

# Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC)

University of Regina  
May 30 -June 1, 2018

## Call for Papers

### Co-operative Strength in Diversity: Voices, Governance, and Engagement

#### Who are we?

Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) is a multidisciplinary network of researchers and practitioners whose work involves co-operatives and co-operation, broadly understood to include, but not limited to, Fair Trade, Social Economy organizations, Solidarity Economies, and formal and informal alternative economic organizations governed by some significant degree of mutuality. Our mission is to promote research on co-operatives and co-operation in Canada, while facilitating linkages between academics, practitioners, and research organizations on an international scale.

#### Conference Theme

Co-operative enterprises are where diverse groups of individuals gather and work towards a common goal. Research has shown that this diversity of voices, backgrounds, and perspectives comes with challenges, but can also be a significant strength for co-operatives. This co-operative advantage can be maximized in cases where governance structures enable inclusive and meaningful engagement from members. In this conference, we will reflect upon the interplay of diversity, inclusion, and social justice with co-operative enterprises in Canada and beyond.

#### Conference Topics

We invite proposals on any of the following broad themes of the conference. Please note that proposals on other topics involving co-operatives and co-operation are also welcome.

- *Co-operatives and social inclusion/justice*
- *Co-operatives and Indigenous communities*
- *Co-operative governance and member engagement*
- *Co-operatives and environmental sustainability*
- *Co-operatives and the Sustainable Development Goals*
- *The political economy of co-operatives*
- *Co-operative media and publishing*
- *Building a co-operative movement: Local to global*

#### Submission Guidelines

We invite researchers, students, and practitioners to submit any of three types of proposals:



(1) **The Individual Paper** provides the presenter with the opportunity to present on a topic for approximately 20 minutes. They will join 1-2 other presenters of a similar theme. Proposals for both empirical (including case studies) and theoretical papers are invited<sup>1</sup>.

(2) **The Panel Proposal** creates a space for a group (3) of presenters who have a common theme in their presentations to self-select to present together. Panels can be proposed to showcase and discuss recent ground-breaking research. Presenters will have approximately 20 minutes each to present.

(3) **The Roundtable** is an opportunity for moderated discussion. A panel of discussants will be posed ideas or questions on a topic by a moderator and the audience. Discussants are not expected to and should not deliver formal papers.

All abstracts and proposals are due on **Friday January 19th, 2018**. Proposals may be submitted either in English or French. No more than two presentations per person will be permitted. All proposals are subject to peer review. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by Friday February 23rd, 2018. Please submit your abstract using the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/cwwzUI9GqmlZVC502>

### Conference Information

This year's CASC conference will be held from May 30th to June 1st, 2018, during the Annual Congress of Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2018, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Participants in the CASC Conference should register through the Congress website (<http://congress2018.ca/>). Registration, which includes the early bird prices, begins in January 2018. Participants need to register for Congress as well as paying for the CASC conference (which includes a one-year membership in CASC). The Congress website also includes information on accommodations, discounts for travel, and local information. There is an additional fee for those wishing to attend the Annual CASC Banquet.

Some travel bursaries may be available for students and emerging scholars<sup>2</sup>. Further details will be available after the selection process.) For more information on CASC and the conference, please consult the CASC website ([www.coopresearch.coop](http://www.coopresearch.coop)), e-mail us at [casc.acec@usask.ca](mailto:casc.acec@usask.ca) or follow us on Twitter ([twitter.com/CASC\\_ACEC](https://twitter.com/CASC_ACEC)).

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<sup>1</sup> CASC is also holding a case study competition (open to last year undergraduate and graduate students only) with monetary prizes awarded for the best cases. If you are interested in participating in the case study competition or want to get more information, you can contact Darcy Overland at [darcy.overland@usask.ca](mailto:darcy.overland@usask.ca).

<sup>2</sup> Please visit <https://www.congress2018.ca/student-funding> for more information on graduate student (and recent PhD graduate) funding. Note that applications will open January 15, 2018.

