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The 2013 F.J.H. Fredeen Memorial Scholarship Seminar

How Can Organizational Frameworks and Policy Environments Support Co-op Development?

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This presentation explores the remarkable co-operative development experience in Spain over the last fifty years and compares it with the Manitoba experience. Examining the evolution of one particular organization in Spain — the Mondragon Group — will help us better understand the nature of an effective co-operative development process. The Mondragon model reveals the importance of institutional frameworks and systems for co-operative development. Analyzing this well-known development story forces us to rethink assumptions found in much of the literature on co-operative and policy development, particularly regarding the extent to which Mondragon's development is deeply embedded in and shaped by the cultural and institutional contradictions of its own unique environment. Paying particular attention to institutional frameworks (and the economic and socio-cultural conditions that shape them and are shaped by them), the presentation will analyze the conditions necessary for developing and sustaining co-operative businesses and the potential for creating those conditions in Manitoba.

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