

Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Dutch Disease in a Federal Context: Challenges for Canadian Policy-Makers

Robin Boadway 4:00-5:30 PM Thursday, June 5, 2014 Karsh Room, Rideau Club 99 Bank Street, 15th floor Ottawa, Ontario

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To attend, please RSVP by June 3, 2014 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Intensive resource development in Western Canada, particularly the development of the oil sands in Alberta, put upward pressure on the value of the Canadian dollar in the 2000s. This reduced the cost competiveness of the manufacturing sector, which is concentrated in central Canada, with negative effects for output and employment. Some argue that this situation requires that the pace of resource development be reduced, while other sees little cause for concern.

In this seminar Robin Boadway will provide his view on the Dutch disease issue. He will examine the regional implications of Dutch disease, particularly from a fiscal perspective, and discuss the challenges for policy makers that emerge in the federal context.

Robin Boadway is Professor Emeritus of Economics at Queen's University where he has taught since 1973. His research interests have been in the areas of public sector economics and welfare economics, with special emphasis on tax theory and policy, redistribution, fiscal federalism and cost-benefit analysis. He has received many honours over a distinguished career. He was Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Economics* (1987-1993) and *Journal of Public Economics* (2003-2008). He is Past President of the Canadian Economics Association, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and an Officer of the Order of Canada. He received a degree in engineering from Royal Military College, studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and obtained his PhD from Queen's University.