



CLSRN Call for Proposals

Inequality in Canada: Driving Forces, Outcomes, and Policy

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In recent months, inequality has risen to the top of the policy agenda. Issues have arisen that relate to all parts of the income distribution: the potential hollowing out of the middle; varying difficulties at the bottom end; and the much-discussed rise of the share of income going to the top 1%. As so often seems to be the case, there appears to be less direct evidence on inequality in Canada than there is in the US and other economies. The goal of this research program is to bring together researchers to examine key aspects of movements in Canadian inequality. The topics to be covered span the forces driving movements in inequality, new evidence on outcomes, and the impacts of past and potential policies. The emphasis will be on income and consumption inequality.

Accepted papers will be presented at a conference in the fall of 2013 and will be published (subject to review) as a symposium in the Canadian Journal of Economics.

Paper proposals should be submitted to Katherine Meredith at clsrn@mail.ubc.ca by September 15, 2012 and should consist of an extended abstract (1 ½ to 2 pages in length). Please note “Inequality Project Submission” in the subject line.

CLSRN may be able to provide some financial support for accepted proposals in the form of graduate student assistance. Details will be forthcoming.

This research program is coordinated by Nicole Fortin, David Green, Thomas Lemieux, Kevin Milligan and Craig Riddell of the University of British Columbia.