

# **The Socio-historical context of the Diniacopoulos Family in Quebec-Canada**

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The research will be exploring the social and cultural context of the Diniacopoulos family experience as immigrants in the Quebec and Canadian society. The 1950's, 60's and 70's are the decades of mass immigration from Greece and of Greeks from Asia Minor and Egypt due to the devastation of the country during WWII and the Civil War (1947-49), as well as of the political unrest and exodus of Greeks from Asia and Africa. Such mass migration was realized because of changes in Canadian Immigration policies that placed the Greeks in the "referred" category of immigrants into this country. The life and adjustment of an immigrant, however, regardless of how qualified s(he) is to survive and succeed in a new society, is unique, painful, and promising. Through narratives (personal interviews) of interviewees who knew the Diniacopoulos family, and through existing historical data on the social and cultural realities of the Greeks and of the Greek communities in Quebec and Canada during this period, I will try to reconstruct the family's social and cultural experiences and place them within the context of the broader immigrant (and Greek immigrant) experience in Quebec-Canada.

