PLACE-BASED RURAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS

investigating place-based rural innovation systems & their implications for public policy & community development practice

INFRASTRUCTURE

physical & soft infrastructure broadband as enabling tech civic institutions & structures

RURAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

> CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

POLICY

influence & role
of national &
provincial policy
frameworks
& funding priorities

rural community innovation as system of nested adaptive change cycles

comparative case study: exemplar cases from Canada, Scandinavia, New Zealand, drawn from range of economic legacies & trajectories (agricultural, manufacturing, remote/periphery)

what is the role of key stakeholders? how do broader policies influence investments? what is the place-based context for innovation?

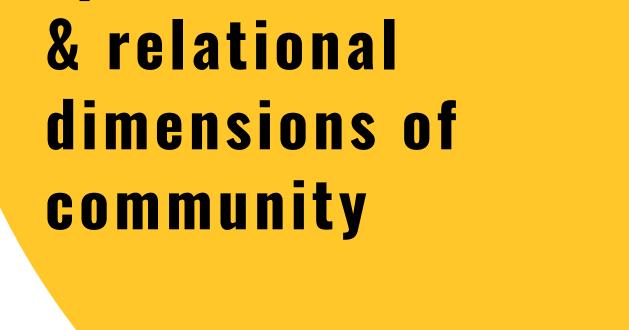
what are the core models of place-based, rural-specific innovation ecosystems?

what do community leaders think creates a local innovation system?

how can decision-makers mobilize insights into rural innovation systems into evidence-informed policy & programming?

WHY DOES THIS RESEARCH MATTER?

Rural communities feed our bodies and fuel our economies. However, the national Innoation Agenda fails to empower and enable rural communities, businesses, and people to seize their digital futures in a rapidly changing world. This research will provide critical insights to inform evidence-based policy and practice to support future-oriented rural community resilience.



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