



# CSIP RESEARCH FORUM

*Science, technology and innovation  
is essential in shaping our future.  
Translating the narrative into clear  
options, strategies and outcomes is  
necessary, but far from simple.*

**Thursday, February 28**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

U of S location: Canada Room,  
Diefenbaker Building

U of R location: CB330, College Avenue  
Campus

The Centre for the Study of Science and Innovation Policy (CSIP) invites all students, faculty and researchers interested in the study of science, technology and innovation policy to participate in a bi-weekly research forum. Each forum involves a quick roundtable of introductions, a review of topical policy issues, one or more brief research reports and general discussion about research strategies and methods that are being or could be used to examine various angles of the policy system. You can simply drop in and listen or offer to present some of your findings.



## *On the Wrong Side of the Innovation Divide?*

**PRESENTED BY: Ken Coates, JSGS Professor and Canada Research Chair**

Northern, remote and Indigenous communities in Canada find themselves on the wrong side of the “innovation divide”. With subpar and often extremely expensive internet services, limited technical support, and generally weak local infrastructure, these communities are poorly situated in the age of science and technology. Of course, these same regions have substantial needs—energy, food, education, health care and the like—that could be addressed through properly done technological innovation. Many of the tech-related changes that are occurring, from e-commerce to autonomous vehicles, are actually undermining northern and small town work and business. This presentation examines the prospects for “inverting innovation” to ensure that scientific and technological changes meet the needs and aspirations of Indigenous, northern and remote communities.