A vision to create one of the top policy schools in the world.

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Dear friends of the School of Public Policy,

This School is a remarkable achievement. The original vision of our founders, augmented now by fourteen years of experience, has seen the emergence of Canada's leading policy school and one of the top 50 worldwide. From our outstanding research record, to our excellent graduate programs, we have had impacts on public policy that are recognized in Alberta and across the country. These achievements must be sustained and grow. There is room for increased enrollment in our graduate and executive programs, and our research agenda must continue to reach and improve the lives of Canadians wherever they live. Shakespeare wrote in The Tempest that “what's past is prologue.” May our illustrious past provide the context for even greater contributions to public policy in the future. With your support we can be confident that this will be so.

Sincerely,

Peter MacKinnon

Peter MacKinnon, OC, QC, LLM, LL.D.
Interim Director
The School of Public Policy
IDEAS/RePEc releases list for top 25% of public policy schools as of 2022

IDEAS/RePEc released their global top 25% of policy schools as of 2022 and The School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary ranked #31 in March, climbing two spots from #33 in 2020. The School of Public Policy is the only policy school in Canada to have made the list, and appears with policy schools from Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and Stanford to name a few.

IDEAS is the largest bibliographic database dedicated to Economics. Based on RePEc, it indexes over 3,300,000 items of research, including over 3,100,000 that can be downloaded in full text. The rankings are based on analysis from data gathered with the RePEc project. The analysis covers journal articles, books, book chapters, working papers and software components that are indexed in RePEc. So far, over 2,000 archives from 102 countries have contributed about 3 million research pieces from 3,500 journals and 5,000 working paper series.

The School of Public Policy was founded with a vision to drive policy discourse with relevant research, outreach and teaching. Its faculty is composed of scholars with exceptional academic credentials and experienced practitioners in business, government and the non-profit sector.

The School’s research is renowned for its independence, credibility and fact-based analysis. The School’s influence is reflected by its wide dissemination among policy-makers, business leaders and the media; it is Canada’s most cited policy school, by both traditional media and academic publications. Since its inception over a decade ago, the school has produced over 600 peer reviewed publications with over an astounding 80 publications in 2021.

This School is a success story and we must continue to build on that success.
- Dr. Myles Leslie, Research Director

For me the rise in ranking illustrates how the School is much bigger than its parts, its transitions, and any one paper we publish, class we deliver or event we host. I’m humbled by the dedicated colleagues, students and community members who’ve made— and continue to make— the SPP larger than themselves and better for their engagement. It is their efforts that have given us this global standing.
- Dr. Siu Ming Kwok, Academic Director

This is an exceptional accomplishment to achieve this global ranking for a policy school with only 14 years of history. More remarkably, we are the only Canadian policy school with this achievement.
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Publications

600+
Peer Reviewed Research Papers

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Social Policy & Health

MARCH 23, 2022
The Sensitivity of Food Bank Visits to Social Assistance, Housing and Labour Market Conditions in Toronto
Ronald Kneebone, Margarita Wilkins

FEBRUARY 16, 2022
How Governments Could Best Engage Community Organizations to Co-Design COVID-19 Pandemic Policies for Persons with Disabilities
Ash Seth, Meaghan Edwards, Katrina Milaney, Jennifer D. Zwicker

DECEMBER 16, 2021
Social Policy Trends: The Holidays and Social Policy Issues
Ronald Kneebone, Margarita Wilkins, Ali Jadidzadeh, Robert Falconer

JULY 29, 2021
Value-Based Mental Health Services for Youth and Families: The Role of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Youth Mental Health Services
Megan Mungunzul Amarbayan, Travis Carpenter, Michèle L. Hébert, Maria Santana, Jennifer D. Zwicker

Energy and Environmental Policy

JANUARY 13, 2022
Energy and Environmental Policy Trends: What’s Driving the Cost of Driving?
G. Kent Fellows, Gregory Galay

NOVEMBER 10, 2021
A Multiple Account Benefit - Cost Analysis of Coal Mining in Alberta
Jennifer Winter, Megan Bailey, Emily Galley, Chris Joseph and Blake Shaffer

APRIL 28, 2021
A Review of Barriers to Full-Scale Deployment of Emissions-Reduction Technologies
G. Kent Fellows, Victoria Goodday, Jennifer Winter

MARCH 18, 2021
Energy and Environmental Policy Trends: Valuing Alberta’s Renewable Electricity Program
Sara Hastings-Simon, Blake Shaffer

Fiscal and Economic Policy

APRIL 15, 2021
Reversing the Decline of Canadian Public Markets
Bryce C. Tingle, QC, J. Ari Pandes

MARCH 11, 2021
The Impact of Property Taxation on Business Investment in Alberta
Bev Dahlby, Ergete Ferede, Mukesh Khanal

OCTOBER 21, 2021
Why Existing Regulatory Frameworks Fail in the Short-Term Rental Market: Exploring the Role of Regulatory Fractures
Lindsay M. Tedds, Anna Cameron, Mukesh Khanal, Daria Crisan

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
Tax Policy Trends: An Examination of the Conservative Party of Canada’s Proposed Childcare Refundable Tax Credit
Gillian Petit, Lindsay M. Tedds, Tammy Schirle

International Policy and Trade

MAY 27, 2021
Shortages in Essential Goods: Are Global Value Chains Part of the Problem or the Solution?
Ari Van Assche

MAY 19, 2021
Canada in the Indo-Pacific?
Stephen Nagy

APRIL 14, 2021
The U.K. Applies to Join CPTPP: What are the Implications for Canada?
Hugh Stephens

JANUARY 6, 2022
International Policy Trends: Travel Bans and Omicron
Robert Falconer
Focused Research

Social Policy and Health
Scientific Director, Ron Kneebone

The Social Policy and Health program improves the lives of Canadians by employing an objective, evidence-based approach to assessing existing and proposed public policies. Our research identifies practical solutions that cut through rhetoric designed to polarize debate and freeze policy-makers into inaction.

We apply this approach to programs in two policy areas:
- Health Policy
- Social Policy

Energy and Environmental Policy
Scientific Director, Jennifer Winter

Through disciplined research and analysis, the Energy and Environmental Policy research division provides practical solutions to Canada’s challenging energy and environmental problems. We do this by injecting evidence into policy debates, and by engaging with decision-makers, stakeholders and the public to create a forum for open and meaningful dialogue among different perspectives.

The research division has five priority areas for its research and outreach:
- Canadian Network for Energy Policy Research and Analysis
- Canadian Northern Corridor
- Energy for Life
- Energy Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
- Indigenous Policy

Fiscal and Economic Policy
Scientific Director, Lindsay M. Tedds

The Fiscal and Economic Policy Division harnesses the strengths of transdisciplinary scholarship to contribute policy research and expertise aimed at supporting inclusive growth and advancing discourse in this area. Our approach is rooted in an understanding of evidence that takes seriously both heterogeneity and intersectionality while being attentive to systems and structures of power to support inclusive economic growth while advancing and shaping discourse in this area.

We apply this approach to research in the following priority areas:
- Basic Income (including income support and social services provision)
- Gender-based and Intersectional Analysis
- Tax and Economic Growth

International Policy and Trade
Scientific Director, Jean-Christophe Boucher

The International Policy and Trade Division conducts research and publishes studies in three priority areas: issues related to economics and international policy; understanding of global trade and investment; and the analysis of policies related to the security of Canada’s borders, its assets abroad, in cyber-space, and the security of its economic relationships.

Areas of research include:
- International Trade
- Market Diversification
- Security & Defence
- Data & Policy
- Vaccine Hesitancy

There is much talk of breaking down academic silos to tackle broad problems, but the School is delivering on the promise of transdisciplinarity. I can’t think of another unit on campus that can draw together economics, political science, kinesiology, business, and sociology insights in real-time to address the policy challenges of the day.

- Dr. Myles Redek Research Director
**Extractive Resource Governance Program (ERGP)**

**Strategic Advising. Training. Research. Global Projects.**

Founded on Canadian best practices and sound expertise

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**Training Programs**

**MOROCCO: Master Executive Program in Mining Environment and Circular Economy**
In November 2021, ERGP together with Morocco’s UMP Polytechnic and the University of Quebec, launched the Master Executive Program in Mining Environment and Circular Economy.

**KENYA: Project Closure and Ecological Restoration in Mining and Quarrying Industries - Mombasa, February 8-11, 2022**
In partnership with Kipya Africa and Bamburi Haller Park, this four-day course provided decision makers and resource managers with an understanding of recovery processes for damaged or degraded ecosystems.

**Webinars**

**Webinar Lecture Series: Re-Imagining Resource Development in the Context of Reconciliation**
ERGP held a series of four webinars related to resource development in the context of Indigenous reconciliation:
- Implications of UNDRIP Bill C-15
- Pipelines and Indigenous Peoples: From Opposition to Ownership
- Indigenous Businesses and Procurement: Transforming Industry Engagement
- Blueberry River, Ermineskin and Grassy Mountain: Implications for Indigenous Resource Development

**Publications**

**The Surface Owner’s Burden: Landowner Rights and Alberta’s Oil and Gas Well Liability Crisis.**
*Victoria Gooday and Braeden Larson*  
The paper found that when well operators default on their obligation to maintain the wells, landowners cannot collect timely compensation, and are required to apply to the Surface Rights Board to receive fair compensation from the provincial government. Landowners must shoulder the burden of the risks to their properties and livelihoods during this period. This issue is growing, as there are approximately 97,000 inactive wells in the province.

**The Key Role of No-Carbon State-Owned Enterprises in Global Climate Action: Leveraging the G20 Forum to Accelerate the Energy Transition**
*Leonardo Beltran-Rodriguez, Juan Roberto Lozano-Mayo*  
This paper analyzes the role of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and the ways in which their corporate governance, mandate, and scale have a competitive advantage in their readiness to embrace the new international low-carbon development framework. It examines how SOEs can help governments speed up their pace in the pathways towards decarbonization.

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**Outreach Events**

**CANADA: Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention**
**MARCH 8-11, 2021**
ERGP attended the PDAC meeting with key stakeholders in the mining industry. The team explored opportunities in new mining markets (Brazil, Ecuador, Mauritania, Spain, Burkina Faso, Peru, Chile, Turkey, Panama), and scheduled B2B meetings with prospective partners (Canada, Cuba, Costa Rica, Argentina, Guyana, Suriname). The Convention also offered sessions on current topics of interest, such as new technologies for mining exploration and ESG Management. The entire event was virtual due to pandemic restrictions.

**BRAZIL: Simexmin 2021**
**AUGUST 9-10, 2021**
ERGP participated in Brazil’s 2021 Simexmin Mining Conference. The expo saw hundreds of participants from around the world delve into the technical, political, social, economic and environmental realities of mining in Brazil and Latin America. With the support of the Canadian High Commissioner, ERGP presented to stakeholders in Brazil’s mining industry, sharing the ERGP mission to advance best practices in the extractives and build capacity with international partners.

**KOSOVO: Third International Multidisciplinary Geosciences Conference**
**MITrovica, October 14-15, 2021**
The University of Isa Boletini, along with Kosovo’s Independent Commission of Mines and Minerals, Ministry of Economic Development, and Geological Survey, welcomed ERGP Director, Deborah Archibald, as a keynote speaker at this conference. The virtual event carried two important themes: tools for sharing resource revenues and community participation in mineral development.

**MEXICO: Kill the Competition: Let Canada’s Highest-Level Educators Train Your Employees**
**Guadalajara, October 26, 2021**
ERGP Director, Deborah Archibald was invited by the Consulate of Canada in Mexico to speak on the importance of community consultation and the value brought by understanding its power and impacts. Her virtual talk centered on the mechanisms used by government and the private sector in Canada to meaningfully engage Indigenous peoples and stakeholders in project development and implementation.

**MEXICO: Mexican Petroleum Congress**
**Monterrey, November 17-20, 2021**
The Mexican Petroleum Congress in Monterrey is one of the most significant annual events for Mexico’s petroleum sector, bringing together thousands of specialists from the Americas in private industry, research and technology, academia, and government. Freddy Caceres and Alen Chernet represented ERGP and the School of Public Policy at this important exhibition, as well as consulted with partners in energy and sustainability during the event.

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**Governance and Regulatory Consultations**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: EIA and Community Engagement in the Mining Sector**
**Santo Domingo, March 24, 2021**
In collaboration with the Embassy of Canada in the Dominican Republic, ERGP delivered a half day workshop that attracted local community leaders and the general public. The workshop demonstrated the importance of the environmental impact assessment process, with particular case studies from Canada.

50+ attendees from different levels of government, Vice Minister of Mines, Congressmen and Senators learned some of the tools for successful community engagement in Canada.

**KENYA: Diplomatic Mission to Calgary**
**September 21, 2021**
ERGP was privileged to host Kenya’s delegation to Canada at the School of Public Policy. The team met with the honorable members of the Kenyan Parliamentary Energy Committee, Kenya’s Head of Chancery to Canada, and the Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya. The meeting concentrated on the essential social and political considerations of resource development, especially in the areas of mining and exploration, as well as the crucial role both policy and education play.

**CANADA: Global Energy Show**
**September 23-24, 2021**
Through the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service, ERGP met with industry leaders to discuss the importance of sustainability, the rising demand for energy, and the many ways we can collaborate to keep building a better industry.
The Simpson Centre for Agricultural and Food Innovation and Public Education

An Academic Policy Institute that strengthens and supports the growth and sustainability of agri-food and agri-business—especially in Western Canada.

Publications

- **JULY 2021**
  - Alberta Agri-Food Futures
    Karen Spencer and Kim McConnell

- **SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - Strengthening Canada’s Food System by Reducing Food Waste
    Kerri L. Holland

- **OCTOBER 2021**
  - Alberta’s Role in the Global Agri-foods Marketplace – Part A: Digging Deeper, Part B: Illustrated in Data
    Amsalu Dareskedar, Karen Spencer, and Josh Bourassa

- **OCTOBER 2021**
  - Alberta GHG Emissions and Canada’s National Target
    Josh Bourassa

Webinars and Events

- **WEBINAR | APRIL 2021**
  - Sustainable Ag Leads the Way: Economic Recovery for Alberta

- **WEBINAR | JUNE 2021**
  - Urban and Rural Farms: Marrying Sustainability and Efficiency

- **WEBINAR | JULY 2021**
  - Measuring Food’s Environmental Impacts – A Starting Point

- **WEBINAR | SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - Best for Who? Farming Best Management Practices

- **WEBINAR | SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - What’s the Beef about Beef

- **WEBINAR | SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - Strengthening Canada’s Food System by Reducing Food Waste

- **WEBINAR | NOVEMBER 2021**
  - Interprovincial Trade: the Real Barrier to Post-COVID Recovery?

- **WEBINAR | NOVEMBER 2021**
  - Soil Carbon Sequestration: What is it, and could it actually work?

- **WEBINAR | DECEMBER 2021**
  - Are Farms Driving our GHG Emissions: Climate Policy for Canadian Farmers

- **WEBINAR | DECEMBER 2021**
  - Craft Beer in Calgary: How the scene is brewing

- **ONLINE ROUNDTABLE | FEBRUARY 2022**
  - Carbon Offset Roundtable
  - Private event

- **WEBINAR | FEBRUARY 2022**
  - 4 Per Thousand – Saving Us All?

- **PRIVATE ONLINE EVENT | MARCH 2022**
  - Beef Sector Focus Group

- **WEBINAR | MARCH 2022**
  - Regenerative Agriculture – What are the Impacts?

- **ONLINE EVENT | MARCH 2022**
  - Hog Sector Focus Group

Keynotes and Presentations

- **SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - Agricultural Community Event hosted by CANA Construction
  - Presentation on “Through the Fields” and “Citizen Science Project” to attendees representing the agricultural community of Southern Alberta by Tarra Drevet and John Bailey.

- **SEPTEMBER 2021**
  - Paris Conference
  - Keynote presentation given on animal healthcare governance and policy by Dr. Guillaume Lhermie.

- **MARCH 2022**
  - National Academy of Veterinary Science
  - Keynote presentation given on animal healthcare governance and policy by Dr. Guillaume Lhermie.
The School of Public Policy Fellows

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Our Graduate Programs

Practical and effective solutions in public policy and sustainable energy for the next generation of policy makers

Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV)

The University of Calgary’s Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) is an interdisciplinary graduate program providing a balanced education related to energy and environmental management. A combined offering through the School of Public Policy, Haskayne School of Business, Schulich School of Engineering, School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape, and the Faculty of Law, SEDV is a leading program designed for professionals who are seeking a broad-based and comprehensive education in sustainable energy.

SEDV has an important role to play at this point in the ongoing energy transition. The interdisciplinary nature of the program equips graduates with the skills they need to lead Calgary and Alberta through this period of change. We see an increasing demand across all sectors for leaders who can connect an engineering and technical understanding with a business and policy framework to drive progress.

- Dr. Sara Hastings-Simon, Director, MSc Sustainable Energy Development Program (SEDV)

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The University of Calgary Master of Public Policy (MPP) program is a one-year, integrated professional program that offers a comprehensive curriculum with numerous opportunities to further enhance skills, make meaningful connections with public policy experts and establish a career in the public policy field. Unlike traditional, theory based graduate programs, the Master of Public Policy provides opportunity to develop the knowledge and tools needed to investigate real world policy problems and to communicate policy solutions effectively. Within an elite class of about 40 students with diverse academic and professional backgrounds, learn from some of Canada’s leading scholars, and meet local, national and global policy practitioners and thinkers. Career development will be fostered with mentorship and networking opportunities and with opportunities to win internship placements.

The MPP program explains to students that all public policy is hard. It’s hard because of the need to balance value judgements with political calculations, budget considerations, administrative hesitancy, and more. Students learn how to manoeuvre around these obstacles and to become someone skilled at enabling practical and effective solutions to be implemented.

- Dr. Ronald Kneebone
  Director, Master of Public Policy Program
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