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Call for papers

Co-operative entrepreneurship: Theory and Best Practices

The Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE), the International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research, and the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation join to hold their annual conference together which will take place in Montréal, Québec, Canada, from May 27th to May 31st 2019. IRECUS-Université de Sherbrooke is organizing the conference in collaboration with Chaire Guy-Bernier from UQAM and the Centre for Study of Co-operatives of University of Saskatchewan, and we are now calling for papers.

Conference theme

Co-operative entrepreneurship encourages success in a collective manner: it is active in all human activities and business sectors and takes on an increasingly important role in today's contemporary context. How do we explain this trend? Does it translate a real cultural, social, economic change into the relationship between people and work? Are we witnessing the outline of a societal response to the uncertainty of the world in which we evolve? Is co-operative entrepreneurship representative of a collective and shared vision of labour and entrepreneurship? Can we talk about new opportunities for the co-operative model?

Attempting to understand this concept of co-operative entrepreneurship poses a great challenge, in both its complexity and its novelty in the scientific field. Collective and co-operative entrepreneurship may represent a way forward for reinventing the future and addressing challenges.

Call for papers

All these questions echo among researchers and practitioners who have interests in co-operation. IRECUS will organize a research conference at University of Sherbrooke – Longueuil campus, close to Montréal downtown, to explore this theme. All co-operators – researchers, developers, policy makers, practitioners and students of co-operatives, social enterprises and social economy from all countries and co-operative sectors – are welcome to present their research and share their knowledge in order to learn and inform all stakeholders of the potential of co-operative entrepreneurship and challenges that need to be addressed. We solicit contributions that address

these issues from a theoretical or empirical perspective, but are not limited to the following themes:

- T1. Collective entrepreneurship and the co-operative model
- T2. Co-operative ethics and values in entrepreneurship
- T3. Management of the co-operative enterprise
- T4. Co-operative conversions and succession planning
- T5. Co-operative differentiated management of people
- T6. Co-operative entrepreneurship: a tool for entrepreneurial development
- T7. Supporting tools for the construction of a co-operative project (e.g. business model)
- T8. Education and entrepreneurship: the co-operative perspective
- T9. Sustainable development and co-operative entrepreneurship
- T10. Co-operative entrepreneurship and performance measurement
- T11. Millennials and co-operative entrepreneurship
- T12. The motivations and leadership of co-operative entrepreneurs
- T13. Government institutions, policies and co-operative entrepreneurship
- T14. Contributions of co-operative entrepreneurship to the community
- T15. Other themes on co-operatives and the co-operative movement

Submission of your proposal

Three types of proposals are called:

1. Individual Paper

It provides the presenter with the opportunity to present on a topic for approximately 20 minutes. They will join 1 to 3 other presenters of a similar theme. Proposals for both empirical (including case studies) and theoretical papers are invited.

We invite practitioners, researchers, developers, policy makers and co-operative leaders to submit an abstract no longer than 350 words on the above topics, or other topics related to co-operative studies.

Abstracts should follow this format:

- Title of paper
- Names and affiliations of all contributors
- Main theme/objective of the paper
- Methodological and/or Conceptual approach
- Key findings/conclusions
- Bibliography (max. 4 sources)
- (Up to) Four 'Keywords'
- Contact details for corresponding author

2. Panels

The Panel Proposal creates a space for a group of minimum three (3) 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 or past/ongoing experience. Presenters will have approximately 20 minutes each to present.

If you propose an organised session, at least four (4) papers on a common theme must be included. They should include a description of the theme discussed and the names and paper titles from all presenters and their institutions.

3. Workshop or Roundtable

The workshop or 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 proposals are subject to peer review.

Please submit your proposal for any of session type using the following [link](#).

Program for young scholars and young co-operators

Emerging scholars and youth practitioners' sessions will also be an important part of the conference. Young and emerging scholars (graduate students, post-doctoral students within two (2) years of receiving their degrees) are invited to submit their proposals according to the guidelines stated above.

Case Study Competition

The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) are sponsoring a student case study competition!

The case used in this competition will focus on a governance or policy issue relevant to co-operatives. The competition is designed to test students' ability to apply concepts from the classroom to real world issues and will allow them to showcase their problem-solving capabilities using the case-study method. Examples of case topics include:

- analysis of credit union mergers and their impact on governance structures
- management decision making in co-operatives
- strategy and co-operative identity in competitive markets

Interested students should email darcy.overland@usask.ca for more information on how to apply. Travel bursaries may be available for qualified participants.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission for papers, panels and proposed workshops sessions is December 15th, 2018. Notification of acceptance: January 30, 2019

Official Language

The official language of the conference is English, but you are welcome to present in French and Spanish as well. Some sessions might allow for simultaneous translation.

Important dates

December 15, 2018	Deadline for abstract submission for papers and proposed sessions
December 15 – January 30	Evaluation and selection process
15 February 2019	Notification of acceptances (and refusals) and instructions for presentation. Publication of list with the accepted and sessions.
March 15, 2019	Final Date for Early Bird registration
May 1, 2019	Final date for all authors' registration (Only the papers for which at least one author is registered by May 1st (payment validated) will be included in the Conference program!)
May 10, 2019	Deadline for the upload of full texts of papers or presentations to be presented and discussed during the conference
May 20, 2019	Full papers available on-line
May 27th-May 30th, 2019	Conference

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For any question, please send an email to the following address:

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We look forward to welcoming you to University of Sherbrooke – Longueuil campus in 2019!

