

## Heather E. Hudson

Dr. Heather E. Hudson is Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and Professor of Public Policy at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Previously, she was founding Director of the Communications Technology Management and Policy Program at the University of San Francisco. Her work focuses on applications of ICTs for socio-economic development, regulation and policy issues including universal service/access, and policies and strategies to extend affordable access to new technologies and services, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Prof. Hudson has planned and evaluated communication projects in Alaska, northern Canada, and more than 50 developing countries and emerging economies in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and the South Pacific. She has consulted for the private sector, government agencies, consumer and indigenous organizations, and international organizations.

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