



Newsletter

March 2026

From Data to Decisions: Transforming Research Into Action For Early Childhood

Hybrid Event Thursday 12 MAR 2026

Last spots available for in-person attendance. Register today.



On March 12, 2026, CIRANO will host the day-long event "From Data to Decisions: Turning Research into Action for Early Childhood", organized as part of its thematic year in collaboration with CIQSS, the Maison des affaires publiques et internationales at the University of Montreal, and OPES. Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners will come together to highlight recent work in early childhood and education, as well as new high-potential databases that can inform public policy. **A few spots are still available.**

The day will begin with a presentation of the **Quebec Children's Database** and ongoing research results on ADHD, before covering topics such as school readiness, the development of multilingual children, the role of the Commissioner for the Well-Being and Rights of Children, knowledge translation into practice, and the effects of family environment, socio-emotional skills, housing, and daycare centers on children's development and trajectories. The event will conclude with a networking cocktail.

[Click here to register](#)

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CIRANO NEWS



CIRANO Welcomes Three New Researchers

- **Jean-Félix Brouillette** (HEC Montréal) joins the *Business Cycles and Financial Markets* theme.
- **Arnaud Dragicevic** (Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok) is named Associate Researcher at CIRANO in the themes *Sustainable Development and Agri-food and Territories*.
- **Philippe Goulet Coulombe** (UQAM) joins in the area of *Economic and Budgetary Policies*.

These appointments strengthen CIRANO's expertise in key areas of economic research.

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OUTREACH



CIRANO in the Media

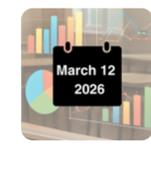


Nathalie de Marcellis-Warin invited to the Bank of the Republic of Haiti



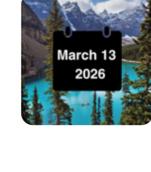
Anne-Marie Hubert (CIRANO Invited Fellow) appointed Special Adviser to the IFRS Foundation

EVENTS CALENDAR



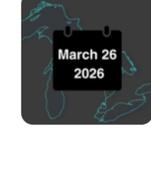
From Data to Decisions: Transforming Research Into Action For Early Childhood

This event is intended for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners interested in early childhood and education research. Organized by CIRANO in collaboration with the University of Montreal, and OPES, it will feature speakers including Catherine Haec, Ophélie Collet, Sylvana Côté, Alexandre Blanchet, Dominique Tambosso d'Abilio, Laurie Charest, Abdel-Hamid Bello, Pierre-Loup Beauregard, Robert Lacroix, Nicolas Charette, Christa Japel, and Philip Merrigan.



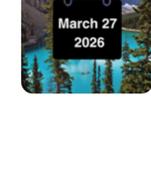
WEBINAR - CIREQ-CIRANO-RRECQ Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Workshop

This webinar is aimed at researchers and PhD students in economics interested in natural resource and environmental economics. The workshop will be led by Geir B. Asheim (University of Oslo), Hassan Bencheikroun (McGill University), Sophie Bernard (Polytechnique Montréal), Étienne Billette de Villemeur (University of Lille, UQAM), Robert Cairns (McGill University), Justin Leroux (HEC Montréal), and Charles Séguin (UQAM). The session will welcome Agnès Tomini (Aix-Marseille School of Economics) and Arnaud Goussebaile (École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées).



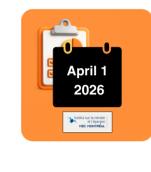
The St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Corridor as an Asset for Canada's Competitiveness 4th Annual GVCdtLab Conference

We invite you to the 4th Annual GVCdtLab Conference on March 26, 2026, at CIRANO. This day-long event, consisting of panels and presentations, will bring together public decision-makers, researchers, and industry experts. Tools from the GVCdtLab digital twin will help identify concrete and sustainable solutions to make the SLGL corridor a major asset in supporting Canada's strategic geopolitical and commercial priorities.



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External activity - Pension plans : coverage trends and economic value

On April 1st, the Retirement and Savings Institute will host a luncheon-Conference featuring Benoît Dostie (IRE, HEC Montréal, CIRANO), co-author of a study on the value of pension plans to workers, and Bernard Morency (IRE, C.D. Howe, HEC Montréal), to present and discuss the study's findings and related issues. Benoît Dostie and his colleagues Pierre-Carl Michaud (HEC Montréal, CIRANO) and Todd Morris (University of Queensland) examined the issue using administrative data covering all Canadian workers over a 20-year period. The event will bring together academics, financial industry stakeholders, policymakers, and the informed public at HEC Montréal's Hélène-Desmarais Pavilion in downtown Montréal for a rigorous but accessible discussion of the topic.

PERSPECTIVES

— A journal for the dissemination and valorization of research at CIRANO —



Former pour la bioéconomie de demain : Bâtir aujourd'hui la main-d'œuvre qui déterminera la croissance du Québec

Bryan Campbell, Michel Magnan, Robert Normand, Geneviève Dufour, Mollivann Panot and Felix-Antoine Johnson

Over the past decade, the bioeconomy has emerged as a major driver of transformation in advanced economies. Ensuring alignment between the skills of graduates from educational institutions and the needs of the labour market in this sector has therefore become a critical issue. In a CIRANO study (Campbell et al., 2025), the authors analyze job postings in the United States, Canada, and Quebec to provide an overview of current and potential labour market demand trends related to the new bioeconomy.



Les finances publiques face aux aléas de la conjoncture macroéconomique

Kevin Moran and Dalibor Stevanovic

Over recent decades, the Canadian economy has experienced several macroeconomic shocks: the 2008–2009 global financial crisis, fluctuations in commodity prices, the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical uncertainties, and monetary tightening to curb inflation. These episodes have significantly affected economic conditions and posed challenges for public finances. In a CIRANO study (Moran and Stevanovic, 2025), the authors empirically assess the impact of these shocks on Canada's main economic and fiscal aggregates, highlighting the need for a fiscal strategy adapted to external conditions and sources of uncertainty.

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PUBLICATIONS

PROJECT REPORTS



Coûts liés à l'utilisation des services médicaux et hospitaliers pour les soins bucco-dentaires au Québec

Maude Laberge, Adissa Bankolé and Pascaline Kengne Tall

Oral health is essential to overall health, yet financial, linguistic, and geographic barriers limit access to care, including services covered by Canadian public plans. As a result, individuals turn to other medical and social services to address oral health needs. This study examines the use of medical and hospital services for oral health care in Quebec, a relatively underexplored issue. The authors document the growing trend of consulting physicians for oral health needs across health regions and analyze the demographic factors influencing this pattern. They emphasize the urgent need for affordable access to oral health care, particularly for children, seniors, and low-income adults.



Affiliation, accessibilité des services de première ligne et besoins non comblés au Québec

Roxane Borges Da Silva, Olivier Jacques, Alexandre Prud'homme and Carole Vincent

This study provides an overview of affiliation with a primary care service provider (e.g., Family medicine group, clinic), the accessibility of these services and the unmet needs reported by the population. The analyses are based on a survey of a representative sample of the Quebec population using validated Statistics Canada instruments to report on respondents' healthcare experiences.

WORKING PAPERS



When Neighbors Stop Knocking: The Impact of Canada's 2025 Tourism Decline on U.S. Local Labor Markets

André Kurmann, Étienne Lalé and Julien Martin

This paper provides the first systematic assessment of the labor market impact of a 25% decline in Canadian travel to the United States. By combining mobile-phone data on the presence of Canadian visitors with real-time establishment-level employment data, the authors use a difference-in-differences approach to show that the most exposed establishments lost approximately 6% of their jobs—representing between 13,900 and 42,100 jobs across the United States. These effects are localized and should be interpreted as lower-bound estimates, as the study focuses on small and medium-sized enterprises and does not account for spillover effects.

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