

# 2020 Session Calendar

Week 1 - August 25, 26 & 27

Week 2 - September 1, 2 & 3

Week 3 - September 8, 9 & 11

## Week 1

Keynote:

**From Response to Recovery to Reform - Toward a new Social Contract?**

The Covid-19 pandemic is exposing and exacerbating vulnerabilities in our current economic and social models particularly related to income inequality and precarious work. It is shedding light on the interdependence of

economies like Canada 'build back better'?

Speaker: **Daron Acemoglu**, M.I.T. Institute Professor,, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Moderator: **Margaret Biggs**, Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, Queen's University

**Taking stock**

**Spotlight on those at risk of being left behind**

What do we know about the

**Samir Sinha**, Director of Geriatrics, Mount Sinai and the University Health Network Hospitals  
Moderator: **Janet Menard**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ontario

### **Rethinking labour protection**

In recent years, the impact of technological change and the changing nature of work have put the spotlight on employment standards and labour protection issues. The pandemic-economic crisis has thrown these issues into even starker relief. It has exposed gaps in employment standards and health and safety provisions for part time, contract and migrant workers, often in essential services, and those working in the gig economy. What have we learned from this crisis about labour protection and employment standards? What does the research show about the best policy mix?

Speakers:

**Janine Berg**, Senior Economist, International Labour Organisation (ILO)

**Kevin Banks**, Associate Professor and Director of the Queen's Centre for Law in the

Speakers:

**Irene Bloemraad**, Thomas Garden Barnes Chair of Canadian Studies & Director of the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative, University of California, Berkeley

**Hugh Segal**, Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, Queen's University

**Debra Thompson**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, McGill University

Moderator: **Keith Banting**, Stauffer-Dunning Fellow and Professor Emeritus, Queen's University

**views: Social distancing or social solidarity?**

Have citizens' personal priorities changed as a result of the pandemic crisis? Have their views on the respective roles and responsibilities of individuals, government, business, communities changed? Have levels of trust in institutions been altered? What are the implications for public policy and governance?

Speakers:

**Ben Page**, Chief Executive, IPSOS-Mori, UK

**David Coletto**, CEO, Abacus Data

Moderator: **Jennifer Ditchburn**, Editor, *Policy Options*, Institute for Research on Public Policy