



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

International Supply Chains: An Assessment

Aaron Sydor
4:00-5:30 PM
Tuesday, November 1, 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 28, 2022 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

An important feature of the international trading landscape in recent years has been the emergence of supply chains for the production of goods and services. The pandemic disrupted these international supply chains, creating bottle necks in the production process which contributed to the pick-up in inflation.

The Office of the Chief Economist at Global Affairs Canada has conducted extensive research on supply chain issues. In this seminar, Aaron Sydor will present the results of this research. He will make the case that supply chain disruptions are largely the result of supply shocks that would be no less disruptive if there had been no international element. Consequently, he argues that there is little room for government intervention. Furthermore, he reports that there is very limited evidence of reshoring because of supply chain difficulties. He will conclude by highlighting three potential areas for policy-makers to focus on to increase the resiliency of Canada's international supply chains.

Aaron Sydor is Director of the Trade and Economic Analysis Division in the Office of the Chief Economist at Global Affairs Canada. He has authored studies on Canada-U.S. economic relations, global value chains, offshoring/outsourcing, and the internationalization of SMEs. He edited two Global Affairs research volumes: *NAFTA@10* and *Global Value Chains - Impacts and Implications*. In 2013-14, he was Canada Fulbright Scholar at Duke University.