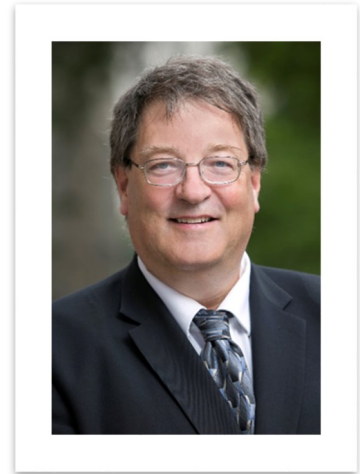


“Can We Get Western Canada Ready for The 21st Century?”

The Sutton Place Hotel—March 4, 2020 from 8:00 to 10:10 AM



Career paranoia, Aboriginal rights, technological innovations and the natural resource economy are the forces that Dr. Ken Coates thinks are transforming Canada. These are troubled times, in some quarters, as young adults struggle to find opportunities and as digital innovations chip away at this country’s most secure jobs. At the same time, scientific discoveries are shaking the foundations of modern life, just as natural resource developments sustain Canada’s high standard of living. Ken is Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan campus.



Ken appears regularly on various media platforms and is a prolific writer. His 2015 book *#IdleNoMore: And the Remaking of Canada*, offers an optimistic view on the opportunity for real improvements in the lives of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. His 2016 release *Dream Factories: Why Universities Won’t Solve the Youth Jobs Crisis* argues that the over-promotion of higher education and university degrees is actually undermining the lives of young people, saddling them with enormous debts, and costing governments huge amounts of money.

He has served in various academic capacities over his career including: Founding Vice-President (Academic) at the University of Northern British Columbia; Dean, College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan; Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of New Brunswick and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo. Ken is a high-energy speaker and does a great job of keeping audience members engaged and entertained. He encourages questions and thoroughly enjoys conversations during or after events.

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Where: The Sutton Place Hotel Edmonton

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