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ISSP Graduate Program Official Launch



I am pleased to officially announce the launch of the Collaborative Master's program in Science, Society and Policy in September 2015!

The program will allow students registered in one of the participating [master's programs](#) to widen their understanding of the interplay between science and society. Students will get the opportunity to connect with leading experts and gain the skills needed to analyze and understand how real-world science is used in policy-making and how policies affect the scientific enterprise. They will also earn the designation "Specialization in Science, Society and Policy."

Special thanks to Scott Findlay, Patrick Fafard and Rachel So for all their hard work in the development of the program throughout every step of the approval process.

For more information on the Collaborative Master's and participating programs, please visit the ISSP's [website](#) or the FGPS [website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact our graduate program coordinator at sspgrad@uottawa.ca with any questions you may have.

Marc Saner
Director, ISSP

The ISSP welcomes Dr. Tee Guidotti



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Tee Guidotti to the ISSP as the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Science and Society. Dr. Guidotti is an international consultant and scholar with a wealth of knowledge and experience working in the field of occupational and environmental health.

Dr. Guidotti has medical specialty credentials in Canada (FRCPC in occupational medicine), the US (board certification in occupational medicine and pulmonary medicine) and the UK (FFOM). He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology. Dr. Guidotti has a special interest in evidence-based medical dispute resolution - the application of scientific evidence to law, adjudication and policy.

He was recently elected President-Elect of scientific research honour society [Sigma Xi](#). Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi is the second-largest (about 12,000 members) and second-oldest scientific research organization in North America.

Dr. Guidotti is participating in various ISSP activities including graduate courses, events and research.



Apply now to participate in the 10th Annual Bromley Memorial Event in Washington, DC!

The 10th Annual Bromley Memorial Event will take place in Washington, DC from April 29 to May 1, 2015.

Graduate students from any faculty interested in science, technology and innovation policy are encouraged to apply to participate. Expenses are covered between Ottawa and Washington (for flights, transportation, lodging and meals). Students are expected to act as ambassadors for the ISSP by creating a strong positive impression on the speakers and other participants.

Interested students should submit a paragraph or two about their interests in Science, Technology, Innovation policy to issp@uOttawa.ca before **February 15, 2015**.



Save the date: Symposium on Technological Unemployment and the Future of Work on June 3, 2015

On June 3, 2015, the ISSP will be hosting a symposium on Technological Unemployment and the Future of Work at the 84th [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) at the University of Ottawa.

This [half-day symposium](#) will address the idea that advances in technology and artificial intelligence may soon allow machines to replace workers in jobs traditionally thought to be unfit for automation such as airline pilot, accountant and professor. The session will explore these themes by unpacking trends in emerging technologies and assessing their potential impact on jobs. Our keynote speaker will be [Dr. Nick Bostrom](#) of Oxford University and Director, Future of Humanity Institute. Dr. Bostrom is an expert on the ethics and risks of artificial intelligence and is the author of the recent book [Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies](#).

Stay tuned for more details about this event in the coming months!



ISSP Network Member Activities

We congratulate ISSP fellow **Peter Calamai** on being named a member of the [Order of Canada](#) for his achievements as a science journalist and for his contributions to the cause of literacy.



Gregor Wolbring was recently named Editor in Chief of [Societies](#), an international, peer reviewed, open access journal of sociology.



Paul Dufour recently published an opinion piece in The Hill Times entitled [Federal science, technology, innovation strategy 'mostly stale air'](#). He discusses the policy report [Seizing Canada's Moment: Moving Forward in Science, Technology and Innovation 2014](#) and what it means for STI research in Canada.



Scott Findlay spoke as an invited panelist at the February 4 session organized by the Liberal Caucus in the Senate on the future of Canadian research and development.

Jackie Dawson moderated the event *The Polar Sea: How Climate Change is Changing Us - Panel Discussion & Documentary Screening*. Following a screening of the documentary, Jackie led a discussion with the filmmaker, explorer, and Arctic experts about the numerous aspects of life in the Arctic and on the ins and outs of how the film was made on some of the most rugged terrain on Earth. The event, which took place on January 28, was jointly hosted by the University of Ottawa Environment, Society and Policy Group and the Embassy of the United States.

Call for students to join the University of Ottawa Science Policy Society

The University of Ottawa Science Policy Society is looking for interested students to join in on the discussion surrounding the science/policy interface!

This student club is designed to provide young researchers with information and issues affecting the relationship between science, society and policy by fostering discussion among members and by organizing networking events. The goal is to initiate a dialogue between students, policymakers, and scientists in order to forge a strong link between them and promote evidence-based policy-making.

For more information, please e-mail
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