

## Empowering Change: Women in Law & Public Policy Panel Tackles Canada's Housing Crisis

**London, Ontario** – King's University College is bringing together some of the most distinguished voices in Canadian public policy for a critical discussion on <u>"Empowering Change: Addressing Canada's Housing Crisis Through a Gendered Lens."</u> This panel, featuring notable King's alumnae, will be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2024**, from **4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre at King's.

As the housing crisis continues to strain communities across Canada, this event highlights the urgent need to examine the issue through a gendered lens. Women, especially those from marginalized backgrounds, face disproportionate challenges in securing safe and affordable housing. The panel will explore how law and public policy can be leveraged to craft inclusive and equitable solutions to these systemic barriers, offering insights that are both timely and critical for the London community and beyond.

## Panelists Include:

- Honourable Sheila Copps ('74): Chair and President of MediproCanada Inc., and former Deputy
  Prime Minister of Canada. Sheila Copps has a storied career in Canadian public policy, with
  significant contributions to diversity, inclusion, and environmental protection.
- Michelle Eaton ('05): Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for OLG and former Vice
  President of Public Affairs at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Michelle has extensive
  experience in public affairs and strategic management, significantly impacting organizational
  growth and policy influence.
- Tingting Zhang ('16): Junior Policy Analyst at the C.D. Howe Institute, specializing in human capital, women's workforce development, and health policy. Tingting's research focuses on immigration, labor market concerns, and healthcare policy issues in Canada.

These alumnae of King's University College bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the table, making this panel a must-attend event for anyone interested in how public policy can drive meaningful change. Their discussion will not only shed light on the intersection of gender and housing but also propose actionable solutions to one of the most pressing issues facing Canada today.

## **About King's**

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autonomous, King's is academically affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality, and the education of the whole person.

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