

Alex Haslam is a social psychologist and an Australian Laureate Fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia. He is also a Senior Fellow of CIFAR's *Social Interactions, Identity & Well-Being* program. His work examines how social identities and group memberships influence our interactions with others. He researches such questions as: How does belonging to groups and organizations shape the way we think, feel and behave? And how do individuals and groups in turn shape the nature of organizations and society? Dr. Haslam approaches these questions by identifying and explaining how people's membership in groups and teams affects a range of social and organizational processes including stereotyping and prejudice, leadership and motivation, communication and decision-making, and stress and mental health.

Dr Haslam is on the editorial board of seven international journals, including *Scientific American Mind*. He has published and edited 11 books on social and organizational psychology including the seminal book *The Social Cure: Identity, Health and Well-being*. His work has received numerous honours including the British Psychology Society's Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Psychology, and a National Teaching Fellowship from the Higher Education Academy.

John Berry is a cross-cultural psychologist, and a member of CIFAR Advisory Board for the *Social Interactions, Identity, & Well-being* program. His research involves two domains. First is the examination of how individual behaviour is developed and displayed in different cultural contexts; much of the work has been with Indigenous Peoples in Canada, Africa and Asia. Second is research with immigrant and ethnocultural groups who are settled into plural societies in many parts of the world. In this second domain, the focus is on the complex interplay between the cultural and behavioural attributes rooted in the heritage culture and those of the society of settlement, and how these relationships influence the well-being of both populations. His specific concerns are with the processes of acculturation and intercultural relations, with an emphasis on applications to immigration, educational and health policy.

Dr. Berry is currently is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Queen's University and Research Professor at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He has published over 30 books in the areas of cross-cultural, social and cognitive psychology with various colleagues. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, and the International Academy for Intercultural Research.

Moderator Helen Branswell, Medical Reporter, The Canadian Press

Helen Branswell has been the medical reporter for The Canadian Press, Canada's news agency, since June 2000. Based in Toronto, her work focuses heavily on infectious diseases, notably avian and pandemic influenza, SARS and the new MERS virus.

Prior to assuming the medical beat, Branswell was London correspondent for The Canadian Press from 1995 to 2000.

In a career that has spanned more than 30 years, she has worked across Canada, covering a wide array of subject matters, including federal and provincial politics.

Branswell was a 2011 Nieman Global Health Fellow, spending the academic year at Harvard University, where she focused on polio eradication.

In 2004, Branswell was awarded a Knight Public Health Journalism Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, spending three months working with scientists in the nosocomial infections and influenza branches.