

ICCS Fellowship Goes a Long Way

A Postdoctoral Fellowship award granted by ICCS to a foreign scholar has allowed Canada to realize a significant acquisition, that is a fully qualified university professor. The most significant effect of this grant has certainly been to attract a fully qualified university teacher to Canada, since Ms. Elke Winter, who came to Canada to pursue research within the Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project (EDG), decided to stay in Canada and take the position of Assistant Professor for the Sociology Department at the University of Ottawa. In a recent article, University Affairs stated that universities would hire up to 35,000 new teachers by 2016.

The ICCS award enabled Ms. **Elke Winter**, a German university researcher, to come to Canada in order to pursue her research within the Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project (EDG). At the end of her award, Ms Winter decided to stay in Canada and take the position of Assistant Professor for the Sociology Department at the University of Ottawa. This is an important gain given the excellence of her academic file.

The EDG project to which Ms. Winter collaborated is an international research and cooperation project that studies the empirical sources of ethnic politics, the normative ideals that should guide state responses to diversity and the ways ethnic diversity can be governed. This project was chaired by Professor Bruce Berman and based at Queen's University in Kingston. Previously, Ms. Winter held postdoctoral fellowships at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Universiteit van Amsterdam and Queen's University. She received a \$10,000 grant from ICCS to help her complete her research on the last decade of the 20th century, the last one of the "differentialist turn", and that ended abruptly on September 11th, 2001. Her research allowed her to contact an extensive literature review and study the resulting concerns and discourses. The results of her research have been included in many presentations and publications. They also lead to the preparation and inclusion of comparative research proposals (Europe/Canada) on multiculturalism. Ms. Winter also presented three papers at three different events: the Conference on Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies, held in Montreal on October 25-27th, 2007; the "400 Jahre Kanada : Klischee und Wirklichkeit", on November 7th, 2007, and finally during the EDG Speakers' series at Queen's University, on November 22nd, 2007.

Ms. Winter also submitted two articles for publication in international reviews and prepared a report for Canadian Heritage for roundtables at the above mentioned conference in Montreal, on October 25-27th, 2007. She also initiated several collaborative research projects with the University of Bristol, Carleton University and Queen's University. Finally, she is working on a book on Canadian multiculturalism. When her postdoctoral fellowship ended, Ms. Winter accepted the position as Assistant Professor at the University of Ottawa, because her new affiliation would allow her to maintain and deepen her contacts in Canada and use her integration into the European Studies network to further develop transatlantic comparisons on multiculturalism and the governance of ethnic diversity.