



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Poverty Developments in Canada in the 2010s: A Success Story?

Geranda Notten
4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, October 6 19, 2022
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 October 3, 2022 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

There have been two major developments related to poverty in Canada in recent years. First, in 2018 the federal government adopted an official poverty measure, the Market Basket Measure. Second, the overall rate of poverty in Canada according to this measure declined significantly in the second half of the 2010s, exceeding the government's target for poverty reduction. Does this mean that the poverty issue has been resolved in this country.

In this seminar, poverty researcher Geranda Notten from the University of Ottawa will address the multifaceted nature of poverty measurement and poverty developments in Canada. Drawing on two recent studies, she will discuss whether this social inclusion-oriented policy environment improved the position of single parent families and single working age adults, two groups at particularly high risk of experiencing poverty. She observes that governments have prioritized the inclusion of families with dependent children while the inclusion of single working age adults is largely left to the fortunes of the economy. She will present further evidence that cautions against relying too heavily on income-based measures of poverty.

Geranda Notten is Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. Her fields of interest include public policy, public administration and economics, with a strong interest in poverty and social policy. She holds a PhD in economics from Maastricht University in the Netherlands.