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Friday, November 7, 2025

08:30-09:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

09:00-11:00 Session 1: Exit (Chair: François Seyler)

Stephen Claassen (Toronto), “Family formation and migration: The legacy of the opioid epidemic” (with Carolina Arteaga and Victoria Barone) • Discussant: Linda Wu

François Seyler (Wesleyan), “Is Canada exploiting temporary foreign workers? Deterrence, punishment, and workers agency” • Discussant: Tianyi Wang

Luke Rawling (Queen’s), “Do non-compete agreements help or hurt workers? Evidence from the NLSY97” (with Bhargav Gopal and Xiangru Li) • Discussant: François Seyler

11:00-11:20 Break (Coffee)

11:20-12:40 Session 2: Partisanship (Chair: Antoine Noël)

Anke Kessler (Simon Fraser), “Partisanship as a self-fulfilling prophecy” (with Benno Bühler) • Discussant: Pierre-Édouard Collignon

Jean Guillaume Forand (Waterloo), “Bureaucratic partisanship” • Discussant: Antoine Noël

12:40-13:40 Lunch (Hotel Clarendon)

13:40-15:40 Session 3: Social engagement (Chair: Elisabeth Gugl)

Benjamin Tremblay-Auger (Chapman), “Institutions and rapid religious reversals: Understanding the rapid secularization of Canada” • Discussant: Vincent Geloso

Dina O’Brien (Toronto), “Independent media and political engagement in an autocracy: Evidence from Kazakhstan” • Discussant: William Arbour

Man Wai Mak (Carleton), “COVID-19, independents, mail-in ballots, and the 2020 US presidential election” (with Maria Gallego and Solanch Tamayo-Alvare) • Discussant: Elisabeth Gugl

15:40-16:00 Break (Coffee)

16:00-17:00 John Deutsch Institute distinguished lecture: Vincent Pons (HBS)

“Social Movements and Public Opinion in the United States” (with Amory Gethin) • Chair: Steven Lehrer

18:00-22:00 Dinner (Café du Monde)

Saturday, November 8, 2025

08:30-09:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

09:00-10:20 Session 5: Tax compliance (Chair: Sobia Hasan Jafry)

Till Gross (Carleton), “Tax compliance with endogenous growth through innovation” • Discussant: Kevin Moran

Linda Wu (UBC), “Behavioral responses to estate taxation: Evidence from Taiwan” (with Tzu-Ting Yang) • Discussant: Sobia Hasan Jafry

10:20-10:40 Break (Coffee)

10:40-12:40 Session 6: Fiscal reform (Chair: Maria Gallego)

Pierre-Édouard Collignon (Laval), “No Regret Fiscal Reforms” •
Discussant: Benjamin Tremblay-Auger

Sobia Hasan Jafry (Toronto), “Death and taxes: Does the lock-in effect fade when capital gains must be taxed at death?” •
Discussant: Luke Rawling

Elisabeth Gugl (Victoria), “Transferable utility” • Discussant: Maria Gallego

12:40-13:40 Lunch (Hotel Clarendon)

13:40-14:40 Invited Plenary Lecture: Emily Sellars (Yale)

“The Politics of Exit: Exit Options, Collective Action, and Political Change” • Chair: Arthur Silve

14:40-15:00 Break (Coffee)

15:00-16:20 Session 7: Family policy in Quebec (Chair: Marie-Louise Leroux)

Steven Lehrer (Queen’s), “The price to pay from introducing universal childcare in Quebec” (with Weili Ding and Michael J. Kottelenberg) • Discussant: Abdel-Hamid Bello

Maripier Isabelle (Laval), “Is it all relative? The health impact of changes to relative income” (with Boriana Miloucheva) • Discussant: Marie-Louise Leroux

16:20-16:30 Closing Remarks

Participants

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William Arbour

Abdel-Hamid Bello

Livingstone Geoffroy Boko

Stephen Claassen

Pierre-Edouard Collignon

Arianna Degan

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Jean Guillaume Forand

Maria Gallego

Vincent Gelloso

Johanna Goertz

Stephen Gordon

Till Gross

Elisabeth Gugl

Aristide Houndetoungan

Marie-Pierre Isabelle

Sobia Jafry

Anke Kessler

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