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OIL'S RURAL REACH: Social and Environmental Impacts in Saskatchewan's Oil Producing Areas.

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ABSTRACT

Oil is not new to Saskatchewan, but a recent boom from 2006-2014 associated with unconventional oil extraction, including hydraulic fracturing, has left its mark on rural lives and livelihoods. In this seminar I review the social and environmental impacts associated with Saskatchewan's rural oil boom. I argue that predominant silence among rural residents about these impacts is largely due to the industry's influence and its penetration of every-day rural institutions and culture.

The research is based on over 80 interviews with farmers, ranchers, school teachers, regulators, environmental consultants, human services providers, oil workers, and others as well as participant observation in rural oil producing communities.



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