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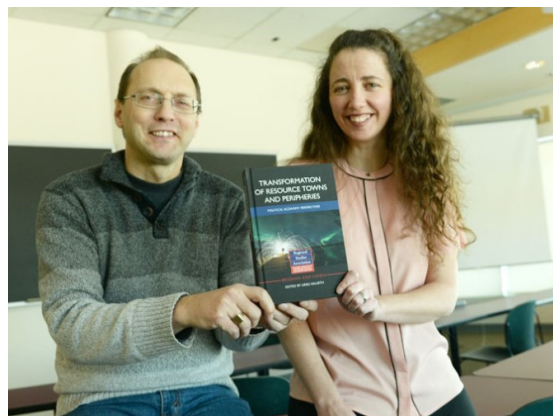
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Transformation of Resource Towns and Peripheries: Political Economy Perspectives

Edited by Greg Halseth



Above: UNBC Geography Professor Dr. Greg Halseth and Rural and Small Town Studies program Research Manager Laura Ryser with their new book. Source: University of Northern British Columbia.

Transformation of Resource Towns and Peripheries incorporates case studies from Australia, Canada, Finland, and New Zealand to highlight internal and external economic restructuring processes in the post-war period, as well as similarities and differences in policy responses that are shaping change. This includes a discussion of the capital investment and restructuring strategies used by firms; the organization of the resource-based economy within a global context; changes in products, markets, and trading relationships; implications for labor force transition; and community responses to pursue new place-based economic development approaches.

The case studies speak to the challenges of reconsidering and repositioning rural policies and investments in a political environment where no renewed vision has been realized to better position resource-dependent regions to be competitive in the new global political economy.

As such, Transformation of Resource Towns and Peripheries is a useful guide for students and researchers of regional studies, geography, and rural and industrial sociology. This book will also have a strong appeal to policy-makers and local and regional development practitioners.

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DID YOU KNOW...

the RPLC network has **2351 EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS** including students, faculty, practitioners, government, non-profit, and community members? If you have any "rural" related news, stories, research, conference or event - please let us know and we will help get the word out. Together we can help drive rural policy and improve rural life!

Share with your friends and get them to sign up for our Email List.
<http://rplc-capr.ca/emailing-list-registration/>

Upcoming Events



Advancing Women in Agriculture

March 6th-7th, 2017

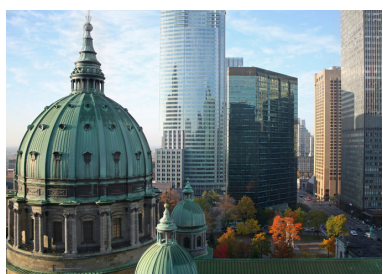
AWC is a symposium happening in Calgary, where women in agriculture join a community of their peers to listen, learn, network and grow. Registration still open. More information at the link: <http://www.advancingwomenconference.ca/2017west/index.html>



The XXVII European Society for Rural Sociology Congress

July 24th-27th, 2017

The XXVIIth ESRS conference will be held in Krakow, Poland, July 24-27, 2017. The theme for the conference is 'Uneven processes of rural change: on diversity, knowledge and justice'. For more information on conference themes and upcoming registration dates, follow the link: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/start>



112th Annual ASA Meeting

August 12th-15th, 2017

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), takes place in Montreal, and provides the opportunity for professionals involved in the scientific study of society to share knowledge and new directions in research and practice. Approximately 600 program sessions will be convened, with nearly 3,000 research papers and over 4,600 presenters. Preregistration closes on July 11. For more information or to register go to this link: <http://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2017/registration>



Rural Policy Learning Commons

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Ombudsman says many in charge think people in rural areas 'made a choice' to get worse care in emergencies

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Should people in rural B.C. expect sub-par emergency services?

A report from B.C.'s Forest Safety Ombudsman criticizes an attitude in B.C.'s emergency services that views rural living as "a choice" that naturally comes...

CBC.CA

Join Our Online Conversation

Recently, we shared a story on our Facebook page related to a new report from B.C.'s Forest Safety Ombudsman.

The report criticized the attitude of many of B.C.'s emergency services that viewed rural living as "a choice" that comes with worse care than what is available in urban centres. This piece highlighted the rural-urban divide in relation to access to care, as well as the need for policy reforms.

We invite you to share your thoughts regarding the challenges, and opportunities for improvement, faced by emergency services and healthcare in rural and remote areas.

Join the discussion online!

<https://www.facebook.com/RPLC.CAPR/>

Instagram – Featured Photo



Thanks @wkruraldev for sharing this image of a fishing village in northern Iceland. What a spectacular scene!

Let's keep the momentum going!

Make sure to send your own rural inspired photos to our Instagram guardian, Sarah Cook r53sjc@mun.ca

Follow us for more beautiful rural photographs:
https://www.instagram.com/rplc_capr/

Upcoming Webinars

	DATE	PRESENTER	TITLE
	February 15 10:00 am Central CST	Sarah Skerratt, Jane Atterton	Rural Scotland in Focus 2016: Informing Rural Policy Link for Registration: http://ow.ly/Yrlg3089RQ5
	February 22	Natalija Bogdanov	A Conceptual Framework for Studying the Consequences of Rural Out- Migration on Structural Changes in Agriculture at Origi

Questions? Please contact Orthist Adu Gyamfi: AduGyamfiO@brandonu.ca

Recent Webinars Now Available on YouTube

- **Oil's Rural Reach: Social and Environmental Impacts in Saskatchewan's Oil Producing Areas**
<http://ow.ly/wOac307SPP7>
- **Food waste in the EU – From evidence to policy interventions**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWxHzF1eMRg>
- **Achieving What's Possible for the Agri-food Sector: Through the Lens of Strategically Managing "Natural Capital"**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30L_-O1rxWk



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WEBINARS VIEWED

1216

in Attendance

2342

Additional Views

For previous webinars, please visit our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24ZwmEVj0-vlwNwf9er0hQ>

Call for Abstracts, Papers and Proposals

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Masters, PhD, and Early Career Awards – RSS

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) Council has authorized the use of Endowment funds to support Master's theses, Ph.D. dissertations, and Early Career Research awards to support research activities conducted during the 2016-2017 fiscal/academic year. Proposals are invited to conduct research on all topics encompassed by the field of rural sociology. Awards are made between \$2,500 – \$5,000.

Submission Deadline: February 17, 2017.

Full announcement is provided here:

<http://rplc-capr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-rss-dissertation-and-early-career-awards-rfp.pdf>

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

Different by Design – Exploring Innovation for Rural Prosperity conference

This conference will explore the unique potential and many possibilities that exists in rural places. The 2017 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation conference will be co-hosted with Applied Research and Innovation Centre, Selkirk College. The conference will take place in Nelson, British Columbia from September 20-23, 2017. Conference organizers are now accepting submissions for oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions and posters, from all rural practitioners, policy makers, researchers, and citizens. Abstract should be no more than 250 words and can be submitted by filling in the form found via the link: http://kootenays2017.crrf.ca/?page_id=46

The deadline for the first call is March 10, 2017.

Call for Volunteers - If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email indicating what you are interested in to Sarah Breen at sbreen@selkirk.ca

CALL FOR PAPERS

Media Sociology Preconference 2017

Submissions are invited for a preconference on media sociology to be held at Concordia University on Friday, August 11, 2017. To encourage the widest possible range of submissions, we have no pre-specified theme again this year and invite both

theoretical and empirical papers on any topic related to media sociology. Submissions from graduate students and junior scholars are particularly welcome.

Send submissions to casey.brienza@gmail.com

Please write "Media Sociology Preconference" in the subject line.

Abstract deadline is March 31, 2017.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Beyond Binary Constructions of Labour Mobilities

We invite submissions of extended abstracts (500-700 words) for consideration around inclusion in a special issue proposal titled Beyond Binary Constructions of Labour Mobilities that is under development for submission in Spring, 2017. Final selection of the target journal will take place after review and selection of relevant abstracts by the special issue editors. Detailed abstracts of between 500 and 700 words, including a problem statement or theoretical frame, methodology, findings and implications, should be sent to Philomena de Lima by March 31, 2017. Inquiries can also be addressed to Philomena de Lima at Philomena.deLima.ic@uhi.ac.uk

Deadline for submission of Abstracts: March 31, 2017

<http://rplc-capr.ca/call-abstracts-beyond-binary-constructions-labour-mobilities/>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Future of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Broadcasting: Conversation & Convergence

With the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Native Broadcasting Policy review proposed to take place 2018, The Future of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Broadcasting: Conversation & Convergence will kick-start discussions in the practitioner, policy and academic worlds. From February to May 2017, six regional one-day gatherings will be held across Canada.

Deadline for making proposals is March 10, 2017 for Iqaluit with a rolling deadline for the other regional events (closing one-month prior to the activity) and a deadline of May 1, 2017 for the national conference in Ottawa.

Find more information at the link: <http://www.indigenoustradio.ca/>

MUNbuttoned is back!

MUNbuttoned is the Harris Centre's festival of research. This year it's happening March 30, March 31, and April 1 at the Rocket Room in St. John's and is open to the public.



Submissions Wanted

We're looking for students, faculty, and staff to share the most interesting, exciting, and intriguing things they do.

Research Games on Thursday, March 30

Have you ever created an interactive game as a teaching tool or as part of a research project? Submit your pitch for our interactive evening of research games on March 30.

Maker's Fair on Saturday, April 1

Do you make stuff that's connected to your work or research? Do you create things that you could demonstrate to children and adults?

Deadline

Please contact us by February 17 with your ideas!

To submit your idea, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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NEW EPISODE: Rural Immigration with Michael Haan



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"Canada is a land of immigrants" is a phrase we hear often. And while that is certainly true in many ways, immigration is a complex issue we don't spend nearly as much time talking about as we should.

Michael Haan is Canada Research Chair in Immigration and Ethnic Relations at Western University in London, Ontario, and he spends a lot of time thinking about immigration, especially in rural Canada.

<http://ruralroutespodcasts.com/?p=1980>

Don't forget to tune into past Rural Routes podcasts
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Available for streaming or download through iTunes, Google Play, SoundCloud, and Stitcher





Share Your Rural Story!

Do you have a story with a focus on rural policy?

- Your story can help us develop insights on rural policy comparatives.
- Share your story with our internationally broad interdisciplinary network.

Consider making a submission to the RPLC Newsletter. We are always looking for current rural focused content. You can find our nifty submission guide on our website: <http://rplc-capr.ca/rplc-newsletter-submissions/>

Email your newsletter questions, comments & submissions to **Mesha Richard** at richardm@brandonu.ca or **Michael Blatherwick** at blatherwickm@brandonu.ca

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Digital Information Hub	Social Media

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Learning Institutes	Presentations
Publications	Workshops/Webinars
Opportunities	Newsletter
Job Notices	Research Reports

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Students	General Public
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