



# 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 28**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

U of S location: Canada Room,  
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.



*The Past and Future of Carbon Pricing in Canada and Australia*

**PRESENTED BY: Jeremy Rayner, JSGS Professor**

How did we arrive at the carbon pricing options contained in the federal Climate Change Framework and why was the Trudeau government so convinced that the provinces would happily agree to such an obvious challenge to their authority? Why did the Liberals further suppose they would be spared the bitter infighting over climate change policy that has been such a feature of Australian politics in recent years, leading one commentator to call it "a form of madness"? These outcomes are all the more surprising since carbon pricing is a highly technical subject promoted and defended largely by a dedicated instrument constituency of academic economists and policy analysts. The case presents a fascinating example of the interaction of politics and policy and an occasion to modify John Kingdon's famous analysis of "the power of an idea whose time has come".