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Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The Impact of Trade on Innovation

John Curtis
4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, May 1, 2014
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by April 29, 2014 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

The Canadian economy is both highly open yet a relatively poor performer on innovation indicators. In this seminar, John Curtis, drawing on his work as chair of the Geneva-based Committee on Trade and Innovation sponsored by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, will address specifically the question of whether and in what ways trade, and the trade system more generally, are either restricting innovation, accommodating it, or supporting it. He will also discuss what policy initiatives, if any, should be considered to promote innovation in each and every society world-wide.

John Curtis is currently Senior Fellow, C.D. Howe Institute; Senior Fellow, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development; Adjunct Professor, Queen's University; and teaches international economics at the Norman Paterson School, Carleton University. 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. Throughout his career, his focus has been on all aspects of international trade, most recently the relationship of trade to the domestic economy, particularly in the field of intellectual property, innovation, and competitiveness. Dr. Curtis has an undergraduate degree from the University of British Columbia and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.