

# BIG CITY BIG IDEAS

Big City: Big Ideas is a public lecture series being held at the University of Toronto that features global leaders in urban and regional planning, policy and finance. Attendees will be inspired by some of the brightest minds working on the development, sustainability and liveability of cities today.

## UNIVERSITIES, CITIES AND PROSPERITY: AN AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE



**UofT President Meric Gertler**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

4:30 pm to 6 pm (EDT)

**Presented by the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance (IMFG) and its BCBI partners**

A strong university helps build a strong city, and vice versa. Universities impart innovative dynamism and resilience to the economies of urban regions. They are stabilizing forces on urban economies, and on the local neighbourhoods they inhabit. And they connect their host regions to the world. We see this in leading city-regions around the globe: from Boston to Beijing, from San Francisco to São Paulo. But how do you build and nurture these relationships? And what role should the University of Toronto play in our region's future?

Join us for a discussion with University of Toronto President Meric Gertler about the university and the city, and the critical role the University of Toronto will play in the economic, social and cultural future of the Greater Toronto Area. Meric, the 16th President of the University of Toronto, is one of the world's foremost urban theorists and policy practitioners, and a widely regarded expert on innovation, creativity and culture as drivers of the economic dynamism of city-regions. Among other accolades, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Academy of Social Sciences (UK). He holds the 2014 Distinguished Scholarship Honor from the Association of American Geographers, and a doctor of philosophy *honoris causa* from Lund University in Sweden.

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