Strategic Initiatives &amp; Special Projects Coordinator</b> , Student Affairs, University of British Columbia (secondment)
2011–2012	<b>Curriculum Developer</b> , Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
2011–2012	<b>Consultant</b> , Cultural Orientation Resource Center, Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, DC