



# 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.*

**Thursday, March 14**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

U of S location: Conference Room,  
162-101 Diefenbaker Building

U of R location: CB330, 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 involves 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.



*It is time for researchers to talk about the elephant in the room - smartphones*

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It is estimated that there will be 6 billion smartphones in circulation by the end of next year. It is difficult to imagine our day-to-day lives without these ubiquitous devices, and out of all Internet-connected devices we use, smartphones are the most versatile and pervasive tools, depending on how you view them. The negative impacts of screen time are obvious, but since there is no indication that we will revert back to the days without these devices, the real question is, "how can we transform smartphones into effective research tools?" The answer lies in the integration of citizen science, community-based participatory research, and systems science approaches, where there is an opportunity to use innovative technology to not only advance research, but also to create equity.