



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

What's Going On with Productivity in Canada?

Nelson Paterson
4:00-5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Laurier 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 2, 2023 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Canada's recent productivity performance has been disappointing, to say the least. Productivity growth, which was weak before the COVID 19 outbreak, has now turned negative, and business sector productivity is now lower than at any time since 2016. In this seminar, Nelson Paterson, Director General, Economic Studies and Policy Analysis at the Department of Finance, will take a closer look at Canada's productivity performance. He will look at potential explanations for Canada's weak productivity growth, and ask whether there are policies that might help to boost productivity, or whether Canada's productivity is likely to stay stalled, with all that would imply for Canada's future standard of living.

Nelson Paterson is Director General of Economic Studies and Policy Analysis at the Department of Finance, Canada. He provides leadership and strategic direction within the Department of Finance on Canada's medium term economic priorities.

In his current role he is responsible for overseeing research and analysis on a wide range of macroeconomic and microeconomic policy areas including climate change, fiscal sustainability, labour markets, inequality, income security, skills development, productivity, innovation, competition, business sector dynamics, economic stabilizers, and international and internal trade.

Nelson joined the Department of Finance in 2007 and holds a Master of Arts in economics from Queen's University and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Mount Allison University.