

**What's new in RDC data portfolio? – Morning session
Preconference Workshop
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Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Date: October 23, 9:00-12:00

Venue: TBA

Amid growing demand by RDC researchers for administrative and linked datasets, Statistics Canada has been active in developing and disseminating new datasets to meet the needs of researchers. The goal of this session is twofold: showcase new and forthcoming datasets in RDCs; and illustrate the novel research capacity of these datasets.

9:00-10:15 An introduction to working with the Longitudinal and International Study of Adults family files

Instructor: Gaëlle Simard-Duplain, Statistics Canada

The Longitudinal and International Study of Adults (LISA) is a biennial household panel survey, whose respondents were originally linked to administrative data going as far back as 1982. The administrative linkage was recently extended to include all past and present family members of respondents (“family files”). Researchers interested in using the family files face three challenges, around which the workshop is structured.

- Challenge #1: A base knowledge of personal income tax records (T1 Family Files) is beneficial: the workshop will provide an introduction to these records.
- Challenge #2: Users may be unfamiliar with the structure of the linkage key they are provided to reconstruct families: the instructor will walk participants through the construction of LISA families.
- Challenge #3: There are practical and methodological limitations to following families over time: the workshop will discuss particular considerations for longitudinal analysis.

No preparation is required, but participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the LISA:

<http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=5144>

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00 Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB)

Instructor: Tristan Cayn, Statistics Canada, and Dr. Yoko Yoshida, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University

The Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB), at the heart of immigration research in Canada, integrates administrative immigration records and annual tax files. It is a comprehensive source of data on the short- and long-term socio-economic outcomes of immigrants and non-permanent residents after their arrival in Canada. This workshop will first provide an overview of the IMDB, a summary of new data elements, and guidance on how to use this large and complex database for analysis. The workshop will also be an opportunity to learn about Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's 2020 National Essay Challenge.

Then Professor Yoshida, currently working on a couple of SSHRC-funded research projects using the IMDB as the main dataset (on immigrants' integration and retention, and on adulthood transition of refugee youths and children), will be discussing and sharing her experience of using the IMDB.