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Canadian Association for
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Call for Papers

Annual CASC/ACÉC Conference

to be held virtually as part of

The Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

May 12-14, 2022

Who are we?

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 internationally.

Conference Theme

Just Transitions: Reimagining Social Movement Solidarities Through and Beyond Crisis

Congress 2022 turns our attention to transitions, to the impact of a global pandemic that has taken so many lives and exposed and exacerbated inequities within and across nations—and the structural and systemic factors that produce and reproduce them. If the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted a world we thought we knew, it has also caused rethinking of values and priorities, posing challenging questions about what recovery will look like—and for whom. The pandemic has underlined intersecting forms of oppression and highlighted remarkable resilience and capacities among peoples determined to build back better, marching in solidarity and making sure that there will be “Nothing about us without us.” Social movements are leading the way to socio-economic, ecological, cultural, and racial justice promoting circular, caring, and solidarity economies. They should not be mistaken for, far less dismissed as, angry versions of populism. They are rather coalitions of creativity, caring, and concern.

Whether it is flooding, droughts, or wildfires, growing food insecurity, aggravated income gaps, growing gig economy, systemic racism and sexism, worsening housing precarity, social movement energies, creativity, and coalition have never been more needed. The co-operative movement has historically brought together diverse groups to meet their economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations, but we are also learning to be more vigilant in decentring whiteness. In the current crisis, this conference will discuss how the co-operative movement can engage in ethical alliances that do not elide difference but value diversity as collective empowerment to advance just transitions and a just recovery for all.

Conference Topics

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

- Building a co-operative movement: North and South, local and global
- Nourishing ethical alliances for social movement solidarity
- Social movement learning for collective action
- Co-operatives and climate change
- Co-operatives and food sovereignty
- Co-operatives and Social Inclusion/Justice
- Co-operatives and the COVID pandemic
- Co-operatives and decent work
- Co-operative responses to renewed inequality (Gig economy, COVID, etc.)
- Conversions or transitions of conventional for-profit, quasi-public sector or public sector organizations, or non-profits to co-operatives
- Reconciliation: Addressing colonialism and White supremacy
- Co-operatives and Marginalized Communities
- Co-operatives and Indigenous Communities
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Co-operative governance and member engagement
- Co-operation and higher education
- Co-operation, co-operatives, and the media
- Co-operatives as sites of democratic education
- Co-operative action and collective learning
- 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 28th, 2022**. 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 19th, 2022**. Please submit your abstract using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Mn1vZ9ogXBtLbiW17>

Conference Information

- This year's CASC conference will be held from May 12-14, 2022
- CASC conference will be held **virtually** in conjunction with the Annual Congress of Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2022.

Registration

- Participants in the CASC Conference should register through the Congress website: <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/congress/congress-2022/register>
- Registration, which includes the early bird prices, begins in January 2022.
- Participants must register for Congress **as well as** paying for the CASC conference.
- **Note that CASC conference fees include a one-year membership in CASC.**

Questions

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