



ISSP NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In response to the spread of COVID-19, the ISSP has cancelled all public events in March and April. This includes our March and April Food for Thought luncheons, our March 30 joint panel with the Royal Canadian Institute for Science and the annual Bromley Memorial Lecture and student event with George Washington University. Where possible, we will reschedule events to the fall.

PAST EVENTS

**Talk: Renegotiating the Social Contract
between Science and Society**



Workshop: Inclusive Innovation - Perspectives and Practices

THE ISSP BLOG SERIES ON COVID-19



Nigel Cameron, Senior Fellow at the ISSP.

- **Why are Governments finding the new plague so hard?**
- **Contact Dr. Nigel Cameron**

Professor Paul Dufour, Senior Fellow at the ISSP and Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa.

- **In the face of global threats, Canada's science advisors can help us move from hindsight to foresight**
- **Contact Professor Paul Dufour**



Professor Rees Kassen, Core Member of the ISSP.



- **The science underpinning policies to deal with COVID-19**
- **Contact Professor Rees Kassen**

Professor Marc Saner, Core Member of the ISSP and Leader of the Science Advice Research Cluster.

- **Science Advice Research Cluster**
- **Contact Professor Marc Saner**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

PROF. MITIA RIOUX-BEAULNE
FACULTY AFFILIATE, ISSP



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After the completion of a Ph.D. dissertation in 2006 on the relationship between Denis Diderot's philosophy of art and philosophy of science at Université de Montréal, Mitia Rioux-Beaulne completed postdoctoral research at École normale supérieure of Lyon, France, on the question of imagination in the French Enlightenment. Then, in 2007, he was hired as a replacement professor at the University of Ottawa's Department of Philosophy, and became

assistant professor in 2008, and, finally, associate professor in 2013.

Mitia Rioux-Beaulne became Faculty Affiliate at the Institute for Science, Society, and Policy in 2012, as his research became oriented towards the interface between science, culture and politics as it is theorized in the French Enlightenment, especially by philosophers like Bernard de Fontenelle and Denis Diderot, who were involved in the Academies of Science (Paris, Berlin) and the *Encyclopédie*. This research, funded by two Insight grants from SSHRC, lead to the publication of several dozen scholarly articles and book chapters, three co-edited books and two journal special issues.

Contact Professor Mitia Rioux-Beaulne

ISSP RESEARCH CLUSTERS

The ISSP has six Research and Engagement Clusters to enable the Institute to leverage its strengths, realize synergies, secure larger tri-council grants and other sources of external funding, and expand ISSP networks and reputation within and beyond the University.

- **Arctic Change**
- **Energy**
- **Inclusive Innovation**
- **Risk, Technology and Security**
- **Robotics and Artificial Intelligence**
- **Science Advice**



ENERGY RESEARCH CLUSTER



Positive Energy released a new report suggesting that there is more bipartisan and expert consensus on climate policy in Alberta than commonly believed. Authored by Positive Energy faculty affiliate Duane Bratt, the report tells the story of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan, from its development to its execution to its rhetorical dismantlement.

[Read the report](#)

Positive Energy also released a new study suggesting that decision-makers in the

energy and environmental communities occupy two separate realities over energy transition in Canada. The report's lead author, Positive Energy researcher Dr. Marisa Beck, uncovered the two realities by asking over 40 energy and environmental leaders about their use and interpretation of the term "transition".



Read the report

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THE ISSP PODCAST

The ISSP presents Disruption Discovered, a weekly podcast about the forces that are reshaping the 21st century, brought to life through accessible discussions with members of the Institute. Here are March 2020's episodes:

- **The Unpredictability of National Security — with Mark Salter**
- **Brace for Geoengineering — with Jason Blackstock**
- **An Unlocked Arctic — with Jackie Dawson**
- **Canada's Front Yard — with Jackie Dawson**



THE ISSP MASTER'S



September 2019 marks the fifth year the **ISSP Collaborative Master's program** is being offered, with eleven participating departments and faculties. We've continued to experience a steady rise in the number of inquiries from students and faculty members alike about the admission criteria and program requirements. To be accepted into the Collaborative Master's program, students must be admitted to one of the participating programs at the University of Ottawa.

To learn more, please contact **Professor Dan Paré**, the program coordinator.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Professor Jackie Dawson, Core Member of the ISSP and Lead of the Arctic Change Research Cluster.

- **Nunavut artists will take a hit from this year's Arctic cruise ban** (The Nunatsiaq News)
- **Arctic Change Research Cluster**
- **Contact Professor Jackie Dawson**



Professor Patrick Fafard, Core Member of the ISSP.

- **Mitigating the epidemic: uOttawa at the heart of Canada's response to COVID-19**
- **Global Strategy Lab**



- **Contact Professor Patrick Fafard**

Professor Monica Gattinger, Director of the ISSP, Chair of Positive Energy and Lead of the Energy Research Cluster.

- **How to Chart a Positive Path Forward On Energy and Environment** (The Daily Oil Bulletin)
- **Balancing Canada's energy policy with climate** (BNN Bloomberg News)
- **Canada Faces Growing Debate Over Energy Jobs, Climate Fight** (Bloomberg News)
- **Energy Research Cluster**
- **Contact Professeor Monica Gattinger**



Professor Pascale Massot, Faculty Affiliate of the ISSP.

- **Relations avec la Chine : le monde se transforme et le Canada doit s'adapter** (Université de Montréal, The Montreal Centre for International Studies)
- **U.S. sends top adviser to warn Ottawa against Huawei 5G networks** (The Globe and Mail)
- **Contact Professor Pascale Massot**

Margaret McCuaig-Johnston, Senior Fellow at the ISSP.

- **China kidnapped two Canadians. What will it take to free them?** (Maclean's)
- **Contact Margaret McCuaig-Johnston**



Professor Daniel Paré, Core Member of the ISSP.



- **Evaluation report of the Federal government's fourth Open Government Action Plan** (uOttawa)
- **Contact Professor Daniel Paré**

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