



POPULATION CHANGE AND LIFECOURSE

Strategic Knowledge Cluster

Un Réseau stratégique de connaissances

CHANGEMENTS DE POPULATION ET PARCOURS DE VIE

Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster Update

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Cluster 2013 March 27-28 Event

Ottawa



Grant Competitions

- **Student Competitions**
- **Data Development**
- Dynamic Computer Modeling
- **Knowledge Mobilization**
- **Synthesis, Research & Policy Briefs**
- Faculty Exchange

Deadlines:

- 15 January
- 15 April
- 15 June
- 15 October



Student Competition

- Expanded in 2012 to include:
 - national conferences
 - post-docs
- Special Competitions
 - Summer Schools
 - March 2013 Event
- Greater spread across universities
- Internships with partner agencies

Graduate Student Trainings:

- Knowledge Translation and Synthesis Training, 2008
- CPS Graduate Research Development Conference, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013
 - Improved research
 - Effective presentations
- Training on knowledge mobilization
 - Clear writing
 - Effective use of internet (blogs, social media)



Data Development & Dynamic Computer Modeling

Data Development

- Development of tools
 - Data files conversion for longitudinal analysis (SLID, NPHS, YITS)
- Promoting use of tools
 - CRDCN National Conference
 - Summer schools and workshops – CIQSS, Western Summer School
- Administrative data & research collaboration

Computer Modeling

- 2010 workshop on computer modeling
- Textbook for Modgen Users
- Continuing support for trainings in LifePaths, other initiatives



Knowledge Mobilization

Conferences and Workshops

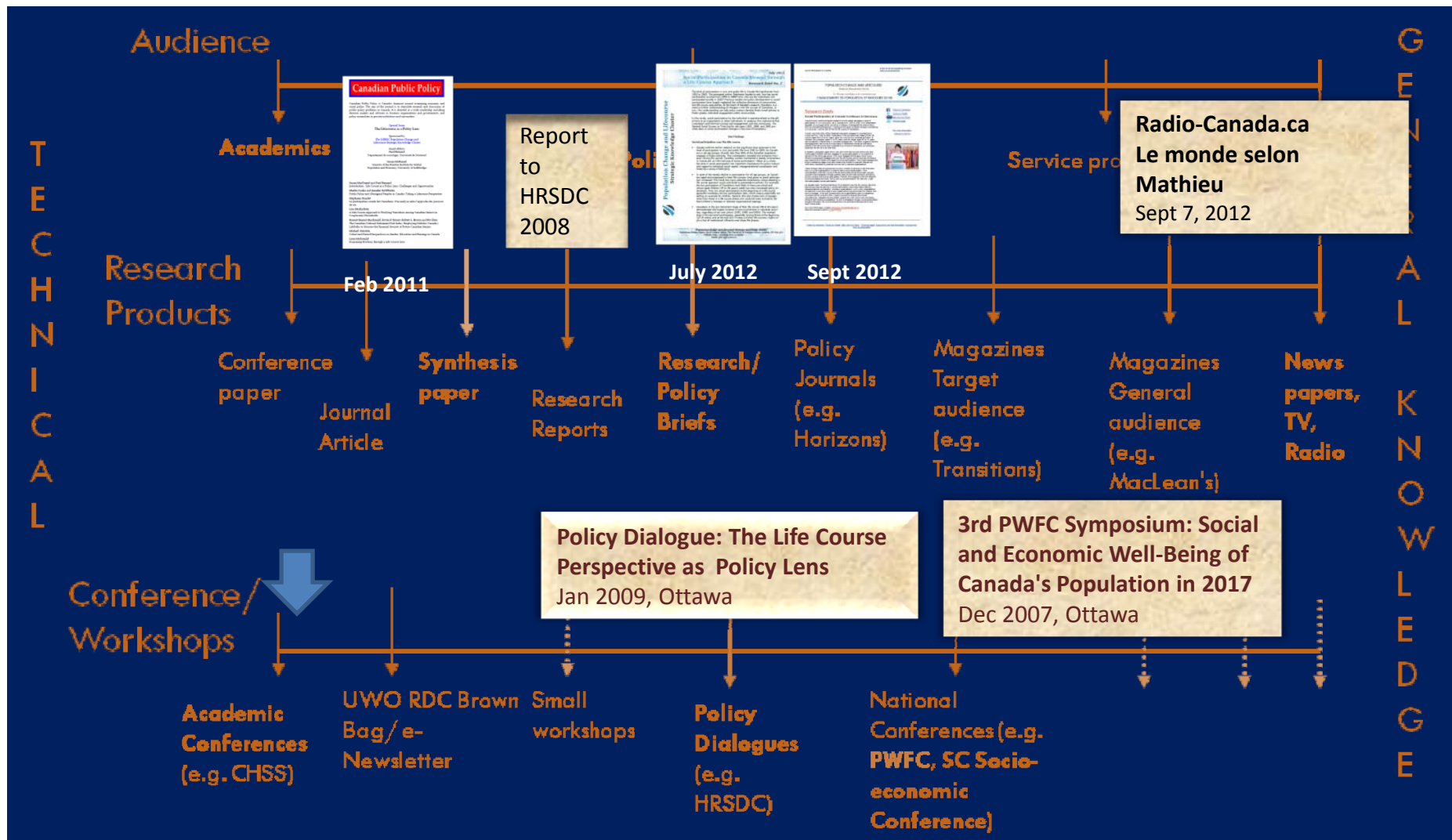
- Central
- Thematic Committees
- Individual Members
 - International Perspectives on Family Structures and Well-being
- “Bridging Research – Policy Divide” Events

Synthesis, Research & Policy Briefs

- Research and Policy Briefs
 - Press Release
 - Newsletter
- [Discussion Paper Series](#)
- “New Media”
 - Webinars
 - Blogs & Twitter



La participation sociale des Canadiens: une analyse selon l'approche de parcours de vie Stephanie Gaudet





Earning, Caring and Public Policy (10 Projects):

- *Models of Earning and Caring: Implications for Individuals, Families and Society* (Roderic Beaujot, Zenaida Ravanera, Jianye Liu)
 - [Research Brief #2: Models of Earning and Caring: Trends, Determinants and Implications](#) (December 2009)
 - [Western University Press Release](#)
 - [Various media coverage](#) (2009 – 2010), **2012 – Good Housekeeping**
 - Ravanera, Z., R. Beaujot, J. Liu. 2009. Models of Earning and Caring: Determinants of the Division of Work. *Canadian Review of Sociology* 46(4): 145-166
- *Work Arrangements and the Experience of Work-family Balance* (Karen A. Duncan)
 - Duncan, K.A., & Pettigrew, R.N. (2012). The effect of work arrangements on perception of work-family balance. *Community, Work & Family*, 15, 403-423.
 - [Research Brief # 12: The effect of work arrangements on perceived work-family balance \(February 2013\)](#)
 - [Media Coverage](#)



Other research projects

- Frank T Denton and Byron G Spencer. June 2011. "Age of Pension Eligibility, Gains in Life Expectancy, and Social Policy", [*Canadian Public Policy*, Vol 37, No. 2, pp 183-201](#),
 - [Policy Brief6: Age of Pension Eligibility, Life Expectancy, and Social Policy](#) (January 2012)
 - [McMaster University Press Release](#)
 - [Various media coverage](#)
- Evelyn Forget. "The Town with No Poverty: The Health Effects of a Canadian Guaranteed Annual Income Field Experiment", *Canadian Public Policy*, Sept. 2011Vol. 37, No. 3
 - [Policy Brief10: The Town with No Poverty: Health Effects of Guaranteed Annual Income](#) (November 2012)
 - [PCLC Newsletter](#)
 - CBC, and talks in conference of librarians, in rape crisis and women shelter, and in NDP caucus



Modus Operandi

Possibilities:

- Hire knowledge mobilization person
- Consultants
- Some considerations
 - Quality of work (high)
 - Enough work to do?
 - Cost
 - Training component?

Our way:

- Developed guidelines and template
- Choice of writers for a fee:
 - Authors
 - Social Science Graduate Students
 - Graduates of master in journalism program
- Limitations of each



“New” media

- Use of Social Media



- [Researcher’s Blog](#)
 - [To blog or not to blog: Why female academics should take the risk, Athene Donald](#)
- Face-to-face meetings and/vs. the use of internet



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Faculty Exchange and Internationalization

- Four faculty members – China, London and UK, Ottawa
- Centre to Centre collaboration



What next for the Cluster ...

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SSHRC Partnership Grants

- Pathways to Prosperity
- Gender, Migration, and the Work of Care

Other Possibilities

- Network-based
 - [CRDCN](#)
- [Centre-based](#)
- [University-based](#)

Possible Themes

- Immigrants and Migrants
- Caregiving and Social Participation
- Families
- Aging and Paid Work
- Health over the Lifecourse
- Lifelong Learning



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Thank you!

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