

# Dr. Richard B. Splane Lecture in Social Policy

**Seth Klein**

***Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency***

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm PST**

**Zoom webinar**

## Programme

### **Welcome by Moderator**

Tim Stainton, Professor, UBC School of Social Work; Director, Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship

### **Welcome and Background, Partner Introductions**

Patsy George, Past President, United Nations Association in Canada, Vancouver Branch

### **Remarks and Introduction to Seth Klein**

Donna Baines, Director and a Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, UBC

### **Keynote Address: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency**

Seth Klein, Founding British Columbia Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

### **Question Period with Seth Klein**

Moderated by Professor Tim Stainton

### **Thank You**

Professor Tim Stainton

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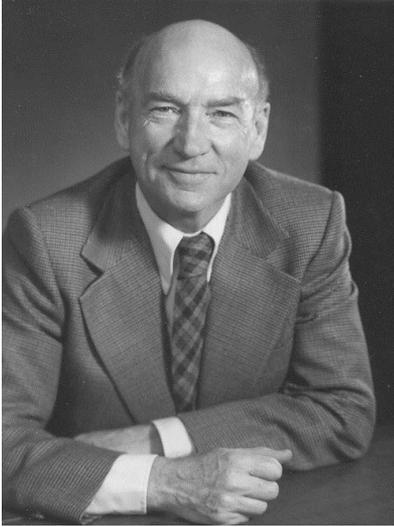


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**Richard Splane, O.C., Ph.D., LLD.**



Richard Splane, Professor Emeritus of the University of British Columbia, began his academic career at McMaster University, pursuing studies in economics, history and social work at the University of Toronto and social administration at the London School of Economics.

In the Second World War, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a pilot in the Bomber Command. After the war, he joined the Department of National Health and Welfare as an Economist and became Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister. He was in-turn Director-General of Welfare Assistance and Services; Director of Unemployment Assistance; and, Assistant Deputy Minister of Social Allowances and Services. He is regarded as the “principal architect” of the Canada Assistance Plan.

Dr. Splane’s special interest was international welfare. He served as Canada’s representative on the UNICEF Board and was a member of the United Nations’ Expert Group on Social Welfare Policy and Planning. In 1973, he was recruited by the University of British Columbia, as a Professor in the School of Social Work, where he served until his retirement in 1982.

He has written three books, *Social welfare in Ontario, 1791-1893; a study of public welfare administration (1965)*, *75 years of community service to Canada: Canadian Council on Social Development, 1920-1995 (1996)*, and *George Davidson: social policy and public policy exemplar (2003)*, and contributed numerous chapters and articles to professional journals and the press. He also collaborated with his wife, Dr. Verna Huffman Splane on a nursing research project in 55 countries.

In his community, he served with the University of British Columbia, the University Hill United Church and the United Way of Vancouver, Friends of SOS Children's Villages, as well as the Vancouver chapters of both the World Federalists and the United Nations Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Splane has served in senior roles in his own professional organization and many others in civil society. His work in social policy has been recognized both nationally and internationally with honours from his profession, government and universities. He was granted an Honorary Degree LL.D. by Wilfred Laurier University (1988), McMaster University (1990), the University of Toronto (2005) and, with his wife Verna, the University of British Columbia's first-ever joint honorary degree (1996).

## Seth Klein

**Bio:** Seth Klein served for 22 years (1996-2018) as the founding British Columbia Director of the [Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#), a public policy research institute committed to social, economic and environmental justice. He is now a freelance researcher, writer, consultant and speaker, and an adjunct professor with Simon Fraser University's Urban Studies program.

Seth's new book – *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency* – was released in September 2020.

Seth is a founder and served for eight years as co-chair of the *BC Poverty Reduction Coalition*, a network of over 50 community organizations in BC campaigning for a comprehensive poverty reduction plan in BC. He is a founder and served for 10 years on the advisory committee of the *Metro Vancouver Living Wage for Families* campaign (and was co-creator of the methodology for calculating the living family wage, now used in about three dozen Canadian communities). He currently serves on the board of *Dogwood*. He is an advisory board member for the Columbia Institute's *Centre for Civic Governance*. And he is a founder, advisor and instructor for *Next Up*, a leadership program for young people committed to social and environmental justice.

Seth's research deals primarily with climate policy and climate justice, fiscal policy, taxation, welfare policy, poverty, inequality, economic security, and job creation. His research reports can be found on the [CCPA's website](#); and his policy commentary can be found primarily on the [CCPA-BC's blog](#).

A social activist for over 35 years, Seth lives in East Vancouver with his partner and two children. Seth has been listed by *Vancouver Magazine* as one of the 50 most powerful people in the city, and by *Homemakers Magazine* among the "60 men we love." He does not know how he ended up on either list, but he humbly accepts the latter.

Purchase Seth Klein's new book [here](#) or from your local independent bookstore.

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Our projects also aim to define foreign policy priorities for our government. We host seminars and conferences with a variety of stakeholders and produce informative publications on topics such as peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. Each year the Association awards the Pearson Peace Medal to a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of international service and understanding.

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