



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

### **An Assessment of the Accountability of the Harper Government**

Kevin Page  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Thursday, October 1, 2015  
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 September 28, 2015 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

The Conservative Party was elected in 2006 on the promise of a more accountable federal government. But its track record in this regard, according to many observers, has been disappointing.

In this seminar, Kevin Page, Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer, will provide an assessment of the accountability of the Harper Government. Drawing on his new book, *Unaccountable: Truth and Lies on Parliament Hill*, Kevin will detail policy files where he believes accountability has proven deficient, including F-35 fighter plane procurement, tough-on-crime legislation, and changes to the Canada Health Transfer and the Old Age Security. He will also put forward recommendations on how future governments can be better accountable to Canadians.

Kevin Page holds the Jean Luc Pepin Research Chair at the University of Ottawa. From 2008 to 2013 he served as Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer. Previously, he worked extensively on economic and fiscal issues at the three main central agencies (Finance Canada, the Treasury Board Secretariat and the Privy Council Office). He has also worked for other departments including Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, and Human Resources and Social Development Canada. Kevin has a Master's Degree in Economics from Queen's University and an Honour's BA in Economics from Lakehead and Simon Fraser Universities.