

Christopher Ragan

Brief Biography
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Christopher Ragan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at McGill University in Montreal. He is also a Research Fellow at the C.D. Howe Institute in Toronto, from 2010 through 2013 he held the Institute's David Dodge Chair in Monetary Policy, and for many years was a member of the Institute's Monetary Policy Council. From January 2009 through June 2010, he was the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist at the Department of Finance in Ottawa, where he served as a senior advisor to the Minister and other senior Finance officials. During 2004-05, he served as the Special Advisor to the Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Since his appointment to McGill in 1989, Chris Ragan has taught a wide variety of courses, at undergraduate and graduate levels, and in 2007 he was awarded the Noel Fieldhouse teaching prize in the Faculty of Arts. His passion for teaching extends also to his non-technical writing. Ragan is the author of *Economics* (formerly co-authored with Richard Lipsey), which after fourteen editions is still the most widely used introductory economics textbook in Canada. Ragan also has a regular column in Canada's national newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*. During the mid-1990s he was the founding Editor-in-Chief of *World Economic Affairs*.

Ragan's academic writing focuses mostly on the conduct of macroeconomic policy. He has published articles in many academic and policy journals. His 2004 book, co-edited with his McGill Colleague William Watson, is called *Is the Debt War Over? Dispatches from Canada's Fiscal Frontline*. In 2007 he published *A Canadian Priorities Agenda*, co-edited with Jeremy Leonard and France St-Hilaire from the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

For the past fifteen years, Ragan has been teaching microeconomics regularly for McKinsey & Company, a leading international consulting firm. He also teaches regularly in EDHEC's Global MBA program in Nice, France, and also in the McGill-HEC Executive MBA program.

Chris Ragan received his Bachelor's degree in economics in 1984 from the University of Victoria and his Master's degree in economics from Queen's University in 1985. He then moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts where he completed his Ph.D. in economics at M.I.T. in 1989. See his personal McGill website for downloads of his published research as well as his newspaper columns:

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