Endorse the Innovation Decalogue

The ISSP’s Innovation Decalogue is a distillation of our innovation policy work to date. It sets out ten criteria that are necessary and sufficient to move Canadian innovation policy to the next level.

Initially endorsed by eleven leaders in the Canadian innovation community, the document is now open for public endorsement.

Help move Canadian innovation policy forward!

Endorse the Innovation Decalogue at www.decalogue.ca.

Thanks to Participants at Science and Society 2013
Sincerest thanks to all participants at Science and Society 2013: Emerging Agendas for Citizens and the Sciences. You helped make the symposium a great success!

Co-organized with the Situating Science SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Cluster, the symposium took place from October 21 to October 23 and brought together academics, students, public servants, and the general public to address how we can examine and improve the interface between science, technology, and society. A results document is currently being drafted which presents and analyzes answers to this question.

Among many highlights, the conference featured a Science Policy 101 workshop led by Jason Blackstock, Jeff Kinder, and Marcius Extavour, and the following events:

- Opening lectures by Yves Gingras and Sheila Jasanoff about the transformations in the relations between science, policy and citizens, and science and its publics.
- Stage readings of excerpts from Michael Frayn’s Tony Award-winning play Copenhagen, directed by Kevin Orr, moderated by Jay Ingram and with audience participation and panel discussions by Shohini Ghose, Ted Hsu, and Robert Smith.
- An “Influencers Panel” with Denise Amyot, Scott Findlay, Pat Mooney, and Louise Vandelac discussing how we can understand and improve the interplay between science and society, and improve science policies for the future.

Congratulations to Maryana Hnatyshyn (first prize) and Teresa Branch-Smith (second prize) for their winning submissions to the student poster session.

View more photos from the symposium on our Flickr page here!
SSP Network Members in the News

Marc Saner, Université d'Ottawa - Le futur est parmi nous, in Le Devoir. Available only in French.

Peter Calamai, The Energy Conundrum, part of The Walrus Talks Energy event.

Paul Dufour, Let Canadian science off the leash, in iPolitics.

Patrick Fafard, A clash of ideas is not a war on science, in Ottawa Citizen.

Scott Findlay and Paul Dufour, Why Canada needs a science watchdog, in iPolitics.

Research and Publications


Patrick Fafard and Christine Straehle received a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for a project entitled "Vulnerability and Health: Global and Local".

Other News

Call for Graduate Students in History and Women's Studies

ISSP Core Member Ruby Heap and ISSP Affiliate Catherine Mavriplis are recruiting graduate students (Master's and PhD) to help with conducting innovative research on Women in Computing in Canada since World War II. Funding is available for students interested in working on the project. For further information please contact Ruby Heap (rheap@uottawa.ca) or Catherine Mavriplis (catherine.mavriplis@uottawa.ca).

Global Young Academy Issues Position on Global Research

The Global Young Academy (GYA) issued this month a position statement on global research. The GYA members have identified three key challenges - inclusivity, capacity building, and sustainability - standing as barriers to achieving a truly global and open research culture. Their statement discusses these challenges and proposes concrete measures to confront them in the future.

Read the full statement or visit the GYA's website for more information.

ISSP Core Member Rees Kassen serves as co-chair of the GYA.

Gregor Wolbring Awarded the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal
Congratulations to ISSP Fellow Gregor Wolbring, who has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. The medal "serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians". Gregor has also recently been awarded tenure by the University of Calgary.

Michael Geist Awarded 2013 Impact Connection Award

Congratulations to ISSP Advisory Committee Member Michael Geist, who has been awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's (SSHRC) inaugural 2013 Impact Connection Award. The award is given to a SSHRC-funded researcher with an outstanding record of effective engagement with and beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

Mitia Rioux-Beaulne Awarded 2013 Researcher of the Year

Congratulations to ISSP Affiliate Mitia Rioux-Beaulne, who has been awarded the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Arts 2013 Young Researcher of the Year Award. The award recognizes the outstanding achievements of Professor Rioux-Beaulne, who is in the early stages of his academic career in the Department of Philosophy.

Panel Discussion on Science and Democracy in Canada

On Thursday, October 10, ISSP Core Members Rees Kassen and Patrick Fafard were among the participants of Science Matters: A Panel Discussion on Science and Democracy in Canada. Organized by Evidence for Democracy, the panel brought together experts to discuss the health of public-interest science in Canada.

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