Workshop on McGill University Finances:
Impact of changes to Quebec Government Funding Formula
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Workshop summary: The set of rules that a government uses to distribute higher education appropriations to universities is dubbed a « university funding formula ». A formula generates incentives, prompting universities to (partly) adapt their practices to exploit the formula to their advantage. How should such policy be set? Since the year 2000, the Québec government answered this question by transferring 70% of appropriations on the basis of student enrollment and in 2017, made some adjustments that are in effect as of this academic year. How is McGill affected? This workshop will introduce the fundamentals of a funding formula, explain the Québec formula at length, and explain the impact of the latest changes. This should prompt a discussion on its impact on McGill’s basic operating grant.

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Bio: Pier-André Bouchard St-Amant is a professor of public finances at École nationale d’administration publique (ÉNAP), a CIRANO researcher and a member the Québec observatory on inequalities. He holds a PhD in economics from Queen’s university (Canada). His research interests are in public economics (that is the economic theory of state intervention), mostly in taxation and in higher education. Professor Bouchard St-Amant’s work is a combination of advanced general theory and some practical analysis of Québec’s government policies. In 2012, he chaired a committee proposing a reform of the Québec student aid program.