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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- **Art of the State IV** In the illustrated collection *Northern Exposure: Peoples, Powers and Prospects in Canada's North*, edited by **Frances Abele**, **Thomas J. Courchene**, **F. Leslie Seidle** and **France St-Hilaire**, policy specialists review the implications of the unprecedented changes in governance that have taken place in the territories and in Aboriginal communities in northern Quebec and Labrador over the past three decades and analyze the challenges that must be addressed in order to increase economic development and improve the quality of life for northern residents.
- **Innovation and Productivity** In "Shoring Up the Competitive Posture of Canadian Manufacturers: What Are the Policy Levers?," **James Brox** and **Jeremy Leonard** argue that while the recent weakness can be attributed to the deep US recession, Canadian manufacturers suffer from a longer-term competitiveness problem. The authors examine the many interrelated factors affecting labour productivity in manufacturing, and conclude that the principal explanation for Canada's poor productivity performance is insufficient investment of all types.

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UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- **Craig Forcese** examines the balance between government secrecy and the public's right to know in the area of security and intelligence.
- **Mike Joyce** examines the effectiveness of the federal government's budget planning and budgetary processes.
- **Daniel Hiebert** looks at the economic integration of immigrants in the metropolitan Vancouver area.
- **Robert Leckey** looks at family policy in the context of past and present family law.

DID YOU KNOW?

- According to IRPP authors **James Brox** and **Jeremy Leonard**, since 2000 manufacturing productivity in Canada has increased by less than 10 percent, compared with 37 percent in the United States.

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- This month, in our cover package on the crisis in the media, **Christopher Waddell** looks at the future for the Canadian media, **Robin Sears** ponders the death of newspapers, **Matthew Sears** talks about new media, **Iain Grant** and his colleagues examine Internet neutrality, and **Philip Cercone** looks at the future of book publishing. Plus, **Jeremy Kinsman** has a letter from Havana, **Gil Troy** writes from Geneva about the Durban Review Conference, **Sean Maloney** asks if Canada can compete with Taliban governance in Afghanistan, **Paul Adams** reports on the Liberal convention and Michael Ignatieff, and much more.

Coming up in July/August: water and water policy

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EVENTS

- **Book Launch: *Northern Exposure: Peoples, Powers and Prospects in Canada's North***

May 27, 2009, Ottawa

May 30, 2009, Iqaluit

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