

**Immigration and Skilled Labour Force in Atlantic Canada: The role of Employers and
International Students.**

SB 260 (903, Robie Street, SMU campus).

March 8, 2024

AGENDA

- 1:00 pm** **Registration, networking and light refreshments**
- 1:10 – 1:20** **Greetings**
Dr. Ather Akbari – Event Chair
- Welcome and Introduction of Keynote speaker by**
- Dr. James O'Brien (Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research)
- 1:20 – 2:20** **Keynote speech**
- Dr. Tony Fang – Jarislowsky Chair in Economic and Cultural Transformation
(Memorial University of Newfoundland)
Recruitment, Retention, and Labour Market Integration of International Students: The
Role of Employers and Public Policy
- 2:20 – 2:30** **Tea/coffee break**
- 2:30 – 4:00** **International students in Atlantic Canada – Lived experience and some best
practices in public policy**
Public policy towards international students and preliminary results from a survey
of international students on their lived experiences.
Participants: Ather H. Akbari (Saint Mary's University), Peter Halpin (Atlantic
Association of Universities), Katie Orr (Nova Scotia Community College), Fernanda
Damiani (Gov. of New Brunswick), Francesca Southwell (SMUSA)
Moderator: Dr. Paul Dixon, Saint Mary's University
- 4:00-4:05** **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Akbari – Event Chair

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