



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

### **Policies to Improve Undergraduate Education in Ontario**

Richard Van Loon  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Thursday, November 10, 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 November 8, 2011 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

Ontario is nearly alone among advanced economies in providing almost all baccalaureate education in “research intensive” universities. This system is in many ways inefficient and cannot be afforded over the longer term given the continuing increase in demand for post-secondary education, the fiscal situation of the province and the competing pressures on the public purse.

In this seminar, Richard Van Loon, former President of Carleton University, will first present a diagnosis of the major problems with the structure of post-secondary education in Ontario. Drawing on his recently released book *Academic Reform* (with Ian Clark and David Trick), he will then put forward a series of reform proposals which can help the province (and other Canadian provinces as well) provide better quality undergraduate education at a reasonable cost.

Richard Van Loon has enjoyed a distinguished career in three areas: professor of political science, senior university administrator, and senior public servant. From 1996 to 2005 he served as President of Carleton University. As a federal public servant he held in a number of senior positions, including Associate Deputy Minister at Health Canada and Associate Deputy Minister at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. He has also taught political science at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. He holds a PhD in political science from Queen’s University.