

Jean-François Wen

Jean-François Wen has a PhD in Economics from Queen's University (1993). He is a retired Professor of Economics at the University of Calgary and a Research Fellow at The School of Public Policy.

Prior to joining the University of Calgary in 1999, Dr. Wen was a faculty member of the School of Business and Economics at Wilfrid Laurier University. From 1985 to 1988, he worked as an economist in the Research Department of the Bank of Canada, where he was in charge of forecasting business investment.

Dr. Wen's research focuses on the effects of taxation and social insurance programs on economic growth and income inequality. His work on these topics has been published in journals such as the Canadian Journal of Economics, the Journal of Economic Growth, the Review of Economics and Statistics, and the Economic Journal. He has also published articles on economic aspects of crime and on provincial government debt. Projects that he is currently working on include the policy of income averaging for tax purposes and the effects of corporate income taxation on capital investment in Canada.

Dr. Wen has delivered technical assistance on taxation to various developing countries through his participation in field missions and written reports for World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The policy issues tackled in these investigations typically concern corporate taxation, investment incentives, small business taxation, and natural resource taxation.

Dr. Wen received a (Department of Economics) Superior Teacher Award for his courses in 2012-13. He teaches undergraduate courses in Public Finance and Microeconomics, and a graduate course on Microeconomic theory. He is a co-author of the textbook *Public Finance in Canada*, 4th edition.

Research/interests:

- 1) Tax policy
- 2) Social insurance
- 3) Economic growth