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TUESDAY - August 20, 2019

St. Lawrence Ballroom – Residence Inn by Marriott, 2 Earl Street, Kingston, ON

- 7:15 - 8:30 **Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome and Introduction**
Warren Mabee, Associate Dean and Director, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University
Margaret Biggs, Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, Queen's University
- 8:45 - 10:15 SESSION 1: **Trends in growth, equity and opportunity**
Moderator: **Stephen Davidson**, Secretary of the Cabinet, Head of the Public Service and Clerk of the Executive Council, Province of Ontario

Brian Nolan, Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, and Director of Employment, Equity and Growth in the Institute for New Economic Thinking, University of Oxford
Mike Veall, Professor of Economics and Academic Director, Statistics Canada Research Data Centre, McMaster University
- 10:15 - 10:45 **Break**
- 11:45 - 12:15 SESSION 2: **New approaches to achieving inclusive prosperity**
Moderator: **Rachel Wernick**, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch, Employment and Social Development Canada

Valerie Cerra, Assistant Director and Division Chief of the European and Middle Eastern Division, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF
Marco Mira d'Ercole, Head, Household Statistics and Progress Measurement Division, OECD
- 12:15 - 1:15 **Lunch**
- 1:15 - 3:00 SESSION 3: **Inclusive innovation**
Moderator: **John Knubley**, Deputy Minister, Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Government of Canada (2012-2019)

Caroline Paunov, Head of Secretariat for the OECD Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy, OECD
Wendy Cukier, Professor, Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University
Sarah Doyle, Director of Policy + Research, Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30 - 5:00 SESSION 4: **Work and wages**
Moderator: **Elisha Ram**, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch, Employment and Social Development Canada

Laura Gardiner, Director of Research, Resolution Foundation, UK
David Green, Professor and Director, Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia
- 5:00 – 6:15 **Waterfront Reception**
Compass Rose Park
Residence Inn by Marriott

WEDNESDAY - August 21, 2019

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7:30 – 8:30

Continental Breakfast

8:30 -10:15

SESSION 5: **Social protection: Leaving no one behind**

Moderator: **Aki Tefera**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Business Intelligence and Practice Division, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Province of Ontario

Robert Moffitt, Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Economics, Johns Hopkins University; Member, National Academies of Sciences Consensus Report: A roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty

Mark Stabile, Professor of Economics, Stone Chaired Professor in Wealth Inequality, Academic Director, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality, INSEAD

Laura McDonough, Senior Manager for Research, Public Policy and Evaluation, United Way Greater Toronto

10:15- 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

SESSION 6: **Immigration, social integration and inclusive growth**

Moderator: **Patricia Walcott**, General Manager, Employment and Social Services, City of Toronto

Mireille Paquet, Associate Professor of Political Science, Research Chair on the New Politics of Immigration, Concordia University

Anna Triandafyllidou, Professor and Director, Global Governance Program, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence; Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, Ryerson University

12:15 - 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 3:00

SESSION 7: **Citizens' aspirations and anxieties and the politics of inclusive prosperity**

Moderator: **Graham Fox**, President, Institute for Research on Public Policy

Part 1:

Andrew Parkin, Executive Director, Environics Institute

Part 2:

Gary Mason, National Affairs Columnist, The Globe and Mail

Heather Scofield, Economic Columnist, Toronto Star

3:00 – 3:10

Closing Remarks

SESSION 1: Trends in growth, equity and opportunity



Steven Davidson became interim Secretary of the Cabinet on February 1, 2019 and was formally appointed into the role on June 20, 2019. Steven previously served as Associate Secretary of the Cabinet and Deputy Minister, Policy and Delivery, from October 2014 to January 2019. In that role, he worked with all ministries in the Ontario Public Service and the Premier's Office to establish and support delivery of the government's policy and legislative agenda.

Prior to that, Steven was Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Deputy Minister responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. He was also the Deputy Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism from February 2016 to June 2018.

Steven has held assistant deputy minister positions at the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and the Democratic Renewal Secretariat. He has also served as Executive Coordinator of the Executive Council Office and Director of Strategic Planning at Cabinet Office.

Steven holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in history from Queen's University and a Master of Archival Studies from the University of British Columbia.



Brian Nolan is Director of INET's Employment, Equity and Growth Programme, Professor of Social Policy at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, and Senior Research Fellow at Nuffield College Oxford. He was previously Principal of the College of Human Sciences and Professor of Public Policy at University College Dublin. He is an economist who studied at University College Dublin, McMaster University, and the London School of Economics, and his main areas of research are income inequality, poverty, and the economics of social policy. He has been centrally involved in a range of collaborative cross-country research networks and projects, co-editing *The Handbook of Economic Inequality* (2008), *The Great Recession and the Distribution of Household Income* (2013) and *Changing Inequalities in Rich Countries: Analytical and Comparative Perspectives* (2014), and co-authoring (with Christopher T. Whelan) *Poverty and Deprivation in Europe* (2011), all published by Oxford University Press. The research programme he leads at Oxford focuses on trends in income inequality and living standards and their societal impacts across rich countries. This programme has recently produced two books he edited: *Inequality and Inclusive Growth in Rich Countries: Shared Challenges and Contrasting Fortunes* and *Generating Prosperity for Working Families in Rich Countries*, both published by OUP in 2018.



Mike Veall is a Professor of Economics at McMaster University. He received his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has taught at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Mannheim, Australian National University and Queen's University. He has been a von Humboldt fellow at the University of Munich and an honorary professor at the University of York. He was the first winner of the Research Impact Award of his Faculty at McMaster, the Graham Lecturer of the Atlantic Economics Association, President of the Canadian Economics Association and co-winner of the Purvis Prize for a work of excellence in Canadian economic policy. Currently he is Director of the Productivity Partnership, Principal Investigator of the Canadian Research Data Centre Network and Editor of the journal *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politiques*.

SESSION 2: New approaches to achieving inclusive prosperity



Rachel Wernick (@wernick_rachel) was appointed Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch (SEB) at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on November 20, 2017. Early in her career, Rachel held a variety of policy and program positions within former versions of the Department (HRDC, HRSDC) including Employment Insurance policy and Literacy and Essential Skills programming.

Before joining ESDC, Rachel was Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Planning and Corporate Affairs at Canadian Heritage. Prior to this, Rachel held executive positions with the Privy Council Office, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and created and led the National Fighter Procurement Secretariat within Public Works and Government Services Canada. Rachel is Co-Champion of the Clerk's Policy Community initiative, which aims to enhance supports for policy professionals across the Government of Canada.

Rachel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with Joint Honours in Political Science and History from McGill University and a Graduate Diploma in International Development and Cooperation from the University of Ottawa. Following her graduate studies, Rachel worked with several international development organizations, including two years working in a Vietnamese refugee camp in Malaysia.



Valerie Cerra is an Assistant Director and the Division Chief of the European and Middle Eastern Division of the Institute for Capacity Development at the IMF. She has provided policy advice, lending support, and training to countries around the world since 1996. Prior to her current position, she worked in the IMF's Western Hemisphere Department, African Department, European Department, Asia and Pacific Department, and the IMF Institute. Among other previous assignments, she was mission chief for Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, and Cape Verde. Valerie is a U.S. national. She obtained undergraduate degrees in both finance and engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington. Before graduate school, Valerie was a financial analyst at a consulting firm in the U.S. Her research interests include international macroeconomics, exchange rates, financial crises, and growth. She has published extensively, including in top economics journals such as the *American Economic Review* and *the Journal of International Economics*.



Marco Mira d'Ercole is Head of the Division for Household Statistics and Progress Measurement in the Statistics and Data Directorate of the OECD. He has worked on measures of well-being, income distribution and various aspects of social policies. Since joining the OECD he has worked in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, in the Economics Department and in the Private Office of the OECD Secretary General, as well as spending two years at the International Monetary Fund. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Modena and a M.Phil in Economics from Oxford University.

SESSION 3: Inclusive innovation



John Knuble recently stepped down from the Public Service, the past seven years serving as Deputy Minister with the Department of Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (previously Industry Canada). In his role, he was responsible for the formation of the Innovation and Skills Agenda which supports innovation in the economy to address competitiveness and productivity challenges; he promoted strong regulatory and market place frameworks for Canada; and worked with businesses in general, especially small business to help address their challenges.

He has been a longstanding public servant with experience in over eight departments, including the Privy Council Office, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Human Resources Development Canada, Transport and Infrastructure Canada, Natural Resources Canada as well as the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. John has degrees in politics and economics from Yale, Oxford, Harvard and Nice universities.



Caroline Paunov (@carolinepaunov) is Head of Secretariat for the OECD Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy (TIP) at the Directorate for Science, Technology, and Innovation of the OECD. She manages the activities of the Working Party, a group that is composed of government officials and country experts of 40+ countries responsible for science, technology and innovation policy and that meets regularly during the year as well as at ad hoc workshops. Her work includes overseeing the Group's work on digital and open innovation, industry-science collaboration and inclusive and sustainable innovation policy among other core topics in innovation policy. Caroline has authored multiple policy reports and country reviews in the fields of innovation, technology, trade, intellectual property rights and development. Specialized in applied econometrics and experimenting with semantic analysis, her research work has been published in leading academic journals. She holds a B.A. and M.A. (Hons) from the University of Oxford, a M.Sc. from the University Pompeu Fabra and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of London.



Wendy Cukier (@CukierWendy; @RyersonDI) is a Professor in Ryerson's Ted Rogers School of Management and Founder of the Diversity Institute. She coauthored the bestseller *"Innovation Nation: Canadian Leadership from Java to Jurassic Park"* and has written more than 200 articles on innovation and inclusion. She leads the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub and spearheaded the Ryerson - led bid for Canada's new Future Skills Centre (FSC), serving on its interim advisory council. She is a member of the Expert Panel on Women's Entrepreneurship the ESDC Advisory Group on Essential Skills Framework Renewal and is an Expert Advisor for the Working Group on the Modern Economy (WGME). She holds a PhD, an MBA, an MA, and honorary doctorates from Laval and Concordia. Her work has been recognized with many awards including a Harry Jerome Diversity Award, the 2019 Metropolis Research Award, and the Sara Kirke Award for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. She has been named a YWCA Woman of Distinction, a Woman of Influence and one of the "100 Alumni who shaped the Century" by the University of Toronto.



Sarah Doyle (@SarahDoyleTO, @BrookfieldIE) is the Director of Policy + Research at the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship. In this role, she leads the development of the Institute's research agenda and oversees the work of its policy team.

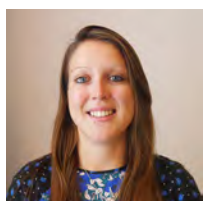
Sarah is interested in working across sectors and disciplines to design effective public policies. Prior to BII+E, Sarah was a Senior Manager at the Centre for Impact Investing at the MaRS Discovery District, where she was responsible for working with community, government and private sector stakeholders to advance policy that unlocks the potential of Canada's impact investing market. Sarah also worked in Canada's Privy Council Office, where she developed advice for the Prime Minister on a range of social policy issues.

Sarah is a member of the Board of St. Stephen's Community House and an alum of the Action Canada Fellowship. She holds a Master of Science in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she was a Commonwealth Scholar, and is a graduate of the McMaster University Arts and Science program.

SESSION 4: Work and wages



Elisha Ram was appointed Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch (SEB) at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on January 28, 2018. Elisha Ram has been working in the Public Service of Canada for over 20 years. Prior to joining Employment and Social Development Canada, Elisha worked at the Department of Finance Canada, where he provided policy advice on a wide range of issues including personal income tax policy, fiscal policy, research and innovation, natural resources, the environment, regional economic development, risk capital and corporate assets. Most recently, he worked on financial sector issues including the public debt program, the housing finance system and capital market regulation. Elisha holds a Masters' degree in economics from Western University. Outside of his professional life, Elisha has a deep interest in housing issues and has worked with local not-for-profit organizations to help increase access to affordable housing in the Ottawa area.



Laura Gardiner (@lauracgardiner) is a Research Director at the Resolution Foundation, having joined in March 2014. She oversees the organization's work in a range of areas including the labour market, taxes, welfare and social mobility. This has included leading projects on welfare reform, full employment, pay progression and the creation of a quarterly earnings report and dashboard. She also specializes in intergenerational issues. During 2016-18 she was secretary to the Intergenerational Commission, and she now heads up the Foundation's Intergenerational Centre.

Prior to joining the Resolution Foundation, Laura spent four years at the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, where she worked on unemployment, young people, welfare reform and housing. Laura studied social and political sciences at Cambridge University before completing a master's degree in public policy at Brown University in the USA.



David Green is a professor in the Vancouver School of Economics at UBC. He received his BA from Queen's University and his PhD from Stanford. His areas of research interest include income inequality, immigration, the impact of technical change on the labour market, and policies affecting labour market outcomes. He is a former editor of the *Canadian Journal of Economics* and an International Research Associate with the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London. He has twice won The Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for a work of excellence on Canadian economic policy, including for co-editing the volume *Inequality: The Canadian Story in 2017*. He is currently the chair of a provincial committee investigating the applicability of the basic income to British Columbia.

SESSION 5: Social protection: Leaving no one behind



Aki Tefera is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Business Intelligence and Practice Division within the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. As Assistant Deputy Minister, Aki leads advanced analytical and evaluative capacity development through the integration and application of data, business intelligence and evidence-based metrics to drive social policy, planning and service delivery across ministry programming. Further through his work, Aki leads provincial-scale policy research and evaluation projects in collaboration with academia and other ministries.



Robert Moffitt (@ramoffitt3) is Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins University and holds a joint appointment with the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Professor Moffitt's research is on the economics of poverty and welfare programs for the poor and the economics of the labor market. He has published research articles on all major U.S. welfare programs, has written surveys of their research literatures, and has edited volumes of papers summarizing those programs. He served on the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Reducing Child Poverty in the U.S. by 50 Percent in Ten Years whose Report was released in March 2019. He is a Research Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty as well as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences. He currently serves as President-Elect of the Society of Labor Economists. He holds a 1975 Ph.D. in Economics from Brown University.



Mark Stabile (@StabileMark) is the Stone Chaired Professor of Wealth Inequality and Professor of Economics at INSEAD. He directs the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality at INSEAD. From 2007 to 2015 he was the founding Director of the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto and Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. He is also a Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and a Policy Fellow at the Martin Prosperity Institute. From 2003-2005 he was the Senior Policy Advisor to the Ontario Minister of Finance, where he worked on tax, health, and education policy. He is the recipient of the Carolyn Tuohy award in Public Policy, the John Polanyi Prize in Economics, the Harry Johnson Prize from the Canadian Economics Association and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Rotman School. His recent work focuses on inequality, poverty, child health, health care financing, and tax policy. He has advised the Governments of the United States, Canada, and Ontario, among others, on health care reform and programs to reduce child poverty. He is associate editor of the Journal of Health Economics. Professor Stabile received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and his BA from the University of Toronto.



Laura McDonough (@UWGreaterTO) is the Senior Manager of Research, Public Policy and Evaluation at United Way Greater Toronto. She obtained her undergraduate degree in geography at the University of Ottawa and her Master's degree in Immigration and Settlement Studies at Ryerson University in Toronto. Laura joined United Way in 2009 and has worked on and lead a number of key research reports, including Vertical Poverty and The Opportunity Equation. She provides key research and evaluation support to all of United Way's community impact work, a \$94 million investment in the social service sector in Peel, Toronto and York.

SESSION 6: Immigration, social integration and inclusive growth



Patricia [Pat] Walcott joined the City of Toronto in August 2013 as the General Manager of Toronto Employment and Social Services (TESS). Prior to joining the City of Toronto, Pat had a long and successful career with the Federal Government. As a Senior Executive Director she managed 2,700 staff for the Ontario Region with responsibility for oversight and service delivery of Pensions, Employment Insurance and Call Centres. She has held a series of progressive positions in both Service Canada and Human Resource Development including Director General Benefits Processing for Employment Insurance and Director General Service Delivery for Toronto/York. In this latter position she had responsibility for Employment Assistance Programs, Skills Development, Youth Programs and Homelessness. In 2009, Pat received the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service.

Pat has significant experience in leading organizations through change, particularly leading strategic initiatives that result in customer service improvement and enhance organizational performance. With the goal of developing accessible, responsive and innovative programs for Torontonians, under Pat's leadership, TESS will continue to focus on both modernizing the delivery of social assistance in Toronto and advancing the City's Workforce Development Strategy.



Mireille Paquet (@Mireille_Paquet) holds the Concordia Research Chair on the Politics of immigration and is an associate professor of political science at Concordia University. Her research focuses on immigration politics in Canada, on bureaucratic policymaking in the immigration sector and on immigration policy innovation. Her work has been published in journals such: *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *International Migration*. She is the author of *Province Building and the Federalization of Immigration* (University of Toronto Press, 2019) and the co-editor of *Citizenship as a Regime: Canadian and International Perspectives* (with Nora Nagels and Aude-Claire Fourot, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2018)



Anna Triandafyllidou (@triandafyllidou) is the new Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration at Ryerson University. She is a sociologist and migration policy expert whose work focuses on the governance of international migration in Europe and globally, and is currently based in Florence, Italy, where she holds a Robert Schuman Chair at the European University Institute (EUI) and director of Cultural Pluralism research at EUI's Global Governance Programme. She also works extensively on issues of nationalism and the management of cultural and religious diversity. She has edited/co-edited 25 books and authored/co-authored over 160 journal articles and book chapters. Her books include *Immigrants and National Identity in Europe* (Routledge, 2001); *What is Europe* (co-authored with R. Gropas, Palgrave 2015); and the forthcoming *Migration, Globalisation and the Nation* (Palgrave 2020). For further information see: www.annatriandafyllidou.com

SESSION 7: Citizens' aspirations and anxieties and the politics of inclusive prosperity



Graham Fox (@foxgw) is President and CEO of the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), one of Canada's leading independent think tanks. He brings to the organization extensive executive-level experience in politics and public policy. Prior to joining the IRPP, Graham was a strategic policy adviser at the law firm of Fraser Milner Casgrain, and is a former vice-president of the Public Policy Forum. In politics, Graham contested the 2007 Ontario general election as a candidate in the constituency of Ottawa-Orléans. He was chief of staff to the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, and adviser to members of Parliament in the House of Commons.

A policy entrepreneur, Graham's research interests include parliamentary reform, democratic renewal, citizen engagement and federalism. He holds an undergraduate degree in history from Queen's University, where he was a Loran scholar, and a master's degree in political science from the London School of Economics. He is the co-editor, with Jennifer Ditchburn, of *The Harper Factor* (2016), an analysis of the policy impact of Canada's 22nd prime minister.



Andrew Parkin (@parkinac) is the Executive Director of the Environics Institute for Survey Research, a not-for-profit agency created in 2006 to promote relevant and original public opinion and social research on important issues of public policy and social change.

Prior to joining the Institute, Andrew served as the Director of the Mowat Centre and Associate Professor at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (2007-19), Director General of the Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) (2010-14), Associate Executive Director and Director of Research and Program Development at the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (2004-10), and Co-Director of the Centre for Research and Information on Canada (2000-04). He has also worked as an independent public policy analyst and consultant, providing strategic advice, issue analysis, and policy research to a variety of national and international clients. Andrew has convened, informed, and led national and international discussions on a wide range of public policy issues and acted as an authoritative public spokesperson on education, federalism, and the Canadian political community in both official languages. A political sociologist by background, he completed his post-doctorate at Dalhousie University, his Ph.D. at the University of Bradford (U.K.), and his B.A. (Honours) at Queen's University.



Gary Mason (@garymasonglobe) has been a fixture on the West Coast journalism scene for more than three decades. He began his career with The Canadian Press news agency in 1981 where one of his first assignments was covering the final days of the province's favourite son, Terry Fox.

Mr. Mason has worked at the Victoria Times-Colonist, the Vancouver Sun and, since 2005, the Globe and Mail, where he is a national affairs columnist focusing on B.C. and western Canadian affairs. His career has literally taken him around the globe, chronicling political and sporting affairs from Moscow to Tokyo to Central America. He has covered five Olympics.

Mr. Mason is a five-time nominee, three-time recipient of the National Newspaper Award and been given the Jack Webster Award for excellence in B.C.-based journalism eight times. He recently had his career honoured with the Bruce Hutchinson Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Mason is the author or co-author of six books and is a frequent media commentator on Canadian political affairs.



Heather Scoffield (@hscoffield) is the economics columnist at the Toronto Star. Based in Ottawa, she focuses on political economy and its effect on people. Previously, she was Ottawa bureau chief for The Canadian Press, leading an award-winning team of 15 journalists focused on politics, public policy and the nation's capital. Over the course of her 25-year career in journalism, she has covered monetary and fiscal policy, economics, trade policy, social policy, aboriginal affairs, environment and energy, and several different political parties. Before joining CP in 2009, she spent 12 years at the Globe and Mail. She and her team won several National Newspaper Awards for their work, among other recognitions. Heather has a Master's degree in journalism from the University of Western Ontario and a BA in international relations from York University.

About the Queen's International Institute on Social Policy

The annual Queen's International Institute on Social Policy (QIISP), which was established in 1995, brings together senior policy-makers and leading researchers to review recent research findings and to discuss major directions in social policy. It is organized by the School of Policy Studies of Queen's University with support from the Governments of Canada, Ontario, the Region of Peel and the City of Toronto.

Features of QIISP that make distinctive contributions to the social policy community include:

- A focus on research, knowledge, transfer and informed debate
- Participation of senior policy-makers from all levels of government in Canada, as well as from the voluntary sector.
- An international perspective, with speakers coming from international organizations, universities and research organizations from around the world.
- Contributions from leading Canadian researchers from universities, think tanks and government agencies.

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Naomi Alboim is a Distinguished Fellow at the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. She is an active public policy consultant and has advised governments and NGOs across Canada, in Europe, the Caribbean, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ghana, and Kenya. Previously, Ms. Alboim worked at senior levels in the Canadian federal and Ontario provincial governments for twenty-five years, including eight years as Deputy Minister in three different portfolios. Her areas of responsibility included immigration, human rights, labour market training, workplace standards, culture, as well as women's, seniors', disability and aboriginal issues. Naomi is a recipient of Queen Elizabeth II's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Medals and is a member of the Order of Ontario.



Keith Banting is the Stauffer Dunning Fellow in the School of Policy Studies and professor emeritus in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University. His research focuses on the politics of social policy, and his recent publications explore two dimensions of the social role of the state: the politics of inequality; and the relationship between multiculturalism and social solidarity. In the first area, he has recently published *Inequality and the Fading of Redistributive Politics* (UBC Press 2013), edited with John Myles. In the field of multiculturalism, he is co-editor with Will Kymlicka of *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies* (Oxford University Press 2007), and *The Strains of Commitment: The Political Sources of Solidarity in Diverse Societies* (Oxford University Press, 2017). Dr. Banting is a member a member of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



Margaret Biggs is the Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy at Queen's University where she specializes in social policy, global sustainable development and democratic governance. From 2008-2013 she was President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and responsible for leading Canada's global development and humanitarian assistance efforts worldwide. She served as Deputy Secretary in the Privy Council Office (Plans and Priorities) and as Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for policies and programs in the areas of social development, labour markets, skills and learning. Ms. Biggs is Chair of the Board of Governors for the International Development Research Centre and Chair of World University Services Canada. She co-led the Study Group on Education's report *Global Education for Canadians: Equipping Young Canadians to Succeed at Home and Abroad* (November 2017).



Rachel Laforest (Ph.D. Carleton) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University. Her research focuses on Canadian politics, with a particular interest in how civil society groups mobilize to influence social policy dynamics. She is the author of *Voluntary Sector Organizations and the State*, UBC Press, which won the ANSER-ARES best book award in 2014. She is currently co-editor of *The Oxford International Handbook of Public Administration for Social Policy: Promising Practices and Emerging Challenges - USA and CANADA section*, forthcoming with Oxford University Press. She is also the editor of *Government-Nonprofit Relations in Times of Recession*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013 and *The New Federal Policy Agenda and the Voluntary Sector: On the Cutting Edge*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2009.

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