



## Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

### **What Road Ahead for a Better Environment and Economy?**

Chris Ragan  
3:00-4:30 PM  
Thursday, December 11, 2014  
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 December 5, 2014 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

Canada lags many of its peers in innovation and productivity growth and also in environmental protection. The existing debate in Canada suggests that we can't do better along both dimensions at the same time – and that we need to choose between a strong economy and a healthy environment.

But this is a false choice, and fails to recognize the close long-run interdependence of our economic activity and our natural assets. It also fails to recognize the full range of policy tools at our disposal. If we do it right, policy can be designed to improve our environmental performance and also build a stronger, more innovative economy.

Christopher Ragan, Chair of the recently launched Ecofiscal Commission, will lay out the case for “ecofiscal” reform in Canada, drawing on lessons learned from many other jurisdictions.

Chris Ragan is Associate Professor of Economics at McGill University. He has served as David Dodge Chair in Monetary Policy at the C.D. Howe Institute and Clifford Clark Chair at Finance Canada. He is the author of the leading economics textbook *Economics*, now in its 14th edition. He received his PhD from MIT, MA from Queen's University and BA from the University of Victoria. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for the Study of Living Standards.