Ronald Lampman Watts, the 15th Principal Emeritus of Queen’s University, Canada died on Oct. 9 2015. After retiring as principal, he served as director of Queen’s Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, senior adviser to the federal government on constitutional affairs, and consultant to governments all over the world, including Canada, Kenya, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom. He published a number of books, including *New Federations: Experiments in the Commonwealth, Multi-Cultural Societies and Federalism, Administration in Federal Systems*, and *Comparing Federal Systems*. Dr. Watts received five honorary degrees and became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1979 and a Companion in 2000.

Ron Watts was one of the founders of the Forum of Federations. He served as a Board Member of the Forum between 1999 and 2006 and as Forum’s fellow from 2006 onwards. His immense contribution to the advancement of theory and practice of comparative federalism will inspire generations of scholars and public officials across the globe.

The objective of this day-long discussion is to evoke fond memories for Watts’ fellow federalism fans and attempt to keep his memory alive.