

BOOK LAUNCH: FISCAL FEDERALISM AND EQUALIZATION POLICY IN CANADA

Join the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and co-authors for the launch of Fiscal Federalism and Equalization Policy in Canada.

September 22, 2017

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Prairie Room, Diefenbaker Building 101 Diefenbaker Place

*This event will be video conferenced to 210 -2 Research Drive, University of Regina. Books will be available for sale in the Diefenbaker Lobby. Fiscal Federalism and Equalization Policy in Canada aims to increase public understanding of equalization and fiscal federalism by providing a comparative and multidisciplinary perspective on the history, politics, and economics of equalization policy in Canada. The authors — **Daniel Béland, André Lecours, Gregory P. Marchildon, Haizhen Mou** and **M. Rose Olfert** — provide a brief history, an analysis of the politics of equalization as witnessed over the last fifteen years, and a discussion of key economic debates concerning the role of the program and its effects. They also explore the relationship between equalization and other components of fiscal federalism, particularly the Canada Health Transfer and the Canada Social Transfer. The result is an analysis that draws from the best scholarship available in the fields of economics, economic history, political science, political sociology, and public policy.

This is the third book in The Johnson Shoyama Series on Public Policy, published by the University of Toronto Press.

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- Mel Cappe, University of Toronto

"The principle of interregional redistribution is central to Canadian conceptions of equity, yet a critical instrument of this redistribution— the equalization program—is poorly understood and subject to endless myth-making. This concise book helps unlock the mysteries."

- Keith Banting, Queen's University

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