**OTTAWA** 



**SEPTEMBER 16, 2025** 8:30AM-5:00PM

# **CANADA'S NEXT ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION:**

## Industrial Policy in Tumultuous Times

### **PROGRAM**

REGISTRATION	8:30-9:00 AM
OPENING REMARKS	9:00-9:15AM
MORNING REMARKS BY NOAH SMITH, Economist and author	9:15-10:00AM
PANEL #1	10:00-11:00AM

Building the future: Does Canadă need a new approach to industrial policy?

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Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada LISE BIRIKUNDAVYI, BKR Capital

JESSE MCCORMICK, First Nations Major Projects Coalition

**CHRISTOPHER RAGAN**, Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill U.

Moderated by STEVE LAFLEUR, IRPP

PANEL #2 11:15AM-12:15PM

Strengthening Canada's trading relationships: Is diversifying away from the U.S. realistic?

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OPENING REMARKS
LEAH GILBERT-MORRIS, Export Development Canada

**PATRICIA GOFF**, Wilfrid Laurier University

MATTHEW HOLMES, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

**STEVE VERHEUL**, Former assistant deputy minister of the trade policy and negotiations branch at Global Affairs Canada

Moderated by JENNIFER DITCHBURN, IRPP

#### **LUNCH KEYNOTE**



**R.J. SIMPSON** *Premier of the Northwest Territories* 

**12:15-1:15PM** This keynote is sponsored by



#### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1**

1:15-2:15PM

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION A**

Creating one Canadian economy: Building a more resilient country through internal trade

RYAN MANUCHA, Interprovincial trade lawyer and author

**ANGELA PAULIN**, Nova Scotia Intergovernmental Affairs

**CORINNE POHLMANN**, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Moderated by **CHARLES BRETON**, *Centre of Excellence on the Canadian Federation, IRPP* 

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION B**

Unleashing the Indigenous economy: The need for Indigenous-led industrial policy

HILLARY THATCHER, Canada Infrastructure Bank

**DAVID CARRIÈRE-ACCO**, Acosys Consulting

**ANGELA MARK**, CCIB

Moderated by KAREN RESTOULE, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION C**

Accelerating housing construction: Leveraging new technologies to tackle Canada's housing crisis

**STEVEN BEITES**, McEwen School of Architecture, Laurentian U.

**DWAYNE TORREY**, CSA Group

MARY W. ROWE, Canadian Urban Institute

Moderated by TIM HUDAK, Counsel Public Affairs

#### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2**

2:30-3:30PM

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION A**

Decarbonizing industry: Capturing opportunities for low-emission growth CHRIS BATAILLE, Columbia U. Centre on Global Energy Policy

**RALPH TORRIE**, Corporate Knights

MAHIMA SHARMA, Forest Products Association of Canada

Moderated by MARISA BECK, Canadian Climate Institute

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION B**

Re-arming Canada: Strengthening Canada's defence industrial base **JEFFREY COLLINS**, UPEI

CRAIG STONE, Canadian Forces College

**CHARLOTTE DUVAL-LANTOINE**, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

Moderated by RAQUEL GARBERS, Centre for International Governance Innovation

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION C**

Capitalizing on artificial intelligence: Leveraging opportunities to drive productivity and innovation

ALEXANDRA DOSTAL, ISED Canada

**MUHAMMAD MAMDANI**, Temerty Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine, University of Toronto

**TONY GAFFNEY**, Vector Institute

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Moderated by RICARDO CHEJFEC, IRPP

PANEL #3 3:45-4:45PM

Key takeaways and next steps

EMNA BRAHAM, Institut du Québec

**GLEN HODGSON**, Momentus Global

**JIM STANFORD**, Centre for Future Work

Moderated by **RACHEL SAMSON**, *IRPP* 

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5:00PM-7:00PM







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