



Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

John E. Trent

***Some Directions for an
Alternative Canadian Foreign Policy***

DATE: Tuesday May 27, 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 or 613-230-0860 by Friday May 23, 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.

The directions of Canadian foreign policy under the Harper Government have elicited strong and critical observations from many quarters, including from former Prime Minister Joe Clark. Professor John Trent will reference this commentary, analysing how foreign policy has veered in a direction that betrays our past and mortgages our future. He will then pose a framework and features for an alternative foreign policy, drawing on analysis and studies by the World Federalist Movement – Canada, particularly highlighting Canada’s participation in the United Nations. He will address a number of central questions for a future foreign policy for Canada, including: What is Canada’s national interest? What should be our approach to international cooperation, multilateral organizations, defence, peacekeeping, the responsibility to protect, human rights, the rule of law and humanitarian aid? What should Canada promote in the realm of new global institutions to address ever more complex issues? Prof. Trent will outline a set of policies for public discourse and for all political parties to consider prior to the next election.

John E. Trent is a Fellow of the Centre on Governance at the University of Ottawa, where he was formerly a professor and chair of the Department of Political Science. Recent foreign policy publications include: *The need for rethinking the United Nations: modernizing through civil society*, *Modernization of the United Nations System: Civil Society's Role in Moving from International Relations to Global Governance*, *The United Nations and Canada: What Canada has done and should be doing at the United Nations*. Professor Trent is the former Secretary General of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Executive Director of the Social Science Federation of Canada, a founding Vice-President of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), past-president of the Société québécoise de Science politique, and a member of the International Social Science Council. He is presently Board Chairman of the World Federalists Movement of Canada.