

JANUARY 30, 2018

[view in web browser →](#)



It's no surprise that taxes are in the headlines today: taxes have always provoked dissent, protest, even violence. Broad agreement on tax fairness builds social solidarity; broad disagreement undermines it. On Thursday, February 22nd and Friday, February 23rd, at its 23rd annual conference, MISC explores what "fairness" means. Is it a technical question or a philosophical one? Is it best resolved by statisticians or lawyers? How to subject such complicated questions to democratic accountability? Our exceptionally diverse group of speakers will reinvigorate first principles of past and present debates about what we owe one another, and how to pay for all that we share.

---

## CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Contemplating these questions is a brilliant array of speakers, including keynote speakers, **Brigitte Alepin** (Feb. 21 – [Free documentary screening & discussion](#)), **Manny Jules** (Feb. 22) and **Kevin Page** (Feb. 23).

**Brigitte Alepin** is a Canadian businesswoman, a Harvard trained tax specialist and tax policy advisor and a professor in taxation at the Ecole des Sciences de la Gestion of the Université du Québec à Montréal. She has led several major researches and projects for governments, Fortune 500 corporations and NGOs, in various fields including environmental taxation, international taxation, oil and gas taxation and health care.



**C.T. (Manny) Jules, Chief Commissioner**, First Nations Tax Commission, has dedicated over 40 years of his life to public service in support of Aboriginal issues. He is a member of the Tk'emlúps̓te Secwepemc, formerly known as Kamloops Indian Band, and served as Chief from 1984 to 2000. Mr. Jules led the amendment to the Indian Act in 1988 so that First Nations could exercise the jurisdiction to levy property taxes on-reserve.

**Kevin Page** is the founding President and CEO of the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy at the University of Ottawa. Mr. Page was appointed Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer on March 25, 2008 where he served a five-year term. Mr. Page led a talented team that built the first legislative budget office in Canada, viewed as a leading practice among peer nations by such organizations as the IMF and OECD.



Please click [here](#) for the complete list of speakers.

# EVENT PROGRAMME

## Day 1 | Thursday, February 22, 2018

9:30 a.m.	Conference Registration
10:30 a.m.	Words of Welcome
10:45 a.m.	Evolution of Canadian Tax Policy
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:15 p.m.	Philosophies of Fairness
2:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
2:45 p.m.	Tax Incidence
4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:15 p.m.	Keynote: "First Nations Taxation in Canada: Reconciling the Interests of Tax Payers"
5:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

## Day 2 | Friday, February 23, 2018

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Words of Welcome
9:15 a.m.	Tax Debates and Public Opinion
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:50 a.m.	<i>Concurrent sessions:</i> - Fairness and Inequality: Gender/Family  - Political Spaces of Fairness
12:05 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	Keynote: "Taxation and Transparency"
1:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
2:00 p.m.	<i>Concurrent sessions:</i> -Fairness and Inequality: National Taxation  - Fairness and Inequality: "Race"
3:15 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:35 p.m.	Taxes and Fairness into the 21st century
4:30 p.m.	End of Conference

Slight changes to the programme might occur. Please visit [MISC webpage](#) for updates.

## OUR PARTNERS

McGill Institute for the Study of Canada  
L'Institut d'études canadiennes de McGill



Department of  
History and  
Classical Studies



ÉCOLE DE  
POLITIQUES PUBLIQUES  
MAX BELL  
SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC POLICY



McMaster University  
Wilson Institute for  
Canadian History

THE CRB FOUNDATION



REGISTER NOW

## STUDENT DISCOUNT

\$25

Until **February 8th**, students will benefit from this **discounted ticket price**.

Students from all universities are welcome.

## GENERAL ADMISSION

\$50

**Faculty, Staff and the General Public** are included in this category.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

\$200

This conference is approved for Continuing **Legal Education accreditation by the Barreau du Québec**. Also, members of **CPA Quebec** that attend the conference will be able to report their hours into their compulsory continuing education report to the Order.



[Contact us](#)



[Follow MISC on Facebook](#)



[Follow MISC on Twitter](#)

---

This message was sent to you by the [McGill Institute for the Study of Canada](#)

Ce message vous a été envoyé par l'[Institut d'études canadiennes de McGill](#)

3463, rue Peel Street, Montréal (Québec) H3A 1W7 CANADA

Email: [misc.iecm@mcgill.ca](mailto:misc.iecm@mcgill.ca) | Phone: 514-398-8346 | Fax: 514-398-7336

[Change your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

[Mettre à jour vos préférences](#) ou vous [désabonner](#).