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Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Past and Future of American Economic Growth

Robert J. Gordon

4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

To attend, please RSVP by September 8 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

In 2016, Robert J. Gordon published the book *The Rise and Fall of American Growth: US Living Standards Since the Civil War*. The tome, which has received widespread critical acclaim, provided a compelling narrative of changes in living standards linked to technological revolutions. It made the case that the weak productivity growth, as least relative to the 1920-1970 period, experienced by the US economy since 1973 (with the brief exception of the 1995-2000 productivity rebound linked to ICT) will continue into the future.

In this presentation, Professor Gordon will review his explanations for past developments in the US economy, including slower productivity growth since 1973, and put forward his scenario for future American economic growth.

Robert J. Gordon is Stanley G. Harris Professor of Social Sciences at Northwestern University. He is a macroeconomist with a particular interest in unemployment, inflation, and both the long-run and cyclical aspects of labour productivity. He is the author of a textbook in intermediate macroeconomics, now in its 12th edition. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2014, he was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Economic Association. In 2016, he was named by Bloomberg as one of the 50 most influential people in the world. For more than three decades, he has been a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research's Business Cycle Dating Committee, which determines the start and end dates for recessions in the United States. He received a PhD in economics from MIT in 1967.