

# ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY

## NAVIGATING CANADA'S GENERATIONAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

“We are a trusted organization with high impact among policymakers because of the quality of our work. With support for our research, we can deliver better policy options to address generational challenges for Canada.”

— DR. TREVOR TOMBE

**E**conomic and Fiscal Policy has been a key area of focus for the School of Public Policy since it was founded in 2008, with renowned economist Jack Mintz as its first Director.

We address current and emerging economic issues by applying rigorous research and thorough analysis to provide innovative and practical policy options for the real-world problems confronting government policymakers.

Our research is concentrated on the intersection of economic prosperity, trade and macroeconomics, with a focus on economic productivity, tax and fiscal policy, fiscal federalism, competition policy and interprovincial trade barriers.

As part of a leading research university, we draw on top academics and partner with leading thinkers in government and the private sector to provide analysis and develop policy solutions to improve the lives of Canadians.

As business opportunities increasingly involve government policy choices, we are positioned to inform policymakers with strong data, quality research, effective engagement with experts and a well-earned reputation for our nonpartisan orientation. We are a trusted public policy organization open to partnering with governments and the business community.

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### **DR. TREVOR TOMBE** Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy

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Dr. Tombe is one of the most cited economists in Canada in leading academic journals, media and governments. His work has appeared in *Canadian Journal of Economics*, the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Monetary Economics*. He co-authored the textbooks *Public Finance in Canada* and *Macroeconomics*. He is a Fellow of the Public Policy Forum. He earned an MA and PhD in economics from the University of Toronto and a degree in finance from Simon Fraser University.



# OUR CORE FOCUS

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**CANADA'S PRODUCTIVITY INITIATIVE**

Canada faces a generational challenge in addressing the steady decline in economic productivity in recent decades. With the national impact from Canada's Productivity Initiative launch in 2025, we are working with partners in government and industry to develop policy options to drive sustained improvement in productivity.

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**TAX AND FISCAL POLICY**

Tax competitiveness is a long-standing issue for all orders of government and the School is a leader in addressing another of the generational challenges Canada faces to remain prosperous and competitive with our trading partners. Starting with our President's Fellow, Jack Mintz, we have the expertise and the experience to deliver recommendations that impact tax policy, competition policy, industrial policy and more.

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**DATA SETS FOR CANADA'S FINANCES**

Strong data is the foundation of good decisions by governments and business and the School is uniquely positioned to collect large amounts of economic and fiscal data for Canada. We have the resources to be a one-stop shop for data on government finances by enhancing data sets and providing better access to critical statistics.

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**INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE**

Interprovincial trade barriers have been a major issue in Canada for decades and with the abrupt change in the trade relations with the United States — the largest export market for Canadian goods and services — the issue has become more critical for Canada. The School is well positioned as a leader in providing policy direction to governments across Canada on the challenges and opportunities in interprovincial trade.

**ABOUT THE  
SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC POLICY**

Under Director Martha Hall Findlay, the James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in Public Policy, the School leverages the responsiveness of a respected think-tank and the academic rigour of one of Canada's

leading research universities. Our focus is in five areas – Economic and Fiscal Policy, Energy and Natural Resources Policy, International Policy, Health and Social Policy and Canadian Governance Policy.