



Newsletter

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Rigorous scientific input to support evidence-based public policy

A reinforced strategic presence of CIRANO within decision-making institutions

In November, CIRANO distinguished itself through a sustained presence with **provincial and federal decision-making institutions**. Several CIRANO researchers and members were invited to present their work, testify before parliamentary committees, and participate in strategic discussions on major issues affecting **Quebec** and **Canada**. Through the quality of their analyses and the rigor of their contributions, they helped **advance public reflection** and **inform decision-makers** on economic, social, and governance matters.

These activities concretely reflect CIRANO's fundamental **mission**: bridging scientific research and decision-making environments, and fostering lasting collaboration between academia, public and parapublic organizations, the private sector, and government institutions. By mobilizing evidence-based data and multidisciplinary expertise, CIRANO continues to support the development of **public policies grounded in solid and relevant knowledge**.

The interventions carried out this month illustrate the essential role that CIRANO plays within the Quebec and Canadian ecosystem, by supporting **dialogue** between **research and public action** and contributing to informed decision-making for the benefit of society.

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CIRANO NEWS



Yves Giroux appointed Chair of the CIRANO Board of Directors

CIRANO is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Yves Giroux as Chair of its Board of Directors. A seasoned economist and experienced senior executive, Mr. Giroux brings to CIRANO his strategic expertise in public finance, economic and social policy, and governance, to support the organization’s mission: informing public decision-making through research.

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CIRANO attends the presentation of Québec’s economic update

CIRANO was present at the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montréal for the presentation of Québec’s economic update by the Minister of Finance, Eric Girard, who was accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Christyne Tremblay.

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CIRANO congratulates Jean-Marc Rousseau, recipient of the 2025 ADRIQ Bernard-Landry Award

CIRANO extends its warmest congratulations to Jean-Marc Rousseau, recipient of the 2025 ADRIQ Bernard-Landry Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the development of innovation in Québec. The award was presented to him by Eric Girard, Minister responsible for Regional Economic Development (MEIE), in the presence of Chantal Renaud-Landry.

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Science Meets Parliament – An initiative of the Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPC)

CIRANO is proud to have participated in the closing evening of *Science Meets Parliament*, an initiative of the Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPC) designed to strengthen connections between the scientific community and Canadian parliamentarians. This evening of rich exchanges offered exceptional visibility for CIRANO, the Francophone International Network for Scientific Advice (RFICS), and partner universities.

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Strengthening the Competitiveness of the Saint-Laurent – Grands Lacs Corridor: CIRANO and GVCdtLab at the Heart of Government Discussions with Maritime Ecosystem Stakeholders

CIRANO was present at the Journée maritime du Québec, which took place at the Assemblée nationale du Québec and brought together numerous stakeholders from the maritime sector to discuss the strategic issues of the corridor. On this occasion, the minister responsible for the Stratégie maritime du Québec, Mr. Bernard Drainville, received the most recent report produced by GVCdtLab and CIRANO, prepared ahead of the Conférence des gouverneurs et premiers ministres du Saint-Laurent et des Grands Lacs, held in Québec City in early October.

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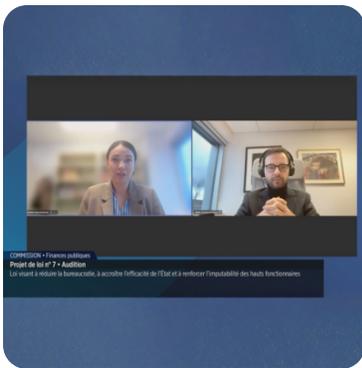
Two activities of the PRPG highlight labour-market mismatch issues



Two activities held as part of the Programmation de recherche à portée gouvernementale (PRPG), organized jointly by CIRANO, brought together researchers and ministerial representatives to discuss the relationship between skills, education, and labour-market needs in Quebec.

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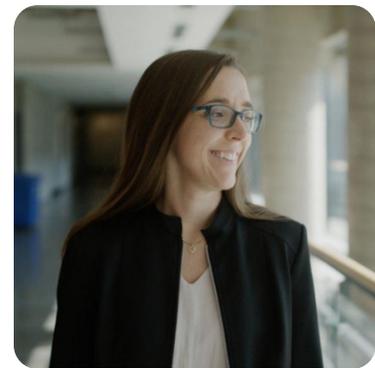
-OUTREACH



Bill 7 on the merger of INSPQ and INESSS: CIRANO experts present a memorandum



Julien Martin shares his expertise on international taxation before the Standing Committee on Finance of the Parliament of Canada



Pierre Fortin and Catherine Haeck shed light on Quebec's childcare system in Le Devoir



Annie Royer speaks at the 2025 Strategic Forum of Québec Pork Producers



Participation of Nathalie de Marcellis-Warin in the work of the Standing Committee on Science and Research of the House of Commons of Canada



Julien Martin and Florian Mayneris co-author an analytical note on the U.S. trade war



Jean-Philippe Meloche discusses the urban implications of the new Édouard-Montpetit station



Sophie Bernard contributes to a Protégez-Vous article on the lifecycle of electronic waste



François Vaillancourt speaks in Spain on key issues of Canadian fiscal federalism

-EVENTS CALENDAR



CIRANO Webinar - Crop Insurance and Risk Management for Yield Loss

The recent CIRANO study “Crop Insurance and Risk Management for Yield Loss,” by Jacinthe Cloutier (CIRANO, Université Laval), Marie-Ève Gaboury-Bonhomme (Université Laval), William Robitaille (Université Laval), Marie-Claude Roy (Université Laval), and Simone Ubertino (Université Laval), highlights the importance of increasing efforts to inform and advise Quebec’s farm managers about crop insurance programs, as well as more broadly about climate risks and strategies to address them. On December 8, during a lunchtime webinar, the authors will present the key findings of the report and answer questions from participants.



Workshop: Montreal Macro Brown Bag

The fourteenth edition of the Workshop for Macro Research in Montreal will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at CIRANO. This edition will include five presentations by Diego De Sousa Rodrigues (UQAM), Santiago Camara (McGill), Pierre-Edouard Collignon (Université Laval), Giacomo Rella (UQAM), and Jean-Félix Brouillette (HEC Montreal).

CIREQ-CIRANO-RRECQ Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Workshop

This workshop is intended for researchers and doctoral students in economics who are interested in resource and environmental economics. The webinar is led by a team of researchers



composed of Geir B. Asheim (Oslo University), Hassan Bencheikroun (McGill University), Sophie Bernard (Polytechnique Montréal), Etienne Billette de Villemeur (Université de Lille, UQAM), Robert Cairns (McGill University), Justin Leroux (HEC Montréal), and Charles Séguin (UQAM).

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Perspectives - Revue semi-annuelle 2025 - Volume 2 N°Spécial

Nathalie De Marcellis-Warin et Carole Vincent

In 2024-2025, health spending exceeded \$60 billion, representing half of the Quebec government's total spending. Quebec is at a turning point, and the government faces difficult trade-offs: improving access to care and *equity* in access to care, particularly for vulnerable individuals; putting the population back at the heart of the healthcare system; reviewing the balance between curative and preventive care; regulating the role of the private sector in healthcare; addressing the loss of autonomy; and enabling people to age with dignity. In this context, how can the healthcare system be transformed for the better?



Apples, oranges and the definition of public health

Olivier Jacques, Emna Ben Jellili, Alexandre Prud'homme et Emmanuelle Arpin

Public health can be defined in several ways. In Canada, provinces have considerable latitude in deciding which programs make up what is normally referred to as public health. This makes interprovincial comparisons very difficult. Recent analyses by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) suggest that Quebec spends the least on public health. But is this really the case? A CIRANO study (Jacques et al., 2025) offers a new perspective on the public health efforts of Quebec compared to Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

ALL PERSPECTIVES

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PROJECT REPORTS



Chocs macroéconomiques et finances publiques au Canada et au Québec

Kevin Moran et Dalibor Stevanovic

Over the past few decades, the Canadian economy has faced a series of macroeconomic shocks of varying origins and types: the 2008–2009 global financial crisis, sharp fluctuations in commodity prices, the COVID-19 pandemic, periods of high geopolitical uncertainty, and rapid monetary tightening aimed at containing post-pandemic inflation. These episodes have profoundly affected macroeconomic conditions and posed significant challenges to public finances at both the federal and provincial levels.



Attitude du personnel clinique face à l'utilisation d'outils technologiques dans les établissements de santé au Québec

Daniel J. Caron, Alexandre Prud'homme, Maude Laberge, Labante Outcha Dare et Roxane Borgès Da Silva

The transformation of public organisations towards a digital environment raises many questions about how to achieve this. In this study, the authors examine the individual, organisational and structural determinants of the attitudes of health professionals towards the digital transformation and determine whether these factors vary according to the categories of health professionals, the type of practice setting or according to geographical location. An online questionnaire was conducted in the spring of 2023 among general practitioners, medical specialists, nurses and licensed practical nurses in Quebec, and 2,576 valid responses were used for the analyses.



Quelles méthodes pour éliciter les utilités en santé et refléter au mieux les préférences des Québécois?

Thomas G. Poder et Hosein Ameri

In this report, we empirically compare seven elicitation techniques for evaluating the utilities associated with health states described by the Short-Form 6-Dimension version 2 (SF-6Dv2), where the standard gamble (SG) is considered the reference approach. This allows us to estimate a SF-6Dv2 value set of health utilities for use in Quebec and to introduce a new approach based on multiple bounded discrete choice (MBDC). Various econometric estimation techniques were used, and all analyses were performed on data collected from French-speaking individuals aged 18 and over residing in Quebec, Canada, in 2016 and 2018.

FOR REFLECTION



Digital Sovereignty and federalism: Data Interoperability and AI governance

Alain Dudoit et Tony Labillois

Canada is at a strategic crossroads where its digital sovereignty depends directly on three inseparable levers: data interoperability across federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) governments; sovereign cloud infrastructure; and the responsible adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) in the public sector. These three levers cannot be treated independently: they form an integrated architecture that shapes productivity, cybersecurity, state modernization, and Canada’s ability to confront the current fragmentation of its information systems.

WORKING PAPERS

Cross-Border Producer Price Transmission in North American Manufacturing: Evidence from Canada–United States Industry Networks

Adam Abdel Kader Touré, Martin Trépanier et Thierry Warin

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