



**CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY:
RECONCILING LABOUR MARKET NEEDS AND LONGER-TERM GOALS**

**SHERATON HOTEL, OTTAWA
(150 ALBERT STREET)
MAY 25-26, 2010**

PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 24

PENTHOUSE A/B ROOM

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Informal dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 25

RIDEAU ROOM

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast buffet

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Mel Cappe, President, Institute for Research on Public Policy

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

SESSION 1 – IMMIGRATION AND CANADA'S CHANGING LABOUR MARKET

To set the stage for discussion of future directions for immigration policy, panellists will address Canada's changing labour markets needs and related issues.

Chair: **Mel Cappe** (Institute for Research on Public Policy)

Panellists:

Don Drummond (TD Bank Financial Group)

Glen Hodgson (Conference Board of Canada)

Naomi Alboim (Queen's University)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

SESSION 2 – EVALUATION OF THE FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER PROGRAM

Chair: **Deb Zehr** (BC Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development)

Speaker:

Elizabeth Ruddick (Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

Commentators:

Katherine Hewson (Citizenship and Immigration Ontario)

G rard Pinsonneault (Centre d' tudes ethniques des universit s montr alaises)

E/F ROOM

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

RIDEAU ROOM

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

SESSION 3 – THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND COMPETITION FOR SKILLED MIGRANTS

Chair: **F. Leslie Seidle** (Institute for Research on Public Policy)

Participants:

Leslyanne L. Hawthorne (University of Melbourne, Australia)

Demetrios G. Papademetriou (Migration Policy Institute, Washington)

Chris Robinson (University of Western Ontario)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

SESSION 4 – MAJOR ECONOMIC FACTORS AND LABOUR MARKET OUTCOMES

Chair: **Ana Ferrer** (University of Calgary)

Participants:

Garnett Picot (Statistics Canada, University of Toronto)

Christopher Worswick (Carleton University)

Commentators:

Serge Coulombe (University of Ottawa)

Cliff Halliwell (Human Resources and Skills Development Canada)

PENTHOUSE A/B ROOM

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Reception

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner

Keynote address: **George J. Borjas** (Harvard University)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

RIDEAU ROOM

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast buffet

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

SESSION 5 – DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Chair: **Miles Corak** (University of Ottawa)

Participants:

Earnings adjustment by categories of admission:

Charles Beach (Queen's University)

Michael G. Abbott (Queen's University)

Labour market adjustment by age on arrival:

Brahim Boudarbat (Université de Montréal)

Transferability of occupations/credentials:

Casey Warman (Queen's University)

Commentators:

Ted McDonald (University of New Brunswick)

Elizabeth McIsaac (Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **SESSION 6 – TARGETED PROGRAMS AND SHORT-TERM SKILLED/LESS-SKILLED LABOUR MARKET NEEDS**

Chair: **Keith Banting** (Queen's University)

Participants:

Provincial Nominee Program:

Tom Carter (University of Winnipeg)

James Townsend (University of Winnipeg)

Commentators:

Rob Vineberg (Canada West Foundation)

Temporary Foreign Worker Program and rights of temporary workers and employers' responsibilities:

Delphine Nakache (University of Ottawa)

Paula Kinoshita (Quantz Law Group)

Commentator:

Jenna Hennebry (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Temporary foreign workers and international students as a source of permanent immigration:

Arthur Sweetman (Queen's University)

Commentator:

Jenna Hennebry (Wilfrid Laurier University)

E/F ROOM

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

RIDEAU ROOM

1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

SESSION 7: LOOKING TO 2020: DEFINING A COHERENT POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

The panellists will provide their recommendations for future directions for Canada's immigration policy, in part by sharing their observations on what they heard during the symposium.

Chair: **Charles Beach** (Queen's University)

Panellists:

David Stewart-Patterson (Canadian Council of Chief Executives)

Jeffrey G. Reitz (University of Toronto)

Ratna Omidvar (Maytree Foundation)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

WRAP-UP