



**Date:** Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:00pm – 1:30pm EST

**Intended Audience:** Grades 5-10

**Free Registration:** <http://bit.ly/2019Jan16>

### Webinar Description:

How to bring Canada's natural resources to market in an environmentally and socially responsible way is one of the greatest challenges our nation faces. Dr. Alex Latta, Associate Professor in the Department of Global Studies, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies from Wilfrid Laurier University joins us to discuss the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion.

After providing some background information about the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, including recent government decisions and court rulings, Dr. Latta will focus our attention on a few key questions:

- Why is this project so controversial?
- What do those in favour of the pipeline expansion say about it?
- What are some of the environmental arguments against the pipeline?
- What does this project mean for the relationships between the Canadian government and Indigenous Peoples?
- Why should the debate over the pipeline matter to you?

### Curriculum Links:

#### Social Science

- Challenges associated with balancing human needs/wants and activities with environmental stewardship
- Interrelationship between people and the natural/built features of their community – how do these features/services meet people's needs?

#### Geography

- Short- and long-term effects of natural resource extraction/harvesting/use on people and the environment
- Perspectives of different groups regarding the use of the natural environment to meet human needs (e.g. indigenous community, environmental organization, mining/forestry company, local residents)
- Impact of the extraction/harvesting/use of natural resources around the world (geographic perspective)



**Additional Resources**

- Overview of the Expansion Project: <https://www.transmountain.com/project-overview>
- Government of Canada, The Trans Mountain Expansion Project: <https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80061?culture=en-CA>
- Faculty listing for Dr. Alex Latta: <https://www.wlu.ca/academics/faculties/faculty-of-arts/faculty-profiles/alex-latta/index.html>

**Pre-Webinar Questions/Brainstorming:**

1. Why do you think the debate over the pipeline expansion should matter to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Brainstorm reasons for and against the pipeline expansion.

For Expansion	Against Expansion



### Post-Webinar Questions

3. Do you think the Government of Canada should go ahead with the expansion project? Why?
4. As part of the consultation process the Government of Canada is seeking the opinions of those who will be affected by the pipeline expansion. If you had the opportunity to speak with elected officials about this project what would you say?
5. In your opinion, which group of people is at the greatest risk for negative impacts of the pipeline expansion? Why?
6. What did you learn about Dr. Alex Latta's profession and/or career path?
7. Do any parts of Dr. Alex Latta's career path or area of research interest you? Why or why not?

