



CANADA SEMINAR
THE CORPORATION

*A PRIVATE SCREENING**
with

JOEL BAKAN

Writer/Co-Creator

4-7 p.m. - Monday, May 3

Rooms 2 & 3 - Harvard Faculty Club

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One hundred and fifty years ago, the corporation was a relatively insignificant entity. Today, it is a vivid, dramatic, and pervasive presence in all our lives. Like the Church, the Monarchy, and the Communist Party in other times and places, the corporation is today's dominant institution. But history humbles dominant institutions. All have been crushed, belittled, or absorbed into some new order. The corporation is unlikely to be the first to defy history. In this complex and highly entertaining documentary, Mark Achbar, co-director of the influential and inventive *Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media*, teams up with co-director Jennifer Abbott and writer Joel Bakan to examine the far-reaching repercussions of the corporation's increasing preeminence. The film, winner of the Sundance Film Festival Audience Award in World Cinema-Documentary, is based on Joel Bakan's bestselling book, *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power* (Published by Simon & Schuster) and is a timely, critical inquiry. Featuring illuminating interviews with Noam Chomsky, Peter Drucker, Milton Friedman, Michael Moore, Vandana Shiva, Howard Zinn, and many others, **THE CORPORATION** charts the spectacular rise of an institution aimed at achieving specific economic goals as it also recounts victories against this apparently invincible force.

Joel Bakan is professor of law at the University of British Columbia, and an internationally recognized legal scholar. A former Rhodes Scholar and law clerk to Chief Justice Brian Dickson of the Supreme Court of Canada, he has law degrees from Oxford, Dalhousie, and Harvard. His work examines the social, economic, and political dimensions of law, and he has published in leading legal and social science journals as well as in the popular press.

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