
SPEAKER

Robert Asselin

Senior Vice President,
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ABOUT

Robert leads the policy team and the Council's work on economic and fiscal policy. He has written extensively on economic growth, innovation and industrial policy. Robert brings more than 10 years of experience in providing policy advice to government, including in roles as Policy and Budget Director to Canada's Finance Minister and as Advisor to Prime Ministers Paul Martin and Justin Trudeau.

Prior to joining the Council, he spent two years at BlackBerry as Senior Global Director, Public Policy. Robert also spent nearly a decade in academia as Associate Director of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and as Visiting Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. He sits on the advisory board of the U.S. Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and serves as a Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and at the Public Policy Forum.

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Batia Stein

Partner, Immigration,
EY Canada



ABOUT

Batia partners with some of the largest organizations in North America to support their talent agenda. She advises on how the movement of people supports business strategy and identifies opportunities to mitigate risks associated with a globally mobile workforce.

With almost 25 years of experience at EY and a strong global immigration background, Batia brings strategic insight and practical perspective to both public and private companies across a range of industries. She leverages EY's worldwide network to add value to industry-leading multinational clients with operations across the globe.

She collaborates with her EY colleagues in mobility, corporate tax, and workforce advisory to provide clients with holistic advice and integrated services on matters such as short-term business travel, remote work, M&A activity, new office/location establishment, mobility policy design, and immigration/mobility function organization design.

As the Managing Partner of EY Law's immigration practice in Canada, Batia leads US and Canadian immigration professionals in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. She also supports the growth and development of EY's global immigration footprint, services, and client base in approximately 140 countries.

Batia is licensed to practice immigration law in both Canada and the United States. She has lectured on Canadian immigration law, speaks on mobility topics, and consults with the Canadian government to provide insights and help shape immigration policy.