



The Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society

14-16 October 2020, Ottawa

2.15 - 3.30pm

Closing Plenary



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Recommendations sessions October 14

**Societal Stakeholders &
Impact**

“We need a cultural shift, be more diverse and engage stakeholders from the beginning of the creation.”

**SSH, Technological
Developments & Society**

“We should strive to create cultures and mechanisms that bring together computer and social scientists in order to create more human-centric technologies.”

National Assessment Systems

“Engage your stakeholder communities in designing your system and make sure you are responsive to feedback.”

SDGs and Grand Challenges

“This session underscored the uptake of complexity and systems thinking in evaluation to respond to the urgent challenges we confront today and to go beyond incrementalism to support a transformational agenda for our shared future.”



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Indicators of SSH impact

“Good metrics can be powerful, they do not always tell the full story, but more and more data is becoming available for evidence of impact.”

Assessing & Optimising Impact in the Humanities

“Funding agencies need to better understand the role they play in creating the conditions for meaningful humanities knowledge mobilisation.”

Assessing & Optimising Impact in the Social Sciences

“Greater value must be placed on ‘societal impact’ across the research ecosystem; this is especially true for institutions and funders of research who must more precisely articulate what they value, i.e. the science or the impact/knowledge mobilisation.”



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Collaboration with Government

“There are several pathways to building collaborations between SSH researchers and government, each with its own pros and cons; it is important for actors on both sides to know what they want to achieve with the collaboration.”

Collaboration with Business

“We should strive to create cultures and mechanisms that bring together computer and social scientists in order to create more human-centric technologies.”

Interdisciplinary Approaches

“Social sciences and humanities can support an effective implementation process providing a clear connection between what we do, how we do it and the context we’re doing it in and the quality of what we’re doing. These four elements are very important of the creation of significant impact of activities.”



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**Inclusive Engagement with
the Broader Community**

“Co-creation can do a lot more in the university setting and impact doesn't occur in isolation.”

**(Regional) Research
Infrastructures for SSH**

“Challenges faced by societies, whether these be technological or social or cultural, are in fact social at their core and therefore the social sciences and humanities need to be placed at the centre of solution-oriented initiatives and not the periphery.”

**SSH Research Impact in
Global Crises**

“Social scientists need and can be more selfconfident because they have skills society needs”

**Enhancing Impact through
Intermediary Organisations**

"Experiment, experiment, experiment! There are so many needs to support impacts of scholarships that we need to continue experimentation to find the right vehicles."



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Training & Skills for Impact

“Skills for impact are the skills for collaboration; institutions can support the development of such skills by making it part of programming”



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Innovation & Entrepreneurship

“Recommendation for the individual - researchers, students, innovators, creators, entrepreneurs: build diverse teams (in thought and skill sets), connect and communicate with as many as possible”

“Recommendation for organizations - research institutions, universities etc: build capacity and dedicated support and resources, develop clear guidelines, policies and procedures for innovation management”



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Science Impact on Policy

“We recommend a more publicly engaged research community to increase the societal and policy impact of research”



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Impact Lifecycle Management

“The recommendation is to engage the SSH community to develop a white/position paper to explore the integration of impact across the research lifecycle to advance a deeper understanding of societal impact.”



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Research Development for Impact

“We should continue to find ways to organise collaboration to solve global challenges, because everyone brings unique skills and knowledge to the table; doing this only enhances research”



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Institutions, Leadership & Impact

“To increase impact it will be essential that effective articulation of the value of ones research is legitimized by various institutions representing different constituency and stakeholders eg. university associations, scholarly societies, groups representing the public and policy makers”



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Indigenous Communities & Impact

“For consideration that research are be done with indigenous communities based on there priorities, that support self determination”



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Ranking the Recommendations

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Ranking the Recommendations

Results



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Closing plenary panel: Recommendations for the Canadian Science System, and Beyond

Moderator:

Frédéric Bouchard

Panel members:

David Sweeney

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David Phipps

Sandra Lapointe