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Happy Holidays from the ISSP!

The very best holiday wishes to you and yours from all of us at the ISSP.

We have had a busy year at the Institute, between publishing our series of Science/Policy Briefs, hosting various expert speaker events, and having our Graduate program approved for next year. We look forward to all that the new year will bring!

Thank you for your continued support and readership. We'll be back with a new edition of SSP News in 2015!



December 11 talk by Dr. Joachim Knebel

The ISSP will be hosting a talk by Dr. Joachim Knebel,

Head of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from the [Karlsruhe Institute of Technology](#) in Germany.

The talk, which will cover the German energy turnaround and related policy changes, will be held on December 11 at 1:00-2:30 pm. The event will take place in Room 124 of the [Lamoureux building](#) on the University of Ottawa's main campus.

Visit the [event webpage](#) to read Dr. Knebel's biography and the abstract of his talk.



Registration is not required and admission is free. A pizza lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.



Canada's Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy 2014

The Government of Canada has released its new [ST&I Strategy](#). The ISSP is currently analyzing the implications from the perspective of the [Innovation Decalogue](#) and welcomes your comments and interest.



Call for papers for panel discussion in Milan, July 2015



Patrick Fafard, Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and SSP Graduate Program Director, is organizing a panel at the [Second International Conference on Public Policy](#) planned for Milan in July 2015.

The title of the panel is: [Learning Lessons from Ebola: Policy Making for Public Health](#).

The goal is to assemble a range of papers analyzing the Ebola outbreak using the theoretical insights of political science and international relations.



ISSP Network Member Activities

Richard Hawkins and Paul Dufour both recently published articles in the December 1st Innovation-themed issue of [The Hill Times](#).

In the article, *Is innovation an election issue?*, Richard Hawkins discusses the link between the growth-productivity-jobs triad and innovation.

Paul's article, *Driving Innovation-are we there yet?*, shines a light on the need for resources, continued support, and champions, in order to truly stimulate novel science and innovation policy and ideas.



Marc Saner gave the talk "On Humanized Robots and Robotized Humans" at Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics on December 3, 2014.

Scott Findlay wrote an op-ed entitled "[Stephen Harper government confuses science for mere opinion](#)" in the Toronto Star on December 5, 2014.

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