



The Group of 78
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Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

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CETA: For Whose Benefit and at Whose Cost?

DATE: Tuesday January 29, 2013

TIME: 12:00 noon *

***Please note that lunch will start at noon sharp**

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday January 25, 2013.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

The Canadian government is in the midst of end-game negotiations with the European Union for **Canada-EU Trade Agreement**, one of the “jewels in the crown” of its economic policy. The pact has already generated keen interest and controversy on what it will contain, what benefits it will generate and what it will cost various sectors in Canada. In this timely presentation, John Jacobs will provide insight to the contents of the proposed deal and analyze their implications, including how the removal of tariffs will impact the trade imbalance between Canada and the EU. CETA seeks to provide new foreign investment opportunities and protections but how will this impact the ability of governments in Canada to regulate and provide services in the public interest? How will providing EU investors with access to Canada’s public procurement market affect the capacities of provincial and municipal governments to foster regional economic development? How might it impact the costs of pharmaceuticals and health care more generally? Mr. Jacobs will discuss the impact of the expansion of foreign corporation rights to sue governments in Canada and identify how CETA differs from earlier free trade agreements. His presentation will lay out issues for public dialogue as decision-making on CETA moves forward.

John Jacobs is a research associate and past regional director with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA). John is a PhD candidate at Carleton University (Public Policy and Political Economy) focusing on Canadian mining firms and international development in Africa and he holds an MA from the International Institute of Social Studies (The Hague). He is the author of numerous public policy publications and a former columnist on public policy issues for the Chronicle Herald (Halifax). His most recent publications include “Straightjacket: CETA’s Constraining Effects on Ontario” and “The Impacts of CETA on Manitoba” (forthcoming).