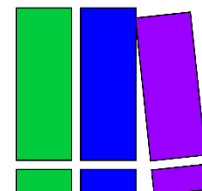


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Canadian Association for
Studies in Co-operation
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Call for Papers

Annual CASC/ACÉC Conference

to be held in person as part of

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

May 29, 30, 31, 2023

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 to some significant degree by 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

Taking account, expanding the circle and envisioning new futures

In 2023, Congress is calling for a reckoning and urges us to re-imagine how we live and work together in “non-hierarchical relationships” for better futures for all, including our organization and the co-operative movement. If we look back over the years, it’s clear that CASC conferences have engaged in on-going review and evaluation of our work in the community and in the academy. Before we can re-imagine co-operative futures, at this critical time, we need to take account of lessons learned. At the same time we must come to terms with the pandemic and prepare for the unprecedented challenges of climate and racial justice. There is growing awareness of the need for a collective approach that draws on knowledge and insight at global and local levels. Research and experience will inform a re-imagining of options based on reciprocal action and emerging from pooled abilities, knowledges, and resources. Co-operation is an ever-evolving form of social interaction and enterprise that is bounded by traditional principles that have served us well. Yet, there is an understanding that the co-op movement must strive to expand the circle while staying true to those founding principles. We need to re-consider our

foundations at this crucial time as we encounter increasing political polarization. It's time to create space in positions of leadership, for those immediately affected by imminent social, political, and ecological changes. How do we build on expanding circles of systems change? What futures can be re-imagined and made a reality through our discussions in 2023?

Conference Topics

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

- Reckoning and re-imagining the co-operative movement
- Discussions centring on insights emerging from Black Lives Matter, Idle No More, Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls
- 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.)
- 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 20th, 2023**. 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 17th, 2023**. Please submit your abstract using the following link

<https://forms.gle/VZpfWi6wL5WQnDnX7>

Conference Information

- This year's CASC conference will be held from May 29-May 31, 2023
- The CASC conference will be held **in-person** in conjunction with the Annual Congress of Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) 2023

Registration

- Participants in the CASC Conference should register through the Congress website: <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/congress/congress-2023/register>
- Registration, which includes the early bird prices, begins in January, 2023
- 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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