

# ***Psycho-Social Impact Assessment***

## **IAIA Webinar: Bio & Contact for Speakers**

**Facilitator:** Will Rifkin is a sociologist and applied regional economist with the University of Newcastle, Australia. He fosters stakeholder understanding of social and economic impacts to help guide local and regional change. Applications include impacts on rural communities from development of natural gas resources, resistance to development of waste-to-energy facilities, and community transitions resulting from the approaching closure of coal mines and power stations. *Will.rifkin@newcastle.edu.au*



**Speaker 1:** Sergio Moreira is a Social Psychologist working in social performance and project-community relations in development-induced projects. He has experience in large scale projects in the energy, transportation, and extractive sectors. Currently, he is a senior consultant at Community Insights Group and an invited lecturer at Católica Lisbon School and Nova School of Business and Economics. *Spjmoreira@gmail.com*



**Speaker 2:** Michael Edelstein is Emeritus Professor at Ramapo State University. He is an environmental psychologist renowned for his pioneering research and advocacy on behalf of communities who have suffered toxic exposure, from Hawaii to Canada to Russia. He has written the standard work in PSIA, *Contaminated Communities*, and many other publications. *ecoedelstein@gmail.com*



**Speaker 3:** Helen Ross, Emeritus Professor at the University of Queensland, is an environmental psychologist whose research has inspired and informed people working in the field of PSIA for decades. Her social impact assessments with Australia's Indigenous communities identified histories of psycho-social impacts. She found that today's psycho-social impacts of mining reflected eras of dispossession from land, imposed grazing of cattle on traditional lands, and other upheavals. She is a Fellow and Honorary Life Member of EIANZ, 2013 winner of the Simon Molesworth prize, and Co-editor of the *Austral-asian Journal of Environmental Management* from 2005 to 2023. *Helen.ross@uq.edu.au*



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**Speaker 4:** Dr Jeffrey Jacquet is an Associate Professor in rural and natural resource



sociology at Ohio State University. He has a focus on energy development, such as the boom and bust cycles and social impacts from the development of coal, oil, natural gas and renewables. Other focus areas include rural community development, social impact assessment and the social-psychology of environmental change. He is co-leader of a global network of social scientists investigating community transitions when coal mines and power stations close. [Jacquet.8@osu.edu](mailto:Jacquet.8@osu.edu)

**Panelist 1:** Catherine Fairbairn is a senior environmental assessment advisor at the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board in northern Canada, with experience in mining, infrastructure and energy projects. [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca)



**Panelist 2:** Ruari Carthew is a social impact assessment consultant based in Sweden with projects addressing impacts and community well-being among Indigenous groups in Canada. [ruari@recimpacts.com](mailto:ruari@recimpacts.com)



**Panelist 3:** Eden Klein addresses psycho-social impacts on Canadian First Nations groups as an environmental planner for the consultancy, Narratives, Inc. [eden.klein@narrativesinc.com](mailto:eden.klein@narrativesinc.com)



**Additional member of PSIA working group:** Cathy Banwell is an emeritus professor at the Australian National University, a medical anthropologist with a focus on population health. She has characterised psycho-social impacts among Aboriginal populations near major sites of PFAS contamination around Australia. [Cathy.banwell@anu.edu.au](mailto:Cathy.banwell@anu.edu.au)

