
New President at Canadian Policy Research Networks

Ottawa – Arthur Kroeger, Chair of the Board of Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sharon Manson Singer to the position of President, effective February 1, 2006.

Dr. Manson Singer of Victoria has more than two decades of experience in the public policy environment. From 1997 to 2001, she held a number of deputy minister positions in the British Columbia government, including being the lead deputy minister during the creation of the National Child Benefit and the National Children's Agenda. Dr. Manson Singer has also lectured at the graduate level at the University of British Columbia and at the University of Victoria. Her Ph.D. in social welfare economics is from Brandeis University in the United States. Since 2001, she has operated her own consulting firm, providing corporate advice, public policy design and advice, strategic management, business development and human resources development counsel to the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Underlining her extensive government connections at both the federal and provincial levels, Kroeger says "Sharon's expertise in policy research, her passionate belief in Canada, and her active participation in the voluntary sector, as a volunteer, educator, fundraiser and funder, augur well for CPRN as it heads into its second decade."

Dr. Manson Singer says she is "thrilled to be joining CPRN, an organization that has made a difference for the people of Canada. I look forward to working to strengthen Canada for the benefit of our children and grandchildren. I am confident that we can build a country that is fair, just, inclusive and economically vibrant."

Canadian Policy Research Networks was founded by Judith Maxwell, who, over the last decade, built CPRN into one of the country's most respected think tanks. Maxwell is one of Canada's top thinkers and a highly regarded advisor to governments and commentator on economic and social issues. She stepped down as President of CPRN in December 2005.

"No one should underestimate the contribution she has made as the former Chair of the Economic Council of Canada, and in creating CPRN," says Kroeger. "Public policy across the country bears her imprint. We are all delighted that she will continue her involvement as a CPRN Senior Research Fellow."

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