



## **Resource Development and Northern Communities: New Relationships and New Possibilities**

**A Panel Presentation at the  
2016 Congress for the Humanities and the Social Sciences  
Calgary Alberta, May 31, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Resource exploitation remains a primary source of potential economic and social sustainability for most communities in Canada's north. Yet past experience has showed that many of the social and economic challenges of communities in this region have been linked to the negative impacts of extractive industries. While problems continue to exist between extractive industries and Indigenous communities in other areas of the world, in northern Canada there is some indication that the worst aspects of resource dependence can be countered through the emergence of new relationships between communities, national governments, and industry such as new land claim agreements, impact-benefit agreements, co-management boards and other tools. The Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic (ReSDA) project brings together researchers and community representatives to conduct and mobilize research aimed at the sustainable development of natural resources in a manner that will improve the well-being of northern communities while preserving the region's unique environment. This panel discusses recent changes in the relationship between northern Canadian communities and extractive industry development to see what lessons, if any, Canada may have for other regions.

**Format:** The panel is 2 hours in length. Each speaker will have 15-20 minutes followed by questions.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Ted Hewitt, President, SSHRC and Guy Laforest, Incoming President, FHSS

**Presenters:**

Natan Obed, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami;  
Frances Abele, Professor, Carleton University;  
Chris Southcott, Professor, Lakehead University - PI, ReSDA;  
Gavin Hilson, Professor, University of Surrey

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