

The Future of Work: Poverty Reduction in London conference at King's

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London, ON – The London Poverty Research Centre at King's will hold an open conference discussing the future of jobs and joblessness in Southwestern Ontario with two leading economists: Mike Moffat, Assistant Professor in Business, Economics, and Public Policy and Chief Economist at the Mowatt Centre of the Ivy Business School, Western University and Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. The panel moderator is Larry Cornies, retired editor of The London Free Press. The conference will conclude with remarks from Sister Sue Wilson, of the LPRC.

The conference is open to the public, with no fee, and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, King's University College, 266 Epworth Ave., London. Parking for media is available in Lot 1, on the north side of Epworth Ave. Full details at: www.povertyresearch.ca

"The growth of precarious work has been significant, however, we lack full understanding of the economic and social consequences associated with this growth. This conference will kick-start efforts by the LPRC to investigate non-permanent work and its impact on those living in this situation," says Dr. Joe Michalski, King's professor of Sociology and co-chair of the London Poverty Research Centre at King's.

Co-chair Ross Fair says the panel will raise some troubling predictions for employment in Southwestern Ontario. "Canada, and specifically London, continues to face turbulence in our economy. The key themes being addressed at this economic conference are central to our understanding of what the future of work holds for our citizens," says Fair.

The public can register for the conference at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-future-of-work-poverty-reduction-in-london-tickets-18617779279</u>

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