



**Project Description:** This cross-Canada project is designed to investigate regional development in theory, policy and practice. Regional development was examined through five key themes of the theory of “New Regionalism” (a reconceptualization of “the region” where regions are pursuing collaborative approaches to deal with pressures such as downloading from senior governments and economic restructuring). Key research questions and themes are:

- Are policy makers and practitioners now re-focusing on **place** as a starting point for development? (*Place-based Development*)
- What is the extent to which power and development **decision-making** is shared among different groups at all levels of government? (*Governance*)
- What is the role of **knowledge and innovation** in the development process? (*Knowledge and Innovation*)
- How are **rural-urban relationships** managed? (*Rural-Urban*)
- To know the extent to are a wide variety of sectors and issues **integrated** into regional development? (*Integration*)

**Our Goal:** Answering these questions will inform policy-makers and make contributions to regional development across the country. We want to both provide our findings to the regions where we are working, as well as update the regional development theories and concepts that are taught in our universities and colleges.

**Where we are working:**



1. The Kootenay Region, British Columbia
2. MRC of Rimouski-Neigette, Québec
3. Eastern Ontario
4. Northern Peninsula Region, Newfoundland
5. Kittiwake/Gander-New-Wes-Valley Region, Newfoundland

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