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### **Science, Decision Making & the Law The Impact Assessment Cat in the Science Hat**



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Although science is crucial to the integrity of environmental decision making and impact assessment, a number of challenges exist in how science is gathered, presented, and interpreted by proponents, regulators, and interveners.

The **Environmental Law Centre** welcomes **Dr. Aerin Jacob** and **Prof. Martin Olszyski** to don their thinking caps and share their insights into the importance of science to impact assessments and what improvements are needed. Sound provincial and federal decisions regarding major infrastructure projects – including pipelines, dams, and oilsands mines – rest on strong science.



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The talk will be of interest to anyone engaged in using science in impact assessments generally or watching what will become of the federal Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69), including decision-makers, consultants, industry and community members.

***So don your cap, cowboy hat or fascinador and join us at Green Regs and Ham. Buffet breakfast starts at 7:30.***

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**October 25, 2018**  
**7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**  
**Hotel Arts**  
119 12 Ave SW, Calgary, AB  
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**Dr. Aerin Jacob** is Conservation Scientist at the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative based in Canmore, Alberta. Aerin has worked in research, conservation, teaching, and consulting across western North America, East Africa and Central America. She earned a BSc from the University of British Columbia and PhD from McGill University, and conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Victoria. Her science-policy work includes advice to federal, provincial, and Indigenous governments about conservation planning, species at risk, climate change and sustainability, and impact assessment (IA). In 2016, Aerin led an initiative involving >1800 young scientists across Canada to strengthen scientific rigour in IA processes; she continues to work with scientists from government, academia, industry, and the non-profit sector on science in IA and environment-related decisions.

**Prof. Martin Olszynski** joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary in 2013, following several years of public service in environmental and natural resources law and policy. Martin holds a B.Sc. (Biology) and an LL.B., both from the University of Saskatchewan, and an LL.M. (specialization in environmental law) from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to joining the University of Calgary, he was a part-time professor with the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, where he taught environmental law. Martin's primary teaching and research interests are in environmental, natural resources, and water law and policy. He is also interested in the continuous development of related core areas of law, including constitutional, administrative, tort and regulatory law.

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