

# WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

## The Future of Energy Politics in Canada: What might we expect?

**Honourable Stockwell Day**

Former President of the Treasury Board

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9:00am – 4:30pm

### Summary

India uses coal to supply 65% of its power. It needs to import 4.5 million barrels of oil per day. China needs to import almost 9,000,000 barrels today and relies on coal for 62% of its energy needs. Canada has a surplus of refined oil and natural gas, yet still imports oil from Saudi Arabia.

The politics of energy reflects on these dilemmas and affects the environment, the economy, and the future. What are the challenges involved in the extraction and transportation of natural resources in Canada? What forces are at work for and against it? Should Canada help nations that need to reduce coal emissions?

Get a view from the inside and be part of the discussion with someone who has been directly involved in this process and has the inside story: Former President of the Treasury Board, Principle at Stockwell Day Connex, global trade consultant and frequent media commentator, Honourable Stockwell Day.

### Outline

#### **Session 1: Budget Basics: The Harsh Realities of the Economics and Politics of How Things Get Funded (or not).**

This session will unravel the sometimes murky process of how billions of dollars are raised federally and then allocated across myriad levels of seemingly insatiable demand.

#### **Session 2: A Brief History of the Extraction of Canada's Natural Resources.**

We will look at where all those resources come from, where they go, and are they being depleted? The questions of the environmental impact of resource development and the role politics plays in this assessment will be explored.

#### **Session 3: Climate Change, Global Warming and Helping Asia.**

Participants will take part in a real-time policy debate on how these issues will determine our future.

### Required Readings

Lammam, Charles, Hugh MacIntyre, Feixue Ren, and Sazid Hasan (2017) "The Cost of Government Debt in Canada, 2017". *The Fraser Institute*. <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/sites/default/files/cost-of-government-debt-in-canada-2017.pdf>

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## **Recommended Readings**

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