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September 2013

Richard Hawkins Lecture & Launch of the 'Innovation Decalogue'



Inaugural Lecture of the Big Thinking Lecture Series, 2013-2014

**Whither Innovation?
Moving Beyond the Buzzword**

Richard Hawkins
Professor, University of Calgary & ISSP Fellow

Thursday, October 3, 2013, 7:30 - 8:45
HUB Ottawa

Free. In English.
Light breakfast to be served.

Join **Richard Hawkins** as he proposes how policy makers can - and must - start thinking very differently about innovation. He will argue that Canadian policies aimed at stimulating innovation are directly at odds with what we've learned about what innovation is, how it actually generates growth and employment, and what policy measures can promote it.

This free event requires [registration](#).

The presentation will lead up to the official release of **Canada's Future as an Innovative Society: A Decalogue of Policy Criteria**, a new ISSP paper that proposes evidence-based perspectives for the development and evaluation of innovation policies that reflect Canada's industrial, economic and social realities. The endorsement version will be released on October 3 at www.decalogue.ca.

Uncertain Science, Uncertain Times

Stage Readings & Panel Discussion of *Copenhagen*



Tuesday, October 22, 2013
19:30 - 21:00

Alumni Auditorium, Jock-Turcot University Centre
University of Ottawa

Free (donations accepted).
In English.
Reception to follow.

Michael Frayn's Tony Award-winning play *Copenhagen* is based on the final meeting of Werner Heisenberg and Niels Bohr in 1941. The issues it raises concerning science, ethics and politics are as pressing as ever.

Moderated by science journalist and author **Jay Ingram**, and with commentary by **Dr. Robert Smith** (University of Alberta), **Dr. Shohini Ghose** (Wilfred Laurier University and the Perimeter Institute) and **Dr. Ted Hsu** (MP and Science and Technology Critic for the Liberal Party of Canada), the evening will include stage readings of excerpts from *Copenhagen*, directed by Kevin Orr, with panel and audience discussion of the social and ethical questions raised in the play.

Event information and registration are available [here](#).



Introductory Workshop on Science Policy



Science Policy 101

Monday, October 21, 2013
9:00 - 17:00

Desmarais Building, Rm.12-102
University of Ottawa

Cost-recovery fee. Registration required.
In English.

Are you a scientist (or a science student) wanting to know how your work can help guide policy decisions? Or a policymaker wanting to know how to leverage scientific knowledge to be more effective at your job?

Join **Jason Blackstock** (University College London), **Jeffrey Kinder** (Natural Resources Canada) and **Marcus Extavour** (University of Toronto) for an interactive session exploring the core themes, institutions, and methods of modern science policy with three science policy experts.

Event information and registration are available [here](#).

Yves Gingras Speaking at the ISSP



**The Transformations in the Relations
Between Science, Policy and Citizens**

Yves Gingras

**Canada Research Chair, History and Sociology of Science, UQAM
Advisory Committee member, ISSP**

Monday, October 21, 2013, 19:00 - 20:30
Desmarais Building, Rm.12-102, University of Ottawa

**Free. In English.
Reception to follow.**

The traditional relations between scientists, policy makers and citizens have been transformed over the last fifteen years. Scientists were used to providing science for policy makers who were eager to listen, while citizens were relatively confident in the judgments of scientists. Using recent cases of scientific and public controversies, we will show that citizens have more power now than ever before to influence policies in matters relating to scientific research. This raises the pressing issue for us as citizens: How do we give a central place to a scientific culture that is adapted to the 21st century?

Event information and registration are available [here](#).

Science and Society 2013 - Influencers Panel



Wednesday, October 23, 2013
17:30 - 19:00

Desmarais Building, Rm.12-102
University of Ottawa

Free. In English. Reception to follow.

Join **Scott Findlay** (University of Ottawa, Evidence for Democracy), **Pat Mooney** (ETC Group), **Louise Vandelac** (UQAM, UNESCO) and **Denise Amyot** (Association of Canadian

Community Colleges) as they discuss how we can understand and improve the interplay between science and society, and improve science policies for the future. Listen as they also reflect on recommendations proposed by participants of the [Science and Society 2013](#) symposium.

Event information and registration are available [here](#).

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