



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.*

Tuesday, October 16
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

U of S location: Canada Room,
Diefenbaker Building

U of R location: CB351, 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 will involve 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.

CSIP is initially focused on innovation challenges in the agricultural biosciences, energy, health innovation and big-data realms, but would entertain a wider range of discussions.



Surrogacy and the "Sharing Economy"

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The expansion of the "sharing economy" has led to a widespread acceptance that underutilized resources and labour can be sold by entrepreneurial citizens who might benefit from some extra income. The popularity of companies like Air BnB, Uber, and Taskrabbit have given rise to an understanding that unregulated peer-to-peer transactions are both legitimate and reduce costs to consumers. This presentation interrogates the intersections between a seeming rise in the public acceptance of commercial surrogacy in Canada and the prevalence of the "sharing economy." It focuses on discourses apparent in both cases to draw attention to the challenges of an unregulated, decentralized, infertility industry.