



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

New Zealand's Productivity - What We Know and What We Need to Find Out

Murray Sherwin and Paul Conway
4:00-5:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29, 2013
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 October 25, 2013 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Like Canada, New Zealand has experienced poor productivity growth in recent years, despite pursuing market-oriented economic policies. To address the productivity issue, the Government of New Zealand in 2010 created the New Zealand Productivity Commission, modelled on the well regarded Australian Productivity Commission.

In this seminar, Paul Conway and Murray Sherwin from the New Zealand Productivity Commission, will sketch out New Zealand's productivity performance, discuss what is known about the economic drivers underpinning this generally poor performance, and then outline the research agenda that they are putting in place to fill in the many knowledge gaps and to better inform policy in the productivity area.

Murray Sherwin was appointed Chair of the newly created New Zealand Productivity Commission in 2010. His previous appointments include Chief Executive and Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand; member of the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank in Washington, D.C.; and member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Group. He is a graduate of the University of Waikato (MSocSci (hons)).

Paul Conway is Director, Economics and Research at the New Zealand Productivity Commission. He has extensive international experience working with the OECD, the World Bank, and the IMF. He also worked at the New Zealand Reserve Bank. His recent work has resulted in numerous published studies relating to product market regulation and competition and productivity. He has a Master of Commerce and Administration (Economics), First Class, from Victoria University and a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) from Otago University.