



# Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) 2020 Conference Call for Papers

Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC)  
Western University  
London, Ontario Canada  
**June 3, 4, and 5, 2020**

## **Who is CASC?**

The 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**

### **Bridging Divides: Promoting Economic, Social, and Cultural Democracy**

Coming together through open membership has been a hallmark of the co-operative movement since its inception. Co-operative enterprises have brought together diverse groups of individuals to meet their economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations. Diversity in the co-operative movement continues to be one of its key strengths. The ability of co-operatives to “Bridge the Divide” between diverse social and cultural groups is what this conference seeks to explore. Specifically, this conference will discuss racialized and marginalized communities and their relationship with the co-operative movement. As a response to anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, communities have turned to the co-operative movement to overcome challenges and “reclaim community” in a collaborative manner. Co-operatives can be spaces where racialized people from various socio-economic backgrounds come together for a common purpose, bridging their divides and advancing racial cohesion and reconciliation.

The 2020 CASC conference seeks to bring members of the co-operative movement together to stimulate and facilitate the discussion on the strength of our diversity. As a movement we must be self-reflective and critical ensuring that marginalized and racialized populations (specifically Black and Indigenous communities) are meaningfully engaged in all aspects of co-operative development.

## Conference Topics

We invite proposals on any of the following broad themes of the conference.

- Building a co-operative movement through inclusion: Local and global
- “Bridging the Divide” between the global North and South
- Co-operatives and Social Inclusion/Justice
- Reconciliation: Addressing colonialism and White supremacy
- Co-operatives and Marginalized Communities
- Co-operatives and Indigenous Communities
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Quadruple bottom-line reporting
- Opportunity in the post-growth era
- Co-operative governance and member engagement
- Co-operatives as sites of democratic education
- Collective entrepreneurship as democratic practice
- Co-operative development for community and economic development

Please note that proposals on other topics involving co-operatives and co-operation are also welcome.

## 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.

(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 17th, 2020**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. Please submit your abstract using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Mn1vZ9ogXBtLBiW17>

## Conference Information

- This year's CASC conference will be held from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- CASC conference will be held in conjunction with Annual Congress of Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2020 at Western University, London, Ontario, Canada.

## Registration

- Participants in the CASC Conference should register through the Congress website: <http://congress2020.ca/>
- Registration, which includes the early bird prices, begins in January 2020
- Participants must register for Congress **as well as** pay for the CASC conference
- CASC conference fees include a one-year membership in CASC
- There is an additional fee for those wishing to attend the **Annual CASC Banquet**

## Accommodation

The Congress website (<http://congress2020.ca/>) includes information on accommodations, discounts for travel, and local information.

## Travel Bursaries

Travel bursaries may be available for **students and emerging scholars**. Further details will be available after the conference submission process. For more information on CASC and the conference, please consult the CASC website ([www.coopresearch.coop](http://www.coopresearch.coop))

## Questions

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