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Laurier hosts panel discussion: *Economic Outlook 2009: A Perfect Storm?*

Experts gather to debate the prospects for Canada's economy in a time of global economic crisis

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WATERLOO — Laurier's School of Business and Economics will host a panel discussion called *Economic Outlook 2009: A Perfect Storm?* on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Leading Canadian experts will explore how our economy will weather the global storm emanating from the United States. They will discuss how the U.S. and world markets got into this mess and the extent to which Canada's financial markets and economy are insulated or vulnerable in this crisis.

Presented by the Laurier Centre for Economic Research and Policy Analysis, the evening is hosted by Lynn Haddrall, editor-in-chief of the Waterloo Region Record, with a panel discussion moderated by Pat Bolland, host of BNN's *Market Morning* and *Trading Day*. The event will also feature:

- Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist and managing director, BMO Capital Markets
- Merv Hillier, chief executive officer, CMA-Ontario
- Dr. David Johnson, professor of economics, School of Business and Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Phil Deck, chairman and chief executive officer, MKS Inc.

"I worry about the ability of governments – here in Canada and abroad – to enact the reforms necessary to restore confidence and stability in financial markets while avoiding the dangers of too much government command and control," said Laurier economics professor Dr. Bill Morrison, organizer of the event. "Does Canada have a role in the global response to the crisis or are we just bystanders? I think that talking about it and debating the issues can at least help us understand what we are up against."

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Members of the news media are welcome to the event. The experts will accept questions from the media directly following the event at 8:00 p.m.

Date: November 18, 2008

Time: 6:15 p.m. (registration)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.: *Economic Outlook 2009: A Perfect Storm?*

Location: Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Waterloo

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