



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Wealth Gap in Canada: Perceptions versus Reality

Rick Smith
4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, January 8, 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 January 6, 2015 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

The issue of income inequality in Canada is the subject of much public discussion, the question of wealth inequality less so. In a major recent national poll, the Broadbent Institute sought to compare three scenarios: Canadians' ideal wealth distribution, their perception of the current situation, and the reality of today's wealth gap. In this seminar Rick Smith, Executive Director of the Broadbent Institute, will present the results of the poll, which are both surprising and intriguing.

Rick Smith is Executive Director of the Broadbent Institute, an Ottawa-based, independent, non-partisan organization championing progressive change. From 2003 to 2012 he served as Executive Director of Environmental Defence Canada. He is the co-author of two bestselling books on the health effects of pollution: *Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health* (2009) and *Toxin Toxout* (2014). Rick is a former Chief of Staff for the federal NDP, and has led many successful campaigns for important new public policies at the federal and provincial levels, including the Chemicals Management Plan and Ontario's Green Energy Act and Greenbelt Act. He holds a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Guelph.