



## Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

### **Canadian Trade Policy at a Crossroads: Navigating New Global Realities**

Stephen Tapp

4:00-5:30 PM  
Monday, May 29, 2017  
Karsh Room, Rideau Club  
99 Bank Street, 15th floor  
Ottawa, Ontario

To attend, please RSVP by May 25 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

The Canadian economy is at a critical juncture. Its growth and prosperity depend critically on international trade and investment, but long-standing policy goals and approaches are being challenged by rising protectionist sentiment across the developed world. In this complex and rapidly-evolving context, it is now more important than ever to sift through the noise to better understand the new global trade realities and consider appropriate policy responses. In this presentation, Stephen Tapp will draw from the main findings and policy implications of a multiyear research initiative that he led for the IRPP. He will describe several "new global realities" that are exerting significant influence on Canadian international commerce, review Canada's overall trade performance in recent decades, and propose forward-looking priorities for a trade- and trade-related policies. For details on the research program go to:

<http://irpp.org/research/trade/>

Stephen Tapp is a research director at the Institute for Research on Public Policy. Before joining the Institute, he was a senior economist and adviser at the Parliamentary Budget Office. He has worked as an economist in the research departments of the Bank of Canada and the Department of Finance, as a research fellow at the C.D. Howe Institute and as an economics instructor at Queen's University. His research focuses on the Canadian economy and economic policy. He has a PhD and an MA in economics from Queen's University and a BA from Western.