

Issues in the Governance of Federations

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Federated organizations are common in the co-operative sector, yet federations as a form of organization are not well studied or widely understood. In this presentation, Brett will reflect on the distinctive governance challenges of federations based on theory and practice, and will share preliminary ideas about how to think about good governance in co-operative federations.

Brett's research and teaching are concerned with the history and interdisciplinary study of democracy, social movements, and co-operative enterprises in Canada and around the world. He has more than eighty publications, including his most recent, *Co-operative Canada: Empowering Communities and Sustainable Businesses*, edited with Nora Russell. Brett models his scholarship on the idea of engagement between the academic world and the real-life issues of organizations and communities. He is a strong believer in the duty of citizens to participate in volunteer organizations and has held many leadership roles in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. In recognition of his public and scholarly contributions, Brett was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.



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