



**CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING, CULTURE,  
COMMUNITY AND INTERVENTION**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 ♦ 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
Zoom Video Conference

## **A G E N D A**

- 9:30 am**                      **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**  
Vince Pietropaolo  
General Manager, Family and Mental Health Services
- 9:40 am**                      **Greetings**  
Pina Alberelli-Arone  
President, COSTI Immigrant Services
- 10:00 am**                    **Keynote Address**  
**Racial and Ethnic Experiences, Perceptions, and Beliefs  
in Online Gambling, Gaming and Technology Use**  
Dr. Masood Zangeneh, Professor in the Faculty of Liberal  
Arts & Sciences and Innovative Learning, Humber College of  
Technology and Advanced Learning
- 11:15 am**                    **Break**
- 11:30 am**                    **Overcoming Addictive Behaviour – A Personal Reflection**
- 11:50 am**                    **Closing Remarks**  
Yasmine Dossal – Director, Social Services



# CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING, CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND INTERVENTION

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ♦ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Zoom Video Conference

## AGENDA

- 9:30 am**                      **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**  
Vince Pietropaolo  
General Manager, Family and Mental Health Services
- 9:40 am**                      **Keynote Address**  
**The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on  
Online Gambling and Other Online Behaviours”**  
Dr. Mark Griffiths  
Chartered Psychologist and Distinguished Professor of  
Behavioural Addiction at the Nottingham Trent University  
Director of the International Gaming Research Unit
- 10:45 am**                      **Break**
- 11:15 am**                      **Youth Gambling, Gaming and Technology Use in the  
Pandemic**  
Paul Bishop  
Youth Outreach Specialist  
YMCA of Greater Toronto’s Youth Gambling Awareness  
Program
- 12:00 pm**                      **Break**
- 12:30 pm**                      **Problematic Video Gaming: Supporting  
Caregivers Using the Cycle of Change**  
Maria-Luisa Elias  
Clinical Counsellor
- 1:50 pm**                      **Closing Remarks**  
Vince Pietropaolo  
General Manager, Family and Mental Health Services