



February 2018 Newsletter

A LOOK BACK ON OUR EVENTS

CIRANO co-organized a conference on the issues and opportunities confronting the food industry that was attended by 150 representatives from this sector



On February 1st, 2018, 150 representatives of the Agri-food industry (from producers to retailers and restaurateurs) joined with researchers in a high-level conference designed to shed some light on what the future holds.

Jointly organized by CIRANO and NSF International in collaboration with the Conseil de la transformation alimentaire du Québec (CTAQ), this conference also provided a forum for several of CIRANO's researchers to present their current work. JoAnne Labrecque (HEC Montreal) presented her results on the disruptions eCommerce has brought to the food industry and Ingrid Peignier (CIRANO) talked about some initial results from a study of the value of food certification.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY, PRESENTATION, AND PICTURES

Education and human capital were on the agenda at the Workshop commemorating the launch of Québec économique 7



Last January 30, a workshop marking the launch of *Québec économique 7: Éducation et capital humain* was hosted by CIRANO. This flagship event for the year of education brought together 19 experts from the field of education who held a discussion in front of 70 participants.

[Presentations and pictures](#) →

Two experts in healthcare economics at CIRANO



During a panel organized by CIRANO in collaboration with IRSPUM and ESPUM, Sandy Tubeuf (University of Leeds) and Thomas Poder (UETMIS and CRCHUS) talked about the issues and challenges posed by cost-utility analyses and illustrated them with examples from studies conducted in Great Britain and Quebec.

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OUTREACH

Brahim Boudarbat to head the Observatoire de la Francophonie économique (OFE)

Brahim Boudarbat, a full professor at the Université de Montréal and CIRANO fellow, is taking the helm from the departing director of the Observatoire, Marcel Boyer, Professor Emeritus at the Université de Montréal and CIRANO fellow, who gave the first impetus to the OFE.

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Stéphane Pallage, CIRANO fellow, appointed rector of the Université du Luxembourg

Mr. Pallage has held this position since January 1, 2018. From 2013 to 2017, he was dean of the École des sciences de la gestion of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

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Ejan Mackaay, CIRANO fellow, invited as an expert to the Gaidar Forum 2018 in Moscow

This forum, organized and hosted by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) in Moscow, was held January 16–18, 2018. Mr. Mackaay presented the Russian edition of his book *Law and Economics for Civil Law Systems* (publication later in 2018) to this Forum as well as to the Leontief Centre in St. Petersburg. He was also one of a handful of experts invited to lunch with the Russian Prime Minister Dimitri Medvedev.

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DATA SCIENCE AND AI

Big Data: potential and risks



An article worth reading in HEC Montréal MAG on the ramifications of big data.

[Read the article \(French only\) →](#)

Artificial Intelligence in Finance: Transformations and Impacts



Nathalie de Marcellis-Warin attended a Cockt-AI-I organized by the National Bank (a CIRANO partner) and IVADO. She gave a presentation on the impacts of computerization and AI on banks.

UK-Canada Artificial Intelligence Mission



Thierry Warin, a professor at HEC Montréal and CIRANO fellow, participated in the “UK-Canada Artificial Intelligence Mission” organized by **UK Science & Innovation** from January 22 to 24 in London.

COMING EVENTS

CEO's seminars with Guy Cormier (Mouvement Desjardins)

 Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. Guy Cormier, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mouvement Desjardins, will join us to share his expertise during a 5@7 with representatives from the research and business communities. The

presentation will be followed by a networking cocktail. *By invitation only.*

MORE INFORMATION (FRENCH ONLY)

Second meeting of Avant-Garde@CIRANO's class of 2018

📅 Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Avant-Garde@CIRANO's class of 2018 will explore the theme: "The student's trajectory in Quebec: Conditions for success and pitfalls."

MORE INFORMATION (FRENCH ONLY)

Adéquation des transferts aux besoins des municipalités. Quelques réflexions sur les enjeux d'équité et d'efficacité

📅 Friday, February 23, 2018

Jean-Philippe Meloche and François Vaillancourt will present the results of this CIRANO report to be published on February 23, 2018. Co-authors: Stéphanie Boulenger, Brigitte Milord.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

The 17th annual workshop of the Groupe d'Étude Canadien en Économie de la Santé (GECES) – Launch of the call for submissions!

This event will take place May 31 and June 1, 2018, at McGill University. This year the local organization of the workshop will be handled by Dr. Erin Strumpf, CIRANO fellow, and Dr. Laura Lasio, CIRANO researcher. Deadline for submitting articles: February 28, 2018.

MORE INFORMATION (FRENCH ONLY)

Canadian Economics Association annual conference 2018 to be held at McGill University

Local organization at McGill will be handled by Fabian Lange, CIRANO fellow, and Francisco Ruge-Murcia. Deadline for submitting articles: February 16, 2018

📅 June 1 to 3, 2018

A special day jointly organized by CIRANO (under the guidance of Mr. Boyer), the **Phelps Centre for the Study of Government and Business**, and the **Rotman Institute for International Business**, will address competition policy with a conference titled “The state of knowledge” given by Jacques Crémer of the Toulouse School of Economics.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Le Québec économique 7 : Éducation et capital humain (Sous la direction de Marcelin Joanis and Claude Montmarquette)

Project Reports

Équivalence du système de plafonnement et d'échange de droits d'émission de GES au Québec (SPEDE) avec les exigences du fédéral en termes de tarification du carbone (Pierre-Olivier Pineau and Simon Langlois-Bertrand)

**Polarisation du marché du travail, structure industrielle et
croissance économique** (Benoit Dostie)

Working Paper

**Damage Control: Earnings Management by Firms Facing Product
Harm Crises** (Like Jiang, Michel Magnan, Lixin (Nancy) Su and Shafu
Zhang)

ALL PUBLICATIONS

