

## XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology: Sessions and Events

**DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016**

**TIME: 4:00PM**

LOCATION: TRS 1075

Session Code: IRSA\_71

Session Title: Extractive Industries and Rural Communities: New Relationships and New Possibilities

Session Description: Resource exploitation remains the primary source of potential economic and social sustainability for many rural communities including those of Canada's north. Yet past experience in Northern Canada has showed that many of the social and economic challenges of these communities has been linked to the negative impacts of extractive industries. 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. In Northern Canada, new land claim agreements, impact-benefit agreements, co-management boards and other tools offer the potential for the development of natural resources in a manner that increases the benefits of these developments for communities. The increased ability of these communities to stop and or delay extractive resource projects from occurring means that people in the region have the power to improve the benefits that communities receive from these developments and to ensure that negative impacts are properly mitigated. 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 health and well-being of northern communities while preserving the region's unique environment. Working with Indigenous and other organizations in the region, ReSDA researchers are attempting to determine the best conditions under which communities should allow extractive industry development to occur. This session hopes to bring together the findings of this project with examples from other rural regions of the world. We therefore welcome paper submissions not only from the north but also the global south and elsewhere.

Session Organizer and Chair: Chris Southcott, Lakehead University

Presentations:

1. Brenda Parlee, University of Alberta

*The 'Squeeze' on Social Capital Posed by Extractive Industries in Northern Communities*

2. Ron Harpelle, Lakehead University

*Engaging Communities in Questions of Development*

3. Andrew Hodgkins, University of Alberta

*Measuring Training and Employment Outcomes of Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreements: Initial Findings from Nunavut's North Baffin Island*

4. Chris Southcott, Lakehead University

*Changing Linkages and Leakages in Canada's North: A New Look at the Staples Theory*

5. Estair van Wagner, Victoria University of Wellington

*Rural Places and Environmental Justice: A Relational Approach to Legal Relations of Rurality*