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John E. Hodgetts
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John Edwin "Ted" Hodgetts, was a Canadian political scientist who is considered the father of public administration studies in Canada. Born in Omemee, Ontario. At the University of Toronto, where he received the bachelor of arts degree in 1939, he was also Rhodes Scholar and Gold Medalist. He earned his master's degree at U of T and completed a PhD at the University of Chicago.

He started teaching political science at the University of Toronto in 1943, where he remained a Professor Emeritus until his death. From 1967 to 1969, he was the Principal of Victoria College and from 1970 to 1972 he was the President of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. In 2005, he was appointed to Justice John H. Gomery's Advisory Committee to help with Phase II or the Recommendations Phase of the Gomery Commission.

Hodgetts began teaching political science at the University of Toronto in 1943. He spent 20 years at Queen's University where he became the Hardy Chair in Political Science and also assumed the leadership of the department in 1961. He rejoined U of T in 1963 as a professor of political science and remained until his retirement in 1982. From 1967 to 1969, he was the principal of Victoria College and from 1970 to 1972 he was the president of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. Hodgetts has also held visiting professorships at University of British Columbia, Northwestern University, Dalhousie University and Memorial University and has received honorary degrees from Mount Allison, Queen's, Carleton and Memorial universities.

Ted Hodgetts, as he was affectionately known by colleagues and friends, had a lifelong commitment to public service and administration in Canada. His scholarship was highly valued by students, academic peers, and practitioners.

His work in Canadian administrative history and public service accountability has proved invaluable. Dr. Hodgetts wrote several major publications including *The Canadian Public Service* (1973) and the seminal *Pioneer Public Service: An Administrative History of the United Canada's* (1956). He taught and inspired, and continues to motivate generations of students, academics and professionals.

IPAC awarded Prof. Hodgetts the Vanier Gold Medal in 1981 in recognition of his exceptional leadership and significant contribution to the field of public administration. IPAC's journal, the *Canadian Public Administration*, awards the Hodgetts Award for the best English article each year, in his honour.

Prof. Hodgetts received many academic and civic awards, most notably the Order of Canada in 1989, to honour his lifetime achievement and public service. In 2005, he received accolades for his appointment by Justice John H. Gomery to the Advisory Committee of the Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities. He also held honorary

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doctorates of law from Queen's University, Carleton University, Mount Allison University and the University of Toronto.

Ted Hodgetts was an exceptional scholar and political scientist, and a great inspiration to many of us. We at IPAC were fortunate to know Ted intimately as Editor of the New Book Series. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him personally and by the public sector community across Canada.

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