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UK Minister of State for Universities and Science to Speak at uOttawa

UK Science Policy and Diplomacy Panel Discussion

February 10, 2014 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa
55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 12102

Free. In English.

Registration is not required.
Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Join us for a panel discussion examining how science advice to government translates into informing government policy. Panelists David Willets (UK Minister of State for Universities and Science), Dr. Martyn Poliakoff (Foreign Secretary, Royal Society), and Professor Mary Bownes (University of Edinburgh), will also discuss the UK’s Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) and how it operates.

This event is presented by the British High Commission in collaboration with the Institute for Science, Society and Policy (ISSP) and the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS).
Science and Society 2013 Report Now Available

Science and Society 2013: Emerging Agendas for Citizens and the Sciences was a three day symposium held at the University of Ottawa between October 21-23, 2013. Aimed at making the discussion of science and technology and their place in society more prominent in the national dialogue, the resulting symposium report contains recommendations on how to understand and improve the science-society interface and improve science policy.

Read the symposium’s results report and reflect on the recommendations put forth, session notes, and summaries.

Also, be sure to view photos of the many stimulating and insightful talks, which included opening lectures by Yves Gingras and Sheila Jasanoff about the transformations in the relations between science, policy and citizens, and science and its publics.

Kamiel Gabriel Appointed Senior ISSP Fellow

The ISSP is pleased and honoured to welcome Kamiel Gabriel as a Senior Fellow. Professor in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Kamiel comes to the ISSP with a wealth of experience.

Amongst a myriad of accomplishments, Kamiel is the founding Associate Provost of Research and Graduate Programs at the UOIT, and the co-founder and past president of the Durham Strategic Energy Alliance (DSEA). He was DSEA’s president and Chair of the Board from 2007 to 2009. In 2009, Kamiel was seconded to the Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Research and its first ever Science Adviser. Most recently, Kamiel was invited by the government of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. to assist with the creation of a Research Funding Agency to support competitive research efforts in the federal and private higher education institution in the United Arab Emirates.

Kamiel’s bio is also available on the ISSP website.
New Affiliates at the ISSP

The ISSP is pleased to announce the appointment of four new Affiliates:

- **Daniel Lane**, Full Professor, Coordinator for the OMIS Section, Telfer School of Management
- **Kevin Orr**, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre, Faculty of Arts
- **André Vellino**, Associate Professor, School of Information Studies, Faculty of Arts
- **Michael Wolfson**, Canada Research Chair in Population Health Modeling/Populomics, Faculty of Medicine

In their role as Affiliates, Daniel, Kevin, André, and Michael are University of Ottawa faculty authorized to supervise theses in subject matter covered by the Institute or principal investigators or co-investigators in ISSP research projects. The ISSP is very excited to have them provide support to the ISSP and take part in future Institute activities.

Departure of ISSP Project and Public Affairs Manager

It is with mixed emotions that the ISSP said farewell to **Jeremy Geelen**, Project and Public Affairs Manager, at the end of December 2013.

Jeremy first joined the ISSP in January 2011 as Research and Project Coordinator. During his time at the ISSP he worked with the Director and Core Group in developing and implementing ISSP strategy. He co-managed the Institute’s many activities, oversaw its day-to-day operations, and contributed to the Institute’s research mandate.

The ISSP wishes Jeremy congratulations on his new post as policy analyst at the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Best wishes!

SSP Network Members in the News


Gregor Wolbring, starring in *Fixed: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement*. 