



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Path to Sustainable and Shared Prosperity for Canada

Senator Diane Bellemare
4:30-6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7, 2013
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 May 3, 2013 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Canada has 1.4 million unemployed persons yet employers complain of skilled labour shortages. In this seminar, Senator Diane Bellemare, taking an institutional and Keynesian perspective, will present a vision for a fairer Canada, drawing on her forthcoming book *Pour une prospérité durable et partagée: Sortir l'économie canadienne de l'impasse*.

She will first discuss the concept of the social wage, defined to include transfers and public services as well as earned income, and how it has evolved in Canada. She will highlight the inequalities in the social wage that have developed, whether in terms of the public and private sectors, between generations, or among regions. She will then explain why certain elements of the social wage need to be revisited, and why a policy of full employment is essential for sustainable and shared prosperity in this country.

Diane Bellemare was appointed to the Senate of Canada in September 2012. A PhD economist by training, she has had extensive experience in academia, public administration and policy, and politics. She taught at the Université du Québec à Montréal from 1972 to 1994. Between 1983 and 1991 she was a member of the Economic Council of Canada. From 1994 to 1997 she headed the Société québécoise de développement de la main-d'oeuvre and from 1997 to 1999 she chaired the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail. Since then, she has worked with the QFL Solidarity Fund and the Quebec Employers Council. She also served as Special Economic Advisor to Quebec's Official Opposition Leader Mario Dumont and ran three times for the Action démocratique du Québec (ADQ).