

## When Big Co-ops Fail

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Like all forms of enterprise, big co-ops can fail. Presenter Peter Couchman and Centre Director Murray Fulton claim that there is a repeating pattern with the world's largest co-op failures, — a pattern which, if understood, can be used to avoid collapse. This presentation was first given at the recent International Co-operative Alliance Congress in Antalya, Turkey.

Peter is the chief executive of the Plunkett Foundation, based in the UK. Created by co-operative pioneer Sir Horace Plunkett, the foundation empowers rural communities to solve their problems through the creation of community co-operatives. It was awarded the Rochdale Pioneers Award in 2013, the international co-operative movement's highest honour. The Plunkett Foundation has been working with the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives and Federated Co-operatives Limited over the last two years exploring the best ways to support rural and First Nations co-op development in western Canada.



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River Room, Diefenbaker Building, U of S Campus  
Light lunch to follow

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