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## **Fort McMurray Oil Sands: The Sociology of a 21st Century Frontier Settlement** With Veronica Dujon



**What does a twenty first century outpost in an industrialized country look like? How does this settlement/production site which has been the focus of much debate reflect larger global environmental and social challenges?**

**This presentation offers a sociological perspective of the economic factors that sustain the energy intensive extraction of oil from**

**the sands of Fort McMurray; the controversy over the environmental implications of production and of consumption of that energy; and the the ways in which the technological sophistication of production at this remote location is reflected in the social organization and cultural profile of the site.**

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**10:00**

**On Portland State's campus: SMU 329**

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