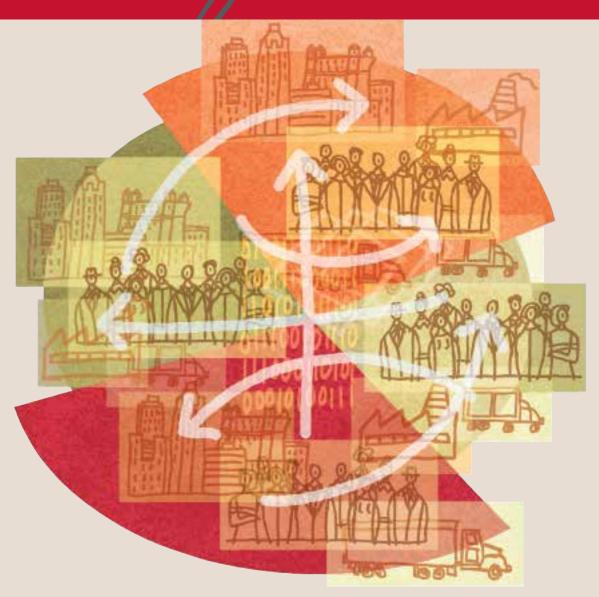
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Inequality in Canada

Driving Forces, Outcomes and Policy

February 24-25, 2014 Delta Ottawa City Centre

Program

Monday, February 24, 2014

Ballroom A

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Opening remarks

Graham Fox (Institute for Research on

Public Policy)

Craig Riddell (Canadian Labour Market

and Skills Researcher Network)

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. **SESSION 1: TRENDS IN INCOME**

INEQUALITY

Chair: Craig Riddell (University of British

Columbia)

"Overview of Canadian Trends Relative

to Other OECD Countries"

Andrew Heisz (Statistics Canada)

"Changes in Wage Inequality in Canada: An Interprovincial Perspective"

Nicole Fortin and Thomas Lemieux (University of British Columbia)

Discussants: **Glen Hodgson** (Conference Board of Canada) and **Joseph Marchand**

(University of Alberta)

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **SESSION 2: TOP INCOMES AND**

INEQUALITY

Chair: Gordon Thiessen (former governor

of the Bank of Canada)

Presenters: Thomas Lemieux and Craig

Riddell (University of British Columbia)

Discussants: Mike Veall (McMaster University) and Armine Yalnizyan

(Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF SKILLS AND

EDUCATION

Chair: Richard Van Loon (Carleton

University)

Presenters: **Kelly Foley** (University of Saskatchewan) and **David Green**

(University of British Columbia)

Discussants: René Morissette (Statistics Canada) and Chris Robinson (University

of Western Ontario)

Pinnacle Room (26th floor)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Ballroom A

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF UNIONS

Chair: Anil Verma (University of Toronto)

"Can Reforming Labour Relations

Reduce Wage Inequality? Evidence from the Canadian Provinces"

Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Discussants: **Andrew Jackson** (Broadbent

Institute) and Chris Riddell (Cornell

University)

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF**

IMMIGRATION

Chair: Naomi Alboim (Queen's

University)

"Immigration, Poverty and Inequality:

What's New in the 2000s?" Feng Hou (Statistics Canada)

"Technological Change and Declining

Immigrant Outcomes"

Christopher Worswick (Carleton

University)

Discussants: Charles Beach (Queen's University) and David Manicom

(Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Coffee break

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. SESSION 6: POVERTY DYNAMICS

AMONG VULNERABLE GROUPS

Chair: **John Stapleton** (Metcalf Foundation)

Presenter: Tony Fang (Monash University,

Melbourne, Australia)

Discussants: Krishna Pendakur (Simon

Fraser University) and **Sherri Torjman** (Caledon Institute of Social Policy)

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Pinnacle Room (26th floor)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Reception and dinner



<u>Program</u>

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Ballroom A

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. SESSION 7: THE ROLE OF TAXES AND

TRANSFERS

Chair: Frank Vermaeten (Employment and Social Development Canada)

"The Role of Taxes and Transfers in Reducing Income Inequality" Andrew Heisz (Statistics Canada)

"The Progressivity of Federal Tax

Preferences'

Mike Veall (McMaster University)

"Provincial Taxation of High Incomes: What Are the Impacts on Equity and Tax

Revenue?"

Kevin Milligan (University of British

Columbia)

Discussants: Jonathan Rhys Kesselman (Simon Fraser University) and John Lester

(University of Calgary)

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Coffee break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **SESSION 8: THE FUTURE OF INCOME**

SECURITY IN CANADA

Chair: Annette Ryan (Employment and

Social Development Canada)

"The Unemployment Insurance We

Want"

Miles Corak (University of Ottawa and

Russell Sage Foundation)

"Guaranteed Minimum Income versus

Wage Subsidies"

Guy Lacroix (Université Laval)

Discussants: **Pierre Fortin** (Université du Québec à Montréal) and **Stephen Jones**

(McMaster University)

Panorama Room (26th floor)

12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Lunch

Keynote address: "Will the Workplace of the Future Have Any Workers?"

David Autor (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Ballroom A

2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

SESSION 9: DRIVING FORCES, OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Chair: **Bruce Wallace** (*Policy Options*, Institute for Research on Public Policy)

"The Fading of Redistributive Politics in

Canada"

John Myles (University of Toronto)

Commentator: **David Green** (University of British Columbia)

Closing panel

Craig Alexander (TD Bank Group), Margaret Biggs (Queen's University) and Miles Corak (University of Ottawa and

Russell Sage Foundation)

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