Interuniversity Centre on Risk, Economic Policies, and Employment (CIRPÉE)

CIRPÉE-Laval is a group of researchers committed to pooling their wide-ranging expertise in the interest of promoting socially responsible research that informs public debate on issues of employment, education, health, and social cohesion. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from countries around the world are attracted to CIRPÉE-Laval by the quality, timeliness, and success of the centre’s activities.

CENTRE DESCRIPTION

The Interuniversity Centre on Risk, Economic Policies, and Employment (CIRPÉE) currently numbers 45 research fellows from HEC Montréal, ESG UQAM, Concordia University, and Université Laval and some 40 associate members, along with professionals, visiting researchers, and other contributors. CIRPÉE-Laval has 15 research fellows, 12 associate researchers, six research professionals, and 77 graduate research students from the Department of Economics (FSS) and the Department of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (FSA).

CIRPÉE’s scientific program revolves around five research fields: social policies, market structures, and employment; public economy and political economy; global analysis of economic policies and employment; human capital, growth, and international development; and risk management and financial markets.

MISSION

CIRPÉE strives to contribute high-level scientific expertise and further the knowledge required to promote societal well-being. Its action plan centres on three priorities: producing and sharing research with significant added value for society, organizing international symposia and conferences, and transferring knowledge to tomorrow’s researchers through graduate-level training.
Professors:

Several CIRPÉE professors have been singled out for recognition.

Marie-Claude Beaulieu received the 2012 Socrates Award (Université Laval Faculty of Business Administration) and the 2011 Research Award (Université Laval Faculty of Business Administration) bestowed in 2012.

Sylvain Dessy was honoured with the title of “Special Rapporteur” at the “Aid Allocation Systems in a Changing Africa” seminar organized by the African Development Bank and hosted by the Government of Mauritius on February 16-17, 2012, in Port Louis, Mauritius. He was also appointed to the board of directors of the Canadian Economics Association (2013-2015).

Jean-Yves Duclos was a member of the management committee of the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) from 2011-2012 and is a Fellow-in-Residence at the C.D. Howe Institute.

Gabriel John Power received the 2012 Research Award (Université Laval Faculty of Business Administration) bestowed in 2013 and the 2011 Research Award (Université Laval Faculty of Business Administration) bestowed in 2012.

Yann Bramoullé was nominated for the highly prestigious Best Young Economist award conferred by the French daily Le Monde and the Cercle des économistes.

Students:

Rokhaya Dieye, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Economics, was the 2012-2013 recipient of the $3,000 Gilles-Beausoleil scholarship awarded by the Association des économistes québécois.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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