



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

An Agenda for the Canadian Century

Brian Lee Crowley

4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, June 17, 2010
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

To attend, please RSVP by June 15 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier one hundred years ago predicted that the 20th century would belong to Canada. This did not happen. Canada remained in the long shadow of the United States. But circumstances have now changed. Other countries, including the United States, are squandering their advantages. Because of a number of forward-looking reforms enacted at the end of the 20th century, Canada now finds itself on a path leading out of the shadows into a new prosperity that could make us the envy of the world.

In this seminar, Brian Lee Crowley will present an agenda for making the 21st century Canada's century, based on the plan put forward by Laurier. He will first review the fiscal, tax, and social policies, at both the federal and provincial levels, that have successfully transformed the Canadian economic landscape. He will then outline the unfinished business that needs to be done to complete Laurier's plan, a focus on increasing productivity growth, continued fiscal restraint, tax relief, decentralization, and self-confident engagement with the Americans.

Brian Lee Crowley is the Managing Director of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute, a national Ottawa-based think tank he founded in March 2010. He previously was the Founding President of the Halifax-based Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS). He is the author (with Jason Clemens and Niels Veldhuis) of the recently published *The Canadian Century: Moving out of America's Shadow* and of *Fearful Symmetry: The Fall and Rise of Canada's Founding Values*. In 2007-2008, he served as the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist at Finance Canada. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the London School of Economics.