

Centre for the Study of Living Standards

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



Overview

The Centre for the Study of Living Standards (CSLS) is a **national, independent, non-profit research organization** dedicated to studying the trends and determinants of productivity, living standards and economic well-being. CSLS was founded in August 1995 by Dr. Andrew Sharpe to:

- a) Contribute to a better understanding of trends in living standards and factors determining those trends; and
- b) Contribute to public debate on living standards by developing and advocating policies through expert consensus.

The Centre undertakes research in the following areas:



Aboriginal Issues

**Economic
Measurement Issues**

**Index of Economic
Well-being**

**Information and
Communication
Technologies**

Labour Markets

Productivity

Regions

Sectors

Well-being



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FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Sharpe holds a M.A. and Ph.D in economics from McGill University, a maitrise in urban geography from the Université de Paris-Sorbonne, and a B.A. from the University of Toronto.

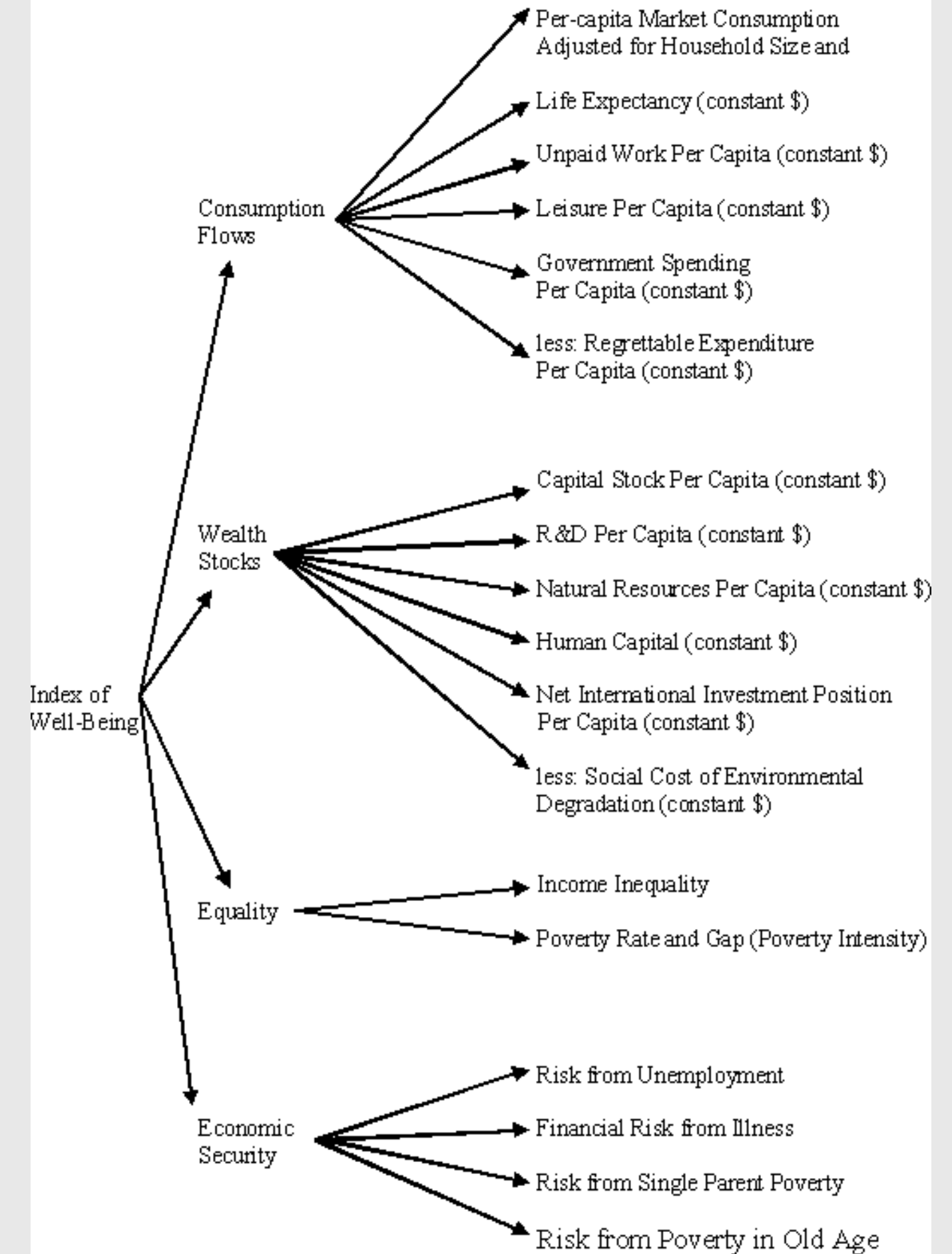
He is also founder and Editor of the International Productivity Monitor, co-developer (with Lars Osberg) of the composite Index of Economic Well-being, a consultant to the World Bank on labor market issues, and Executive Director of the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth, an international research association dedicated to the advancement of knowledge relating to income and wealth.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Index of Economic Well-being (IEWB)

In 1998, CSLS developed the Index of Economic Well-being (IEWB) to counteract the inefficiency of GDP per capita at measuring economic well-being. The idea for the IEWB is based on a paper by Lars Osberg or the MacDonald Commission entitled *The Measurement of Economic Welfare*.

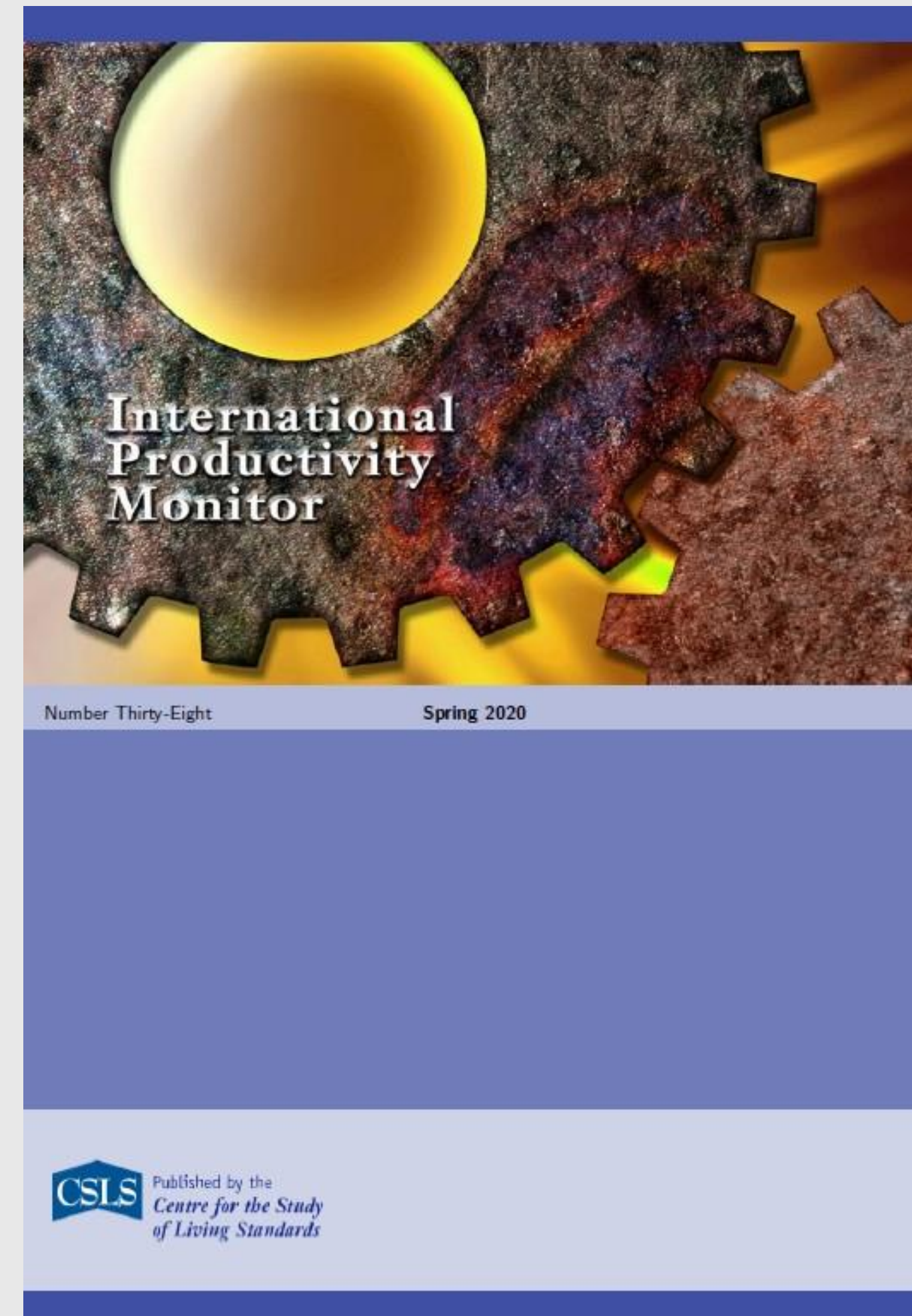


INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY MONITOR (IPM)

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The International Productivity Monitor is the flagship publication of CSLS.

The objective of the Monitor is to focus attention on the importance of productivity for improving living standards and quality of life. The Monitor ranks within the top fifth of all economic journals on RePEc with an impact factor of **2.718**, and is in the top 10 per cent of all economic journals by file downloads.



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