Stabilizing Provincial Revenues: Economic, Political and Policy Perspectives

Wednesday, April 17, 2017
9:45 am – 3:00 pm

George Teves Dining Room
University Club, Queen’s University
168 Stuart Street, Kingston

Provincial revenues have become far more volatile in the wake of the global financial crisis. How should Canadians mitigate and cope with provincial revenue shocks? Should the federal government enhance nationwide insurance? Should the provinces self-insure and limit provincial revenue volatility themselves? And how do we design stabilization policies that voters will support? This workshop will bring together economists, political scientists and policy experts to explore these and other issues related to the stabilization of provincial revenues. It will also discuss possible paths for normative, political and policy research.

Agenda

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments

10:00 Opening remarks
- Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen’s University

10:05 Framing the discussion
- Kyle Hanniman, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University

10:15 Mitigating and coping with provincial revenue shocks 1: Equity and efficiency considerations
Chair: TBA
- Robin Boadway, Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics, Queen’s University
- Thomas J. Courchene, Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics and the School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University
- Tracy Snoddon, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfred Laurier University
- Trevor Tombe, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calgary
12:00    Lunch

1:00    Mitigating and coping with provincial revenue shocks 2:  
Political and practical perspectives
Chair: Adrienne Davidson, Skelton-Clark Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University

- Patrick Deutscher, School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University; former Chief Economist of Ontario and former Assistant Deputy Minister in the Office of Economic Policy at the Ministry of Finance
- Kyle Hanniman, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University
- Scott Matthews, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Memorial University

2:30    Group Discussion: Paths for normative, political and policy research

2:55    Closing remarks
- Kyle Hanniman