Project ideas from the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD)  
Fall 2019

1. *First Nation child welfare funding formulas (performance budgeting).* We are working with First Nations and the federal government. A student will get hands-on project experience.

2. *Corporate Governance and Social Purpose.* A Toronto businesswoman (Faith Goodman) has reached out to us to work with her to explore the issue of how to make large corporations in Canada more focussed and accountable on social issues (conference in Toronto in March). US is pushing ahead - Senator Elizabeth Warren on corporate governance proposals and Accountable Capitalism (Act). Various CEOs ... Blackrock, Telus ... are promoting ‘social’ capitalism. A student will work with me to explore what this could look like in a Canadian context (will likely get contact with Toronto business people; an op ed etc)

3. *The next recession.* A student will work with IFSD to examine the potential impacts of the next recession on the Canadian economy and citizens. Macro -fiscal analysis. Student will work with Mostafa and me. (paper and op ed)

Past students who have worked at IFSD have seen their work publicised in the media. See, for example, the following pieces co-authored by some of last-year’s students:

https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/02/13/regions-become-innovation-hubs/188212


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Note: Supervisor preferences regarding language of work, if any, are unknown at this point.