

Programme

Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities

An international conference on stimulating and assessing societal Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities through interdisciplinary and inclusive approaches

14-16 October 2020 - Online, hosted from Ottawa

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ADVANCING & EVALUATING THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF SCIENCE

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- IMPACT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES -

There might not be a more timely moment to discuss the societal impact of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) than this fall. The global COVID-19 pandemic has posed and is still posing societal challenges that call for (interdisciplinary) research evidence that can be transformed into practical knowledge for a variety of societal stakeholders. At the same time, it is becoming increasingly apparent that SSH research has an important role to play in identifying, assessing and meeting objectives that touch upon matters such as accountability, equity and inclusiveness. In all, it seems that in these unique times, “change” is the new key word. We and our partners feel that in order to create a positive connotation to this word, it is of the utmost importance to assess, facilitate, and enhance the impact of SSH on society.

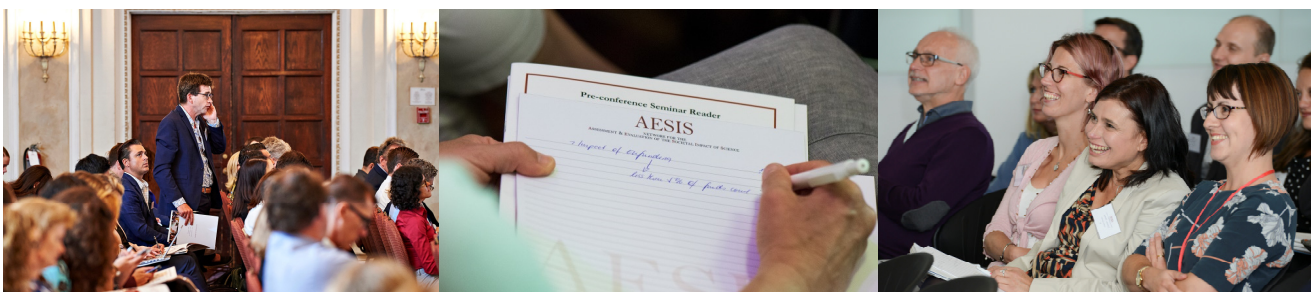
To facilitate this discussion, the AESIS Network is proud to announce that its next edition on ‘**The Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society**’ will be hosted from Ottawa, Canada, and broadcasted to a global audience. Last year, after stimulating editions in Cardiff and Copenhagen, we have brought together research managers, science policy makers, funders, knowledge exchange experts, and other relevant professionals from all parts of the world in Washington DC. Building on the outcomes of the conference and science policy development of recent years, we are thrilled to bring the cross-sectoral conversation of the impact of SSH to Canada.

Canada has been successful in the last years in calling more attention to the position of Canada in their research intensity worldwide. The three granting councils (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR), alongside other organisations and universities, have been aiming to evaluate (funded) performance on not only academic impact, but also on indicators addressing future challenges, the engagement of indigenous communities, and attention for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

In line with these ambitions, this conference aims to foster a discussion on how one can assess and stimulate impact of SSH through an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach. In order to generate a profound impact of SSH on society, we believe collaborations with parties from business, government and not-for-profits, and engaging with the broader public (including underrepresented and indigenous stakeholders) are all vital aspects in this process.

We start the event with an attempt to both map and assess the impact of SSH; what does impact mean in the context of different segments of society, and through which indicators can you measure it? Then, we will identify different opportunities of collaborations with societal stakeholders, and discuss how co-creations of knowledge with other scientific disciplines may play a role in stimulating impact. Subsequently, we will engage in interactive discussions on which skills can enable one to optimise impact for the sake of the public as a whole and close with some targeted recommendations for the Canadian science policy system and beyond drawn from the conclusions of the meeting.

The momentum of a great need for interdisciplinary research and focus on addressing nation and global societal challenges in Canada’s research eco-system make it an excellent and indeed inspirational context to foster the worldwide discussion on impact. At the same time, several international perspectives can offer valuable and critical evaluations to the current progress and obstacles in Canada. The AESIS Network and its partners are excited to (virtually) welcome you to the ‘**Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities 2020**’ conference.



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Wednesday 14 October 2020

Times in EDT (GMT -4)

10.30-11.00 Registration & Informal Coffee-chat

11.00 Land Acknowledgement

Sandra Lapointe Professor of Philosophy & Director of The/La Collaborative, McMaster University, Canada

David Phipps Assistant Vice President Research Strategy & Impact, York University, Canada

11.10 I Plenary opening: Policies for Impact

11.10 **AESIS Network** - Word of Welcome

11.15 Conference Chairs:

Frédéric Bouchard Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Montreal, Canada

Mona Nemer Chief Science Advisor, Government of Canada

11.45 **Ted Hewitt** President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada

12.00-12.15 Break

12.15-13.15 II Plenary opening: Policies for Impact (continued)

12.15 **Pearl Dykstra** Deputy Chair of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors, European Commission

12.30 **Crain Soudien** Chief Executive Officer, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

12.45 **Panel discussion with opening speakers, led by the conference chairs**

13.15-13.45 Break

13.45-15.00 III Parallel sessions: Mapping and Assessing Impact

Societal Stakeholders & Impact	SSH, Technological Developments & Society	National Assessment Systems	SDG's & Grand Challenges
<i>Identifying the societal stakeholders when organising Impact of science</i>	<i>How could SSH steer positive impact of big data & AI?</i>	<i>Policies and methods for impact evaluation (& funding) on a national or regional level</i>	<i>How to map impact through contributions resolving Grand Challenges?</i>
<p>Lidia Brito (Chair) Regional Science Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNESCO, Uruguay</p> <p>Toby Smith Vice-President for Policy, Association of American Universities, U.S.A.</p> <p>Michael Carmichael Head of Visual Media, SAGE Publishing, Canada</p>	<p>Brent Barron (Chair) Director Strategic Projects, CIFAR, Canada</p> <p>Carolyn Watters Chief Digital Research Officer, National Research Council, Canada</p> <p>Emile Aarts Professor of Computer Science, Tilburg University, the Netherlands</p>	<p>David Sweeney (Chair) Executive Chair, Research England, U.K.</p> <p>Patrick MacGuire Senior Evaluation Analyst, CFI, Canada</p> <p>Bartłomiej Banaszak Director of Science, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland</p>	<p>Ann Weston (Chair) Program Leader for Foundations for Innovation, International Development Research Council, Canada</p> <p>Brian Belcher Ashoka Research Chair in Sustainability Research Effectiveness, Royal Roads University, Canada</p> <p>Scott Chaplowe Director Evidence, Measurement & Evaluation, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, U.K.</p>

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13.45-15.00 III Parallel sessions: Mapping and Assessing Impact (continued)

Indicators of SSH Impact

Building more reliable and feasible metrics for evaluation of societal impact by SSH research

Kate Geddie *(Chair)*

Senior Director of Research,
CIFAR, Canada

Vera Hazelwood

Chief Strategy Officer,
Researchfish, U.K.

Kara Scally-Irvine

Board Member, Aotearoa New
Zealand Evaluation Association

Assessing & Optimising Impact in the Humanities

What are the specific challenges for the Humanities to achieve and demonstrate societal impact, and how to address them

Jim Grossman

President, National Humanities
Alliance & Executive Director,
American Historical Association,
U.S.A.

&

Sandra Lapointe

Professor of Philosophy &
Director of The/La Collaborative,
McMaster University, Canada

Assessing & Optimising Impact in the Social Sciences

What are the specific challenges for the Social Sciences to achieve and demonstrate societal impact, and how to address them

Wendy Naus

Executive Director, Consortium
of Social Sciences Association,
U.S.A.

&

Vincent Larivière

Canada Research Chair on the
Transformations of Scholarly
Communication, University of
Montréal, Canada

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15.00-15.30 Happy Hour at Home & Surprise Performance

Thursday 15 October 2020

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10.30-11.00 Registration & Informal Coffee-chat

11.00 IV Plenary opening: Exploring new pathways of impact

Chair

Frédéric Bouchard Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Montreal, Canada

11.00 **Wendy Cukier** Founder and Academic Director of the Diversity Institute, Ryerson University, Canada

11.15 **Rutger Engels** Rector Magnificus of Easmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands

11.30 **Vivian Tseng** Vice-President, William T. Grant Foundation, U.S.A.

11.45 **David Budtz Pedersen** Director of the Humanomics Research Centre, Denmark

12.00-12.30 Break

12.30-13.45 V Parallel sessions: Structuring SSH Impact through collaboration

With Government

With Business

**Interdisciplinary
Approaches**

**Inclusive Engagement with
the Broader Community**

Which collaborations with government are most conducive to the impact of SSH on society?

Building (long-term) relationships with industry and businesses to optimise societal impact of SSH

How to increase societal impact through collaborative programmes of SSH with other scientific disciplines

Who and how to reach to in society to assure inclusiveness and effective societal impact of research

Tim Wilson (Chair)

Susan Morris (Chair)

Thomas Alslev Christensen
(Chair)

Nicole Goodman (Chair)

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Research Council, Canada, &
Jennifer Crosbie
Psychologist, The Hospital for
Sick Children (Sick Kids), Canada

Vice-Provost Equity, Diversion &
Inclusion, University of Calgary,
Canada

Tony Roche

Executive Vice-President
Publishing & Strategic
Relationships, Emerald
Publishing, United Kingdom

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Thursday 15 October 2020 (continued)

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12.30-13.45 V Parallel sessions: Structuring SSH Impact through collaboration (continued)

(Regional) Research Infrastructures for SSH	SSH Research Impact in Global Crises	Enhancing Impact through Intermediary Organisations	
<p><i>How can research infrastructures be used and further developed to best support societal impact of science?</i></p> <p>Claire Samson (<i>Chair</i>) Vice-President Programmes & Planning, Canada Foundation for Innovation</p> <p>Robert Luke CEO, e-Campus Ontario, Canada</p> <p>Rick Delbridge Professor of Organizational Analysis & Developer of the Social Science Research Park, University of Cardiff, U.K.</p>	<p><i>How should the research ecosystem cope with and address global crises?</i></p> <p>Mike DeGagné Vice-Chair, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Canada</p> <p>&</p> <p>Stefanie Molthagen-Schnöring Vice-President for Research & Transfer, HTW Berlin, Germany</p>	<p><i>The opportunities intermediary institutions can offer to bridge the academic world and society to increase impact of science</i></p> <p>Peter Severinson Manager Policy Team, Mitacs, Canada</p> <p>&</p> <p>Chris Fellingham Licensing and Ventures Manager in SSH, Oxford University Innovation, U.K.</p>	<p>The <i>Parallel Sessions in RED</i> will contain 3 to 4 presentations and an interactive discussion or Q&A</p> <p>Please note that the Roundtable sessions in <i>PURPLE</i> accept only 20 participants (pre-registration is advised)</p>

13.45-14.15 Break

14.15-15.15 VI Interactive discussion: Interdisciplinary approaches for advancing societal impact

Moderator:

Ursula Gobel Vice-President Stakeholder Engagement & Advancement of Society, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Panel members:

Jim Grossman President of National Humanities Alliance & Executive Director of American Historical Association, U.S.A.

Wendy Cukier Founder and Academic Director of the Diversity Institute, Ryerson University, Canada

Tracey Brown Director, Sense About Science, U.K.

15.15-15.30 Closing Remarks and Drinks

Friday 16 October 2020

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10.30-11.00 Registration & Informal Coffee-chat

11.00 VII Plenary opening: Connecting Research with the Broader Community

11.00 Frédéric Bouchard

What did we achieve on the first days and how does it relate to the last day programme

11.15 Arthur Lupia Head of the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate of the National Science Foundation, U.S.A.

11.30 Mike DeGagné Vice-Chair, Federation of Social Sciences and Humanities, Canada

11.45 Karina Batthyány Executive Secretary, Latin American Council of Social Sciences, Argentina

12.00-12.30 Break

12.30-13.45 VIII Parallel sessions: Stimulating Impact of SSH

Training & Skills for Impact	Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Science Impact on Policy	Impact Lifecycle Management
<i>Which support-infrastructures and methods create and assess impactful programming?</i>	<i>How to best utilise SSH knowledge into practical applications for society through entrepreneurship</i>	<i>How to organise evidence informed policymaking by SSH disciplines internally and externally</i>	<i>Connecting impact planning, implementation, assessment and improvement</i>
Sandra Lapointe (Chair) Professor of Philosophy & Director of The/La Collaborative, McMaster University, Canada	Johannes Dyring (Chair) Assistant Vice-President, Business Development & Strategic Initiatives, Ryerson University, Canada	Pearl Dykstra (Chair) Deputy Chair of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors, European Commission	Kathryn Graham (Chair) Executive Director, Performance Management & Evaluation, Alberta Innovates, Canada
Kamilla Karoli Director of Education and Development, Work Wellness Institute, Canada	Chris Fellingham Licensing and Ventures Manager in SSH, Oxford University Innovation, U.K.	Jeff Kinder Executive Director of Science and Innovation, Institute on Governance, Canada	David Budtz Pedersen Director, Humanomics Research Centre, Denmark
Christian Kobsda Associate Researcher, Humboldt Institute for Internet & Society, Germany	Larissa Best Director, Equilibre, Luxembourg	Mehrdad Hariri President & CEO, Canadian Science Policy Centre, Canada	Thomas König Head of Strategy & Scientific Services, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

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12.30-13.45 VIII Parallel sessions: Stimulating Impact of SSH (continued)

Research Development for Impact	Institutions, Leadership & Impact	Indigenous Communities & Impact	
<i>Creating impact through team-based, interdisciplinary, and global approaches</i>	<i>The role of institutional leadership in guiding, stimulating and supporting impact</i>	<i>Topic</i>	
<p>Kim Patten (<i>Chair</i>) Director Research Development Services, University of Arizona, U.S.A.</p> <p>Wim van den Doel Head of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Universities Alliance, the Netherlands</p> <p>Ursula Gobel Vice-President Stakeholder Engagement & Advancement of Society, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada</p>	<p>Toby Smith Vice President for Policy, Association of American Universities, U.S.A.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Aisha Dioury Social Impact Lead, Universities Canada</p>	<p>Chelsea Gabel Associate Professor, McMaster University, Canada</p> <p>Bronwyn Fredericks Pro-Vice Chancellor Indigenous Engagement, University of Queensland, Australia</p> <p>Sheila Cote-Meek Vice-President Equity, People & Culture, York University, Canada</p>	<p><i>The Parallel Sessions in RED will contain 3 to 4 presentations and an interactive discussion or Q&A</i></p> <p><i>Please note that the Roundtable sessions in PURPLE accept only 20 participants (pre-registration is advised)</i></p>

13.45-14.15 Break

14.15-15.30 IX Closing panel: 'Recommendations for the Canadian science system, and beyond'

14.15 Ranking the recommendations from Parallel sessions and Roundtables, followed by the panel discussion with:

14.45 Moderator:

Frédéric Bouchard Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Montreal, Canada

Panel members:

David Sweeney Executive Chair of Research England, U.K.

Mona Nemer* Chief Science Advisor, Government of Canada

Crain Soudien Chief Executive Officer, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

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Sandra Lapointe Professor of Philosophy & Director of The/La Collaborative, McMaster University, Canada

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