



## Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

### **Personal Reflections on the State of Public Policy Analysis in Canada**

Don Drummond  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Tuesday, June 28, 2011  
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 June 24, 2011 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

Effective public policy can contribute significantly to higher levels of well-being for Canadians. But good public policy requires a vibrant and strong public policy infrastructure or community. In this presentation, Don Drummond, a former senior Finance Canada official and former Chief Economist at the TD Bank, provides an overview, based on his personal experience, of the state of public policy analysis in Canada.

Don assesses the public policy capacity of the media, the private sector, think tanks, local governments, provincial governments, and most importantly, the federal government and academia, providing many concrete examples of strengths and weaknesses from his many years of experience in the public policy field. He concludes that the overall state of public policy analysis in this country is dismal, and offers a number of suggestions to turn this situation around.

Don Drummond is Matthews Fellow on Global Public Policy and Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. From 1977 to 2000 he held a series of progressively more senior positions in the areas of economic analysis and forecasting, fiscal policy and tax policy at Finance Canada, including Associate Deputy Minister of Finance. In 2000, he joined the TD Bank as Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist. He retired from the TD Bank in 2010. He has a BA in economics from the University of Victoria and a MA in economics from Queen's University.