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National Borders and International Trade: Canada, Quebec and the United States

Waterloo, Ont. (Oct. 27) - We know that Canada is by far the United States' largest trading partner. What is less known, however, is that trade linkages between the 10 Canadian provinces are 20 times tighter than those between Canada and the U.S., and for Quebec, especially, the predominant trade pattern is East-West.

Those are economic realities that most people vastly underestimate in this age of free trade and globalization, and they will be the topic of a lecture called "Do National Borders Matter?" by noted economist John Helliwell on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Helliwell is a professor of economics at the University of British Columbia. From 1991 to 1994, he was the Mackenzie King Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at Harvard, and will be returning to Harvard this year as a Fulbright Fellow and co-chair of the Canada program. He is also a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Helliwell will be appearing courtesy of the Laurier Lecture series, and he will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Room N1001 of the Science Building at Wilfrid Laurier University. Admission is free, and the lecture will be followed by a reception. For more information, call (519) 884-0710, Ext. 3800.

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