



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Challenges Facing Indigenous Economic Development in Canada

Frances Abele
4:00-5:30 PM
Monday, April 20, 2020
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by April 15, 2020 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

With the recent disruptive protests across the country in support of the opposition by hereditary chiefs to the use of traditional Wet'suwet'en land for the Coastal Gaslink pipeline, Indigenous economic development has once again become an issue of national profile and importance. This situation illustrates the extent of transformation that is still required for Canada to move past the historical legacies of colonialism.

The OECD in January released a major report entitled *Linking Indigenous Communities with Regional Development in Canada* that provided a comprehensive discussion of issues related to Indigenous economic development. In this seminar, Frances Abele, one of the contributors to the report and a leading researcher on Indigenous issues, will provide her perspective on the challenges facing Indigenous economic development in Canada. In her presentation, she will briefly review the historical context influencing Indigenous economic development in various parts of Canada, identify what are in her view the key issues related to or constraining development, and put forward what she sees as the paths forward.

Frances Abele is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. Her research interests include northern economic and political development, Aboriginal self-government, and policy and programs important to Aboriginal people living in cities. During 1992-96, she was seconded to the research directorate at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, where she was responsible for research and policy on the North and some of the Commission's work on governance. A political scientist, Dr. Abele attended the University of Calgary, University of Toronto and York University.