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Inequality and its Discontents

Income inequality is on the rise and everyone, from President Obama and Pope Francis to Prince Charles and Standard & Poor’s, is talking about it. But these conversations about what are arguably the most significant changes in the distribution of income and earnings since the 1940s are leading to very different views on how public policy should respond. This is as true in Canada as it is in almost all of the rich countries where inequality has risen. This year’s Timlin Lecture will tell two stories about inequality---one from the perspective of those who feel it is not a problem worth the worry, and the other from the perspective of those who see it as "the defining issue of our time"---in order to clarify the challenges facing Canadians, and what public policy should do about them.

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There will be a reception to follow the lecture.
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