



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Impact of AI on Productivity

Alvaro Pereira
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Monday, May 26, 2025
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 May 22, 2025 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

The most significant technological advance of the 2020s is the appearance of Artificial Intelligence (AI), comparable in importance, if not according to some more important than the ICT revolution of the 1990s that produced the internet and worldwide web. The possible impacts of AI are manifold, including extensive job losses in certain occupations and large productivity gains.

Despite the introduction of AI, aggregate productivity growth in OECD countries has not picked up in recent years. Whether this reflects the limited productivity-enhancing potential of AI, offsetting factors such as the pandemic and weak economic growth, or lags in the impact of AI on productivity due to the required organizational changes, is unclear.

In this seminar, OECD Chief Economist Alvaro Pereira will provide an overview of the important work that the OECD has done on the implications of AI, with a particular focus on the productivity impact of AI.

Alvaro Pereira is OECD Chief Economist and G20/G7 Finance Deputy. He previously served as Director of Country Studies and Director of Policy Studies in the OECD Economics Department. Prior to joining the OECD he was Portugal's Minister for Economy and Employment from 2011 to 2013, and taught in the Department of Economics at Simon Fraser University. A Portuguese and Canadian national, he holds a PhD in Economics from Simon Fraser University, a MA in Economics from the University of Exeter (UK) and a BA in Economics from the University of Coimbra (Portugal).