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## Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

# Ilario Maiolo

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## Current Challenges to International Humanitarian Law

**DATE: Tuesday November 27, 2012**

**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](mailto:group78@web.net) or 613-230-0860 by Friday November 23, 2012.**

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.*

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As the field of international humanitarian law has emerged as one of the pillars of the constructive side of international affairs in recent decades, it has been buffeted by the experience of many conflict zones worldwide. Ilario Maiolo will explore how IHL fits into the conduct of international relations, identifying its strengths and challenges in today's turbulent environment. He will address its value and applicability and where it is facing difficulties in its adherence. Drawing on the Red Cross's experience, he will discuss what governments and international institutions need to do to strengthen IHL and how it applies to such areas as the possession and threat of nuclear and other weapons. Mr. Maiolo will also consider how citizens and civil society organizations can encourage greater respect for and adherence to IHL. Participants can raise questions to expand their own understanding of this important area of global affairs.

Ilario Maiolo has worked in a number of legal advisory positions for The Canadian Red Cross since 2004. He currently serves as Senior Legal Advisor, Humanitarian Issues where his duties include advising the Society on matters relating to International Humanitarian Law and promoting IHL and other conflict-related issues with key stakeholders particularly government departments, the armed forces and academia. He has also worked in Europe and as a consultant for the Government of Canada - most recently for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Ilario is a member of Le Barreau du Quebec, Law Society of Upper Canada and holds Civil (LL.L.) and Common Law (LL.B.) law degrees from the University of Ottawa and a Masters in International Law from the University of Geneva.