



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Quality, Quantity and Duration of Lives: Relevance for Canadian Public Policy

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
4:00-5:30 PM
Monday, February 1, 2016
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 January 27, 2016 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Average life expectancy in Canada has increased from 72.6 years to 81.7 years between 1970 and 2011 and the quality of life experienced in those additional years of life has also improved, as evidenced by the greater increase in the health-adjusted life expectancy (HALE) than in life expectancy. These developments have contributed significantly to the increased well-being or social welfare of the Canadian population yet have not been adequately integrated into the evaluation of public policies.

In this seminar, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, the newly appointed Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, will address the issue of the relevance for Canadian public policy of the increased quality, quantity and duration of lives. His presentation will be based on his article “Quality, quantity and duration of lives” which was the lead article in the February 2015 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Economics/Revue canadienne d'économie*. He will review normative issues linked to the evaluation of the quality, quantity and duration of lives for social welfare, propose methods for this task in a utilitarian framework, and provide some illustrative estimates.

Jean-Yves Duclos is Minister of Families, Children and Social Policy. Until he was elected a Member of Parliament for the riding of Québec in the October 19, 2015 federal election he was Professor of Economics at Université Laval. He attended the University of Alberta, where he earned an undergraduate degree in economics, followed by graduate and doctoral studies in economics at the London School of Economics. He formerly headed the economics department at Université Laval, and was, prior to his election to the House of Commons, the president-elect of the Canadian Economics Association. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2014.