



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Carbon Pricing in Canada: How to Make it Work

Dale Beugin
4:00-5:30 PM
Monday, April 30, 2018
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 26, 2018 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

The issue of climate change represents one of the most, if not the most, serious threats or challenges facing humanity. There is a strong consensus among scientists that average temperatures are rising, due to increased greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere arising from human activity. There is also wide expert consensus that market-based policy instruments, in particular carbon pricing, are the most cost effective way to reduce GHG emissions. Yet the road to achieving targets for reduced GHG emissions is bumpy as a political consensus on the way to get there does not exist, at least in Canada.

In this presentation, Dale Beugin, will give the perspective on the Ecofiscal Commission on carbon pricing, based on the recent Ecofiscal Commission report *Clearing the Air: How Carbon Pricing Helps Canada Fight Climate*. Canada will soon have carbon pricing in every province. Yet misunderstanding and polarization around carbon pricing mean that we need a better public conversation. Part of the problem is communication. Governments have not done a good enough job in explaining carbon pricing to Canadians. The presentation will unpack the carbon pricing issue by exploring what “working” means for carbon pricing, why it works, and how policies can put a price on carbon. He will also give examples of where carbon pricing has worked.

Dale Beugin is Executive Director of Canada's Ecofiscal Commission, which has a mandate to identify policies that make economic and environmental sense. He has expertise and experience in environmental economics and policy, and in particular carbon pricing. Prior to working with Ecofiscal, he consulted for governments and organizations across Canada and internationally. He also worked as a Policy Advisor with the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy. Dale holds a master's degree in resource and environmental management from Simon Fraser University.