



# CSIP RESEARCH FORUM

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

**Wednesday, January 22**  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

*U of R location:* CB308, College Avenue  
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101 Diefenbaker Building

*Radiation, Climate, and Becoming Aware: How open forms of public engagement can address binary limitations in a polarized world*

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What can a review of the literature on risk perceptions of radiation reveal about policy division on climate change? Both quantitative and qualitative methods have been used to measure risk perceptions of nuclear energy, but in both cases, an overly binary approach (for or against, yes or no) can worsen divisions, lead to analytical errors, and make it more difficult for policy decisions to be made.

This interactive presentation will draw on the topics of 'radiation' and 'climate' to explore innovative approaches to public engagement that are based on deepening understanding rather than reinforcing division.

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