

## PAN Meeting with MPP Andrea Horwath (Hamilton Centre)

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, PAN representative Sagar Prabhudev, a PhD Candidate at McMaster University, and Patrick Sackville, OSPE Policy Analyst, met with the Leader of Ontario's New Democratic Party, MPP Andrea Horwath (Hamilton Centre).

The main topic was OSPE's 2015 report on the labour market challenges facing Ontario's engineering-degree holders.

Sagar shared the main findings of *Crisis in the Engineering Labour Market*, specifically that over 33% of engineering-degree holders worked in jobs that did not necessarily require a university degree and only about 30% of employed individuals in Ontario who held a bachelor's degree or higher in engineering were working as engineers or engineering managers.

As Sagar and Patrick mentioned, this situation will have negative impacts for Ontario's economy, industries, and degree holders. Sagar noted that Hamilton's traditional manufacturing sector is suffering and needs support to transition and innovate as a major employer of engineers.

Sagar also presented several recommendations, including the development of a Hamilton task force to study the retention and attraction of engineering graduates in the region or a web portal that acts as a one-stop shop for engineering students or recent graduates looking for employment, co-op opportunities, or scholarships.

Thank you to MPP Horwath for meeting with OSPE, and thank you to Sagar for his continued dedication to the profession!



**From left to right:** OSPE Policy Analyst, Patrick Sackville, MPP Andrea Horwath (Hamilton Centre), and PAN representative Sagar Prabhudev, PhD Candidate, McMaster University.