ISSP Website Launch

The ISSP’s new website is now officially live! ISSP and uOttawa staff have been working hard over the past few months to revamp and update our website with a brand new design. You will still find much of our original content, including our Research and Publications page, where you can access many of the reports published by the ISSP on science and technology policy.

Special thanks go to Rachel So (ISSP Research Consultant) and Sarah Farewell (our long-standing work-study student) as well as Karine Proulx (Marketing and Communications Manager, Faculty of Arts).

We are still working out some of the kinks and will be updating the site frequently in the coming weeks. Check it out and let us know what you think!

Please e-mail any comments or suggestions to us at issp@uottawa.ca.

ISSP Twitter Account

We are pleased to announce that our new Twitter handle, @ISSP_uOttawa is up and running! Follow us and keep up to date on everything ISSP-related!

You can also check out photos and videos of our past events on Flickr and our Vimeo channel!
Upcoming Event

The ISSP will be hosting a talk by Dr. Joachim Knebel, Head of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany. The talk, which will cover energy transition and related policy changes in Germany, will be held on December 11 at 1 pm. The event will take place in room 124 of the Lamoureux building on the University of Ottawa’s main campus.

Stay tuned for more details!

ISSP Network Member Activities


Scott Findlay presented a special keynote address at the event entitled "Governing in the Dark: Evidence, Accountability and the Future of Canadian Science."

ISSP Core Group member Brenda Wilson hosted UK expert Dr. Stuart Hogarth, Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Social Science, Health and Medicine, King’s College London. He presented the talk "Blockbuster diagnostics? Reflections on the political economy of diagnostic innovation." The event took place on October 16.

Marc Saner presented a talk on converging technologies at the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) Extraordinary Session in Quebec City. Jointly organized by UNESCO and the Science and Technology Ethics Commission of Quebec and hosted at Laval University, this event marks the first time a COMEST Extraordinary Session was held in North America.

Some of the topics discussed include the relations between COMEST and the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), the ethics of converging technologies
Marc Saner was recently named a Fellow at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), an institute for advanced research, education, and outreach in the fields of global governance and international public policy.

BSIA is an equal collaboration among the Centre for International Governance Innovation, the University of Waterloo, and Wilfrid Laurier University with the aim of developing new solutions to humanity’s critical problems, improving global governance, and enhancing the quality of people’s lives around the world.

Recent Science Policy Publications


Paul Dufour also published an article in the September 14 edition of Embassy, entitled "The Case for Science Diplomacy." He discusses his participation in a training course held in Trieste, Italy, that was jointly organized by the World Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, where participants from all over the world explored emerging issues of science diplomacy. The article examines scientific collaboration and diplomacy, with special attention to the role that Canada plays in this "global science theatre."

Marc Saner and Scott Findlay were interviewed by the University of Ottawa’s English-language student newspaper, The Fulcrum, about Canada’s war on science.

Read the full article here.

Evidence for Democracy (E4D), a non-profit, non-partisan group based in Ottawa that advocates for the transparent use of science and evidence in public policy and government decision-making, in collaboration with Simon Fraser University, recently published a report.
entitled "Can Scientists Speak?"

This report suggests that Canada's federal scientists are in many cases not as free to communicate the results of their research as their American counterparts. The authors graded 16 Canadian federal departments and found that all but one department scored lower than the US average for 2013.

Read the full report here.