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## Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

# Dr. John Curtis

## Bali and Beyond: the Future of the World Trading System

**DATE: Tuesday January 28, 2014**

**TIME: 12:00 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 January 24, 2014.**

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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Now in its thirteenth year, the Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations has yet to reach a conclusion. The ministerial meeting convened in Bali, Indonesia, in early December nevertheless made some headway, by tackling crucial issues such as improved trade customs procedures and the role of the international trading system in enhancing food security. In the meantime, other international trade and investment negotiations are moving forward quickly. Most political energy is being directed to these bilateral and regional trade agreements, very few involving developing countries. John Curtis, who has been involved in trade negotiations since the Tokyo Round, will share his reflections on the larger implications of what emerged in Bali and what is occurring elsewhere. Have the multilateral trading system and the WTO been eclipsed by the new regional and bilateral agreements? Because trade is critical to economic growth, what are the implications for Canada, and how can the human well-being of poorer countries be advanced?

John Curtis is currently a Senior Fellow at the C.D. Howe Institute and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), an Adjunct Professor at Queen's University, and teaches international economic policy at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. In the Public Service of Canada for 35 years, Dr. Curtis was the founding Chief Economist of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, having earlier served in a number of economic policy positions in several departments. With a strong interest in Asia, he spent two years with the International Monetary Fund on Asian economic matters, particularly on financing India's Green Revolution and played a major role in the development of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, serving as the founding Chair of its Economic Committee. A graduate of UBC, Dr. Curtis holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.