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MacPherson Talk

ARE CO-OPERATIVES MORE VIRTUOUS THAN CORPORATIONS?

There are several sectors of the economy in which cooperatives have flourished, competing successfully against standard business corporations. The best explanation for their success is that they provide superior benefits to their members. The question that will be the focus of this talk is whether co-operatives also provide important benefits to society, such that non-members should prefer a co-operative economy to one dominated by business corporations. It has often been suggested that co-operatives are more virtuous, because they are more democratic, less hierarchical, less anti-social, and less apt to produce economic inequality. In this talk, Dr. Joseph Heath will evaluate these claims, while questioning whether co-operatives are all that different from corporations.

Presented by:
Joseph Heath

**Professor, University
of Toronto**

Dr. Joseph Heath is a renowned and award-winning philosopher and author. Dr. Heath is the author of several books, both popular and academic, including *Filthy Lucre* and *The Rebel Sell*. His most recent book is titled *Cooperation and Social Justice*.



Thursday, December 5, 2024

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Saskatchewan Time or
Central Standard Time)**

Attend in person: *Prairie Room, 101 Diefenbaker
Place, Diefenbaker Building, University of
Saskatchewan*) - Register for an [in-person ticket](#)

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The MacPherson Talks honour the late Dr. Ian MacPherson, one of the leading lights of the international co-operative movement. Historian, educator, author, and passionate co-operator, Ian personified the relationship between Canadian co-operative academics and co-op practitioners. The MacPherson Talks are held annually by the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives.

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