

Introduction to Co-operative Research in Canada and Internationally: Organizations, Researchers, Themes, and Methodologies

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Some necessary disclaimers

- Happily, this now an impossible task—so just a taste
- Rendered more difficult by mission creep and time constraints
- A personal mind-map of a generalist (rural sociologist) with a situated worldview
- A mix of older and newer information—errors of omission, oversight, ignorance...
- Many of the experts are in the room, or will be speaking later...so this can be a Wiki

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Acknowledging more gaps...

- · Japan, China, Korea...
- India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka...
- Australia, New Zealand...
- · Spain, Israel...
- Sweden, Finland, Norway...
- Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France...
- Ethiopia, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, South Africa...
- Russia, Ukraine, Poland...
- Cuba, Central America, South American...

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Approaches to co-op research

- Quantitative, qualitative, case studies, mixed methods...
- Co-ops as business enterprises, organizations...
- Co-ops as sites to study other social phenomena—e.g. gender relations, race and ethnic relations....
- Co-ops and poverty reduction, economic crises, rural development, peace, education, democracy...
- Co-ops as an international social movement
- Co-operatives and co-operative development in comparative perspective...
- Co-operation and human biology, evolution, progress...
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Bibliography of Cooperatives and Cooperative Development

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2012 ICA Research Conference ICA Committee on Co-operative Research is partnering with the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation, CIRIEC Canada, and the Association of Co-operative Educators, as well as two major co-operative research networks in Canada. International Research Conference 2009 International Research Conference 2009 New Zealand International Research Conference on New Zealand International Research Conference on Cooperatives Building a Better World: The Role of Cooperatives and Mutuals in Society We are organizing the first ever research conference on cooperatives to take place in New Zealand. The newly founded, New Zealand Association for the Study of Cooperatives and Mutuals, is formally organizing this conference. This will be an interdisciplinary conference and we welcome participants from around the world who have an interest in the study of cooperatives and mutuals. 2011 ICA Global Research Conference Proceedings A collection of papers presented at the 2011 ICA Global Research Conference, held in Mikkeli, Finland from 24 - 27 August 2011. The report is called "New opportunities for co-operatives: new opportunities for people".

Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives

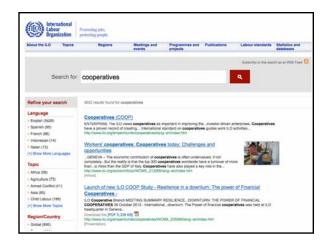


COPAC is a committee made up of the cooperative movement and the United Nations and its agencies. Members work together on equal terms to promote and coordinate sustainable cooperative development by promoting and raising awareness on cooperatives, holding policy dialogues and advocating policies that enable cooperative success, working together on technical cooperation activities and sharing knowledge and information.



Cooperatives

Within the UN system, the ILO is responsible for the largest and most diversified program for the promotion of cooperatives. The ILO technical assistance program for cooperative development focuses on policy and legal advice, capacity-building through human resource development, poverty alleviation through self-help, alternative delivery mechanisms for social services, and a special regional program for indigenous and tribal peoples.











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Mainstreaming Co-operation: An Alternative for the 21st Century? 3-5 July 2012

Manchester & Rochdale

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME







Mainstreaming Co-operation

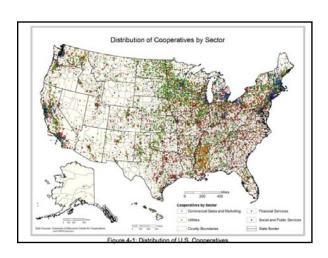
The conference was organized by the Co-operative College and researchers from Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool University, Manchester Metropolitan University, the University of Central Lancashire, Edge Hill University and the University of the Basque Country. Additional contributors came from institutions such as:

- Center for the Study of the Kibbutz & the Co-operative Idea
- Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan
- Social Sciences Group, Wageningen University
- Centre for Civil Society, Australia

Co-operative College Recent research and teaching initiatives

- Understanding co-operative resilience: The case of Malawi
- Researching youth and co-operatives in Uganda and Lesotho, Sally Hartley was the first student to complete a PhD co-supervised by the Co-operative College and the Open University.
- The Co-operative College is contributing its expertise in designing externally accredited learning and assessment programs to an international project called 'European Coop Campus'.

















CHS University Initiative on Cooperative Education Launched

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 6, 2012 /PRNewswire/ — CHS inc. (NASDAC: CHSCP), the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative, announced today it will launch a \$2 million CHS University initiative on Cooperative Education program, a major investment in building understanding of the cooperative business model through education, development and practical experience.

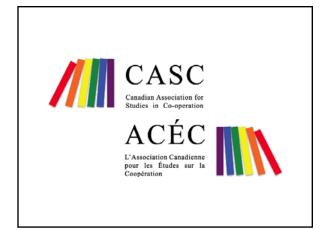
"As a farmer-owned cooperative, CHS is committed to investing in the future of the cooperative system," said Jerry Hasnedl. CHS Board chairman and a St. Hilaire, Minn. farmer. "This exciting new initiative will enable the next generation to achieve new levels of success as farmers and manchers in the global marketplace, as employees with challenging careers in agriculture and as contributing citizens of rural communities."

"We are proud to launch the CHS University Initiative on Cooperative Education, which builds on more than eight decades of working with agricultural, cooperative and education entities, as well as the 20-year legacy of our Cooperative Education program," added William Neison, president, CHS Condition and vice president, CHS Corporate Citizearble, under the program of the Cooperative Citizearble and the CHS of the C

Partner universities and organizations include: University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, The Ohio State University, North Dakota State University, University of Saskatchewan, Kansas State University, University of Saskatchewan, Kansas State University, University of State, University of Saskatchewan, Kansas State University, Combined University and Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation of Cooperative University Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation (Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern Federation Office Southern

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Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER)

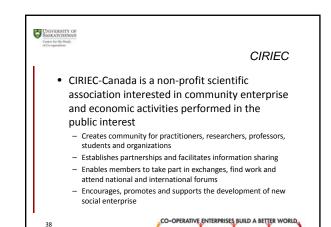
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ANSERJ

The Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research/ Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l'économie sociale (ANSERJ) is the official journal for ANSER/ARES. It is an online open access English and French peer-review publication.





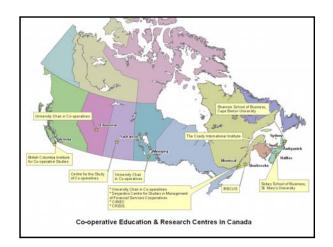


Association of Cooperative Educators

WWW.ace.coop

The Association of Cooperative Educators links
researchers, trainers, developers and communicators
interested in cooperatives and credit unions, primarily in
United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. It operates in
English, French and Spanish.































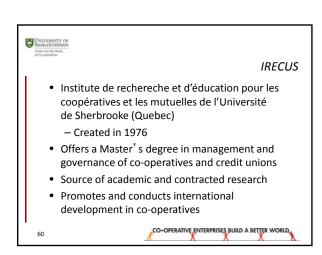


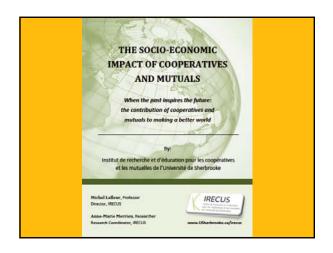




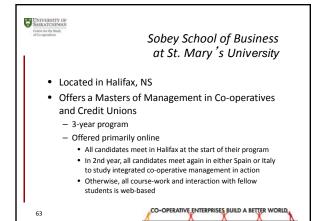


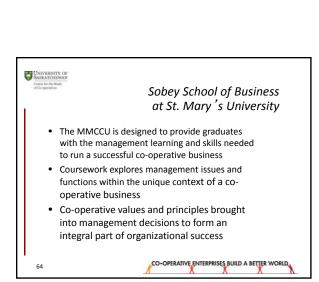




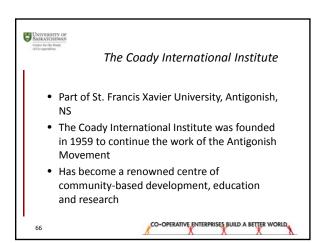


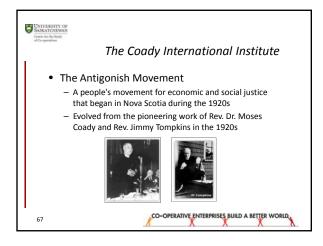








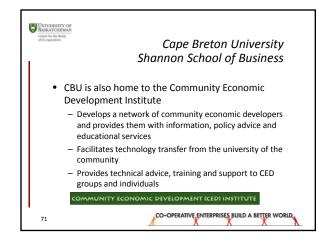














University Chairs in Co-operative Studies

- · University of Manitoba
 - Dr. Brian Oleson
 - Agribusiness Chair in Co-operatives and Marketing
- University of Alberta
 - Ellen Goddard, Chair
 - Cooperative Program in Agricultural Marketing & Business
- Université du Québec à Montréal
 - Marie Bouchard
 - Canada Research Chair on the Social Economy

Chair in Co-operative Enterprises at University of Winnipeg Announced

International scholar Dr. Claudia Sanchez Bajo comes to the position with a significant research background in co-operatives.

Several co-operative partners have sponsored the establishment of this new Chair at the University of Winnipeg aimed at strengthening the co-op movement and developing socially responsible entrepreneurs.



BALTA's research program is broadly organized into five priority areas:

- The Mapping Program focuses on surveying the scope and characteristics of the overall social economy in Alberta and British Columbia.

- Social Economy Research Cluster (SERC) 1 focuses on Social Enterprises in Human Services and Housing. [link to SERC 1 Research webpage]

- Social Economy Research Cluster (SERC) 2 focuses on the Social Economy in Rural Revitalization and Development.

- Social Economy Research Cluster (SERC) 3 focuses on Analysis, Evaluation and Infrastructure.

- Cross-Cutting Research addresses questions of relevance to more than one research SERC.

List of BALTA research projects

PARTICIPATING ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES INCLUDE:

- + Athabasca University *
- + Mount Royal University
- + Royal Roads University *
- St. Joseph's Theological College (University of Alberta)
- + Selkirk College Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development
- + Simon Fraser University *
- + University of Alberta *
- + University of British Columbia
- + University of the Fraser Valley
- + University of Victoria *

PARTICIPATING ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITY BASED AND STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- + Alberta Community and Co-operative Association *
- Another Way
- # ASPECT Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training *
- British Columbia Co-operative Association *
- + Canadian Centre for Community Renewal *
- → CCEDNet Canadian Community Economic Development Network *
- + City of Edmonton *
- Edmonton Community Foundation *
- ⊕ Enterprising Nonprofits *
- → Mennonite Central Committee of British Columbia *
- + Native Brotherhood of British Columbia *
- Rural and Co-operatives Secretariats, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada *
- + Same Page Strategies
- + Tamarack Institute *
- + VanCity Capital Corporation

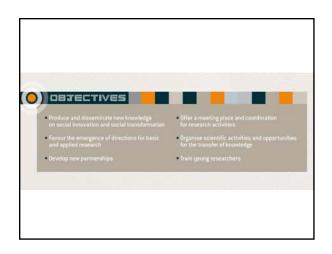




The Centre de recherche sur les innovations sociales (CRISES) is an interuniversity and multidisciplinary research centre. It brings together about sixty researches, each of whose primary affiliation is with one of the following seven institutions: Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Université du Québec a Nuiversité du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), Université Laval, Concordia University, École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal (HEC Montréal) and Institut national de la recherche scientifique Urbanisation, Culture et Société (INRS-U.C.S.).

CRISES was formed in 1986 by Benoît Lévesque and Paul R. Bélanger. Since 2001, CRISES has been a regroupement stratégique (a strategic alliance) funded by the Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC). In June 2003, Denis Harrisson was named Director of CRISES.

CRISES members come from a variety of disciplines: anthropology, geography, history, mathematics, philosophy, industrial relations, management sciences, economics, political science, sociology and social work. They study and analyze innovation and social change in three complementary areas: territory, quality of life and work and employment.















Journals featuring co-op research

• Journal of Cooperatives
• Journal of Co-operative Studies
• The Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research/Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l'économie sociale (ANSERJ)
• Rural Cooperatives
• Land Reform, Land Settlement and Cooperatives
• Review of International Co-operation



