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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TALKING TO A WIDER AUDIENCE



~ Judith Harris

In this post-pandemic reality, there's greater awareness of the need for economic transformation. The message that is spreading is a simple one about a "truth that our ancestors understood and we seem to have forgotten: we are living beings born of and nurtured by a living Earth" (David C. Korten). New systems literature calls for livelihoods that are in harmony with nature and societies based on co-operation and reciprocity. Relationships, alliances and partnerships cultivated through effective communication are key to sharing and acting on this message and to developing a broader "civic consciousness that is grounded in our common humanity" (Marvin T. Brown).

Last year, CASC's *Human Library* focused discussion on the importance of effective communication about the co-operative option and the benefit in courting new allies. Our "Human Books" emphasized the need to better articulate

the role of co-ops as a form of direct democracy and a movement for greater social change. They represented a range of perspectives from housing to bicycle sales, co-op film, and food co-ops sectors and voiced a consensus opinion that the co-op model must be promoted and discussed in primary & secondary schools and in universities. Even in co-op board rooms, knowledge of the co-op model is too often superficial.

Our theme at this year's CASC conference, *Taking account, expanding the circle and envisioning new futures* challenges us to extend the reach of the co-operative movement. Since the early days of the Antigonish Movement, we have been prompted to listen, learn, discuss and act—education has always been a priority. The current call for an expanded circle is an acknowledgement that there are many who understand the informal notion of co-operation but who are not aware of the formal, mainstream movement and the resources and supports that might be accessed. Who accesses these supports and who is eligible—these are key questions for CASC conference participants in 2023.

Canada's provincial co-op associations have, for many years, provided a range of educational programs and resources: videos on how to develop a co-op, curricula for primary and secondary school, co-op camps, webinars addressing specific co-op topics, collections of

articles and resources, and profiles of existing co-ops. Another valuable resource, in the prairies, is Co-ops First which offers supportive programs to small, local groups who might not otherwise consider the co-op model.

Yet, despite these resources, a recent consultation about potential for a community service co-op with residents of neighbourhoods in Winnipeg's north end revealed that people can't understand how co-operation is possible in this world of business values. A wider survey of neighbourhoods would likely see the

same results. One of the presentations at our conference this year (May 29-31) will describe an experiment with "Theatre of the Oppressed" as a way to communicate the co-op approach and to reach a wider audience. "Theatre becomes a language shared by all of us in a liberating process of knowledge creation" (Boal, 1974). Our keynotes Caroline Shenaz Hossein and Milton Tootoosis have dug deep into these issues and will have much to say about who currently has standing in the co-op tent and what it will take to welcome others.

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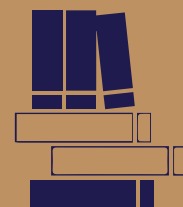
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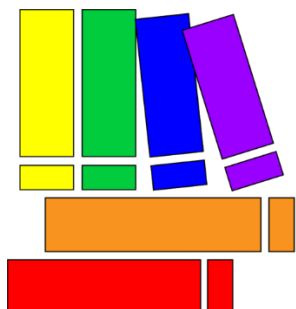


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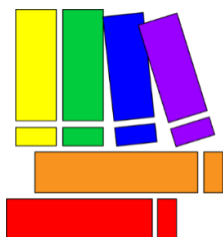
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## **TIPS FOR MODERATORS AND PRESENTERS**

### **Guidelines for Moderators**

As session moderator it is your responsibility to be in the allocated room at least 5 minutes before the session begins. In the time before the audience arrives, make sure that you have some information from all of the presenters about how they would like to be introduced. The order of presentations is set out in the Conference Program.

Each concurrent session is scheduled for 90 minutes. The amount of time for questions and clarification will depend on the starting time and time taken for introductions. There should be approximately 20-30 minutes for general discussion at the end of the session.

### **During the Session:**

- Introduce the speakers.
- Monitor time: Provide a 5-minute and 2-minute warning.
- Start discussion after the presentations are completed. If there are no questions, have one or two questions ready to ask to get the ball rolling.
- Acknowledge and thank speakers and the audience for their participation.

### **Tips for Presenters**

- Be prepared - you will have about 20 minutes to present depending on the number of presentations in your session. After three-four minutes you should be presenting your results.
- Know what's important: highlight the most significant findings. Those with an interest in more detail will follow up with questions. Focus on purpose, method, findings, and recommendations.
- Don't use power point as a virtual text. Highlight a few points which are easy to read and graphically interesting.
- Practice your presentation beforehand.
- State your final conclusions and end on time.

## ASTUCES POUR LES PRÉSIDENTS ET LES PRÉSENTATEURS

### CONSEILS POUR LES MODÉRATEURS ET LES PRÉSENTATEURS

#### Directives pour les modérateurs

À titre de modérateur, vous devez vous rendre au local assigné à votre séance au moins 5 minutes avant le début de la présentation. Avant l'arrivée de l'audience, assurez-vous d'avoir en main les informations qui vous permettront d'introduire adéquatement les présentateurs. L'ordre des présentations est inclus dans le programme de la conférence.

Chaque séance est d'une durée de 90 minutes. Le temps alloué pour les questions et les clarifications dépend de l'heure à laquelle débute la séance et du temps accordé aux introductions. À la fin de la séance, environ 20-30 minutes devraient être réservées aux discussions générales.

#### Déroulement de la séance:

- Introduisez les présentateurs
- Gérez le temps : indiquez aux présentateurs qu'il reste 5 minutes, puis 2 minutes à leur présentation
- Débutez les discussions après que les présentations soient complétées. Prévoyez une ou deux questions à poser, dans le cas où aucune question n'émergerait du public, afin d'encourager les discussions
- Remerciez les présentateurs de même que l'audience pour leur participation

#### Conseils pour les présentateurs

- Soyez préparés - vous aurez environ 20 minutes pour présenter, tout dépendant du nombre de présentations prévues lors de votre séance. Après trois-quatre minutes, vous devriez normalement en être à la présentation de vos résultats.
- Sachez reconnaître ce qui est important - mettez en évidence les éléments significatifs. Les personnes intéressées à obtenir davantage de détails pourront toujours poser des questions à la fin de la séance. Concentrez-vous sur l'objectif, la méthode, les résultats et les recommandations.
- Utilisez le PowerPoint en tant que support visuel - présentez quelques points faciles à lire et intéressants d'un point de vue graphique.
- Pratiquez votre présentation.
- Présentez vos conclusions finales et terminez votre présentation dans les temps.

## CASC/ACÉC 2023: PROGRAM AT A GLANCE/ VUE D'ENSEMBLE DU PROGRAMME

### MONDAY MAY 29

08:30 – 10:00	<b>A1: Community/academic co-creation of co-operative knowledge</b>  Fursova; Duguid; Heras & Vieta  Joint session with ANSER  Moderator: Judith Harris	<b>A2: Co-operative Proposals for Rural and Regional Development</b>  Reed; Clark; Awotwe  Moderator: Kristen Murray	
10:00 – 10:30 <b>BREAK / CONGRESS BIG THINKING SERIES</b>			
10:30 – 12:00	<b>B1: Keynote Address:</b>  <b>Re-imagining cooperative futures: Africana women cooperators on solidarity for Canada and the World</b>  Dr. Caroline Shenaz Hossein  <i>CASC/ANSER Joint Session – Generously funded by the Open Programming Fund of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences</i>  <i>This is an Open Event available to all Congress attendees.</i>  Moderator: Derya Tarhan		
12:00 – 1:30 <b>BREAK / CONGRESS BIG THINKING SERIES</b>			
1:30 – 3:00  (1PM START TIME FOR C2)	<b>C1: Arts, Aesthetics and Co-operative Consciousness</b>  Harris; Beange; Orfanidis  Moderator: Aleksandra Szaflarska	<b>EARLY START AT 1:00 PM</b>  <b>C2: We have always known economic cooperation!: The Diverse Solidarities Economies Collective (DISE) advances the practice and thought of cooperativism among Africana People</b>  Stack; Nelson; Barrett; Pearson; Esnard; Hossein	<b>C3: Consolidation of co-operative efforts: Federations, leagues, and incubators</b>  Boucher & Pigeon; Murray; Brunette  Moderator: John Simoulidis

		Joint session with ANSER Facilitator: Caroline Shenaz Hossein	
3:00 – 3:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30- 5:00	<b>D1: CASC Annual General Meeting</b>		
5:00-6:00	<b>TRAVEL TIME TO RECEPTION</b>		
6:00-8:00	<b>CASC RECEPTION IN DOWNTOWN TORONTO (LOCATION TBC)</b>		

## TUESDAY, MAY 30

08:30 – 10:00	<b>E1: Theoretical explorations into co-operative practice</b>  Warren; Pillai; Ziegler  Moderator: Marcelo Vieta	<b>E2: Practitioners Finding Heart, Igniting Energy</b>  ‘Kego Ume-Onyido; Szaflarska; Mikulec; Christianson  Moderator: Judith Harris	<b>E3: Co-operative underpinnings and potentialities of higher education</b>  Bayani; Jodah; Rixon  Moderator: Darryl Reed
10:00 – 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:30 – 12:00	<b>F1: Keynote Address: Mamawicshitowin (Working Together)</b>  Milton Tootoosis  <i>This is an Open Event available to all Congress attendees.</i>  Moderator: Isobel Findlay		
12:00 – 1:30	<b>BREAK / CONGRESS BIG THINKING SERIES</b>		
1:30 – 3:00	<b>G1: Taking stock of diversity and intersectionality of co-operation in Canada.</b>  Sengupta & Abou-el-Kheir; Redekop; Tarhan  Moderator: Esther Awotwe	<b>G2: Co-operative governance: Practical reflections and roadmaps.</b>  Pigeon, Mou & Jaggi; Merrien; Gray  Moderator: Fiona Duguid	<b>G3: Canadian Co-operatives and Fairtrade: Research and Practice.</b>  Reed; Saunders; Fridell; Storie; Barrett; Clark  Moderator: Darryl Reed; John Simoulidis
3:00 – 3:30	<b>BREAK</b>		

3:30 -5:00	<b>H1: Human Books Library</b> ‘Kego Ume-Onyido; Szaflarska; Mikulec; Christianson
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

08:30 – 10:00	<b>I1: Coops, food sovereignty and social inclusion</b>  Facilitator: Michelle Chin-Dawe	<b>I2: Territorial autonomy and governance in Latin America and the Caribbean</b>  Cordoba; Edmonds; Gonzalez  Facilitator: Marcelo Vieta
10:00 – 10:30	<b>BREAK / CONGRESS BIG THINKING SERIES</b>	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>J1: Democratizing and Cooperativizing Work: Moving Beyond Crises By Reorganizing the Economy</b>  Moderator: Marcelo Vieta  <i>CASC/ANSER Joint Session – Generously funded by the Open Programming Fund of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences</i>  <i>This is an Open Event available to all Congress attendees</i>	
12:00-1:30	<b>BREAK / CONGRESS BIG THINKING SERIES</b>	
1:30-3:00	<b>K1: Business Conversions to Social Purpose Organizations for Equity-Denied Groups (EDGs)</b>  Maxwell; ‘Kego Ume-Onyido; Vieta  Facilitator: Janielle Maxwell	<b>K2: Envisioning and Safeguarding a Future of Co-operation</b>  Campbell, Piscitelli, & Geobey; Orfanidis  Moderator: Anne-Marie Merrien
3:00-3:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:30-5:00	<b>L1: Community Collaboration for Well-being</b>  Facilitator: Catharine Chamberlain <i>Bobb; Chamberlain; Nanavati; Sahota</i>	<b>L2: Remembering Ian MacPherson and Looking Forward</b>  Participants TBA



## SESSION AND PAPER ABSTRACTS

### MONDAY, MAY 29

#### **A1: Community/academic co-creation of co-operative knowledge**

*Moderator: Judith Harris*

*CASC/ANSER Joint Session*

#### **Feminist intersectional solidarity in practice: early insights from the co-leadership of an emerging worker co-op**

*Julia Fursova, University of New Brunswick*

The paper is a case study of Transform Practice, an emerging non-profit worker. Its members are diverse women and non-binary folks. In 2021, Transform Practice began providing services to diverse actors doing systems change work. The paper introduces the concept of feminist intersectional solidarity (FIS) as practice in the context of the emerging co-op leadership. The proposed presentation discusses practical aspects of living and embodying FIS as a group of co-leaders of an emerging organization, who want to avoid the reproduction of oppressive structures and ways of working. Focusing on resource flows, knowledge creation and relationships as pathways for integrating feminist intersectional solidarity in leadership, the paper shares lessons that emerged in the context of the co-op's goals of facilitating systems change work as a group of diverse individuals advancing diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion work in the non-profit and public sector.

#### **Opportunities and Strengthening the Cooperative Sector in Eswatini**

*Fiona Duguid, Independent Researcher*

Eswatini is a small Kingdom nation in southern Africa. While the Swazis of Eswatini have worked co-operatively for centuries, over the last 80 years a formal co-operative sector has emerged. Despite the success of these co-operatives, especially in agriculture and personal savings and loans, there are many more opportunities for co-operatives to grow the domestic economy, provide employment opportunities, expand options for women, produce goods and services within Eswatini, and contribute to community economic development. This research had three objectives: 1. to build the context as understood by stakeholders; 2. to co-create opportunities for a robust sector; and 3. to develop work plans that can be actioned and expand on current capacity of prioritized areas. Research was conducted in 2022 with the Eswatini co-operative sector using stakeholder consultation interviews and co-creation processes.

### **Challenging existing frameworks for doing collaborative research with community-oriented cooperatives: Five years of conceptualizing our practice**

*Ana Inés Heras, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Argentina)*

*Marcelo Vieta, University of Toronto*

We describe the epistemological, theoretical, and methodological dimensions of an action-oriented project working with work-integration social cooperatives (WISCs) initiated during 2022 yet building on five prior years of collaboration between us. Our new project is bringing into dialogue the Canadian experience of community health co-ops with Argentina's new experiences of social cooperatives formed by people living with mental health issues, facilitated by recent legislation. However, here are still challenges to creating WISCs in Argentina due to a lack of knowledge of them from the communities that would have most to gain. In Canada, while there are experiences with multi-stakeholder solidarity co-ops in health care, no formal legislation exists to facilitate creating them by people living with mental health challenges. Both countries have thus much to learn from each other and this research partnership, by supporting the creation of new WISCs in Argentina, is mobilizing this transnational knowledge exchange.

### **A2: Co-operative Proposals for Rural and Regional Development**

*Moderator: Kristen Murray*

### **Collective Ownership, Proprietorship and Entrepreneurship: rethinking the co-operative advantage in situations of structural disadvantage.**

*Darryl Reed, Shiv Nadar University (Greater Delhi)*

This paper draws upon German critical theory, social movement theory and knowledge management theory to examine the conditions under which marginalized groups, such as small producers, are able to organize, access resources and build capacities to compete under conditions of structural disadvantage. More specifically, the paper examines how small producers are able to leverage bonds of solidarity (based upon communicative action and ethical and moral motivation) both within and across co-operatives and in socio-economic movements (with business networks, NGOs, labour unions, consumer organizations, etc.), to promote regional development. A key argument of the paper is that leveraging bonds of solidarity can facilitate innovation which can provide these actors with competitive advantages which enable them to assert communicative control over structures that have been colonized (e.g., monetarized political systems) and subjected to elite capture (e.g., oligopsonistic markets). This argument is illustrated with empirical case studies.

## **Bridging the rural-urban digital divide through collective entrepreneurship**

*Esther Awotwe, University of Saskatchewan*

The opportunities associated with digital infrastructure are endless. From e-learning and e-health and myriads of e-solutions, access to high-speed internet is a necessity and a human right. Yet, several rural and remote communities continue to be underserved. For example, in Canada, 91% of the population have access to high-speed internet of 50/10Mbps, while only 62% of rural Canadians enjoy similar speeds. The situation is much worse in the north and on First Nation reserves. However, through collective entrepreneurship, rural and remote communities are exploring potential pathways to expanding broadband in communities. This research highlights the challenges and opportunities to bridging the rural-urban digital divide in northern Saskatchewan.

## **Fair Trade, Agricultural Co-operatives and Rural Development: Towards a Comprehensive Theoretical Framework**

*Patrick Clark, York University*

This paper will review the literature on the relationship between Fair Trade, producer co-operatives in relation to theories of rural development and agrarian political economy. Since the Fair Trade movement emerged in the 1980s, academic and practitioner debates have considered whether Fair Trade, and by extension the model of co-operative processing and marketing Fair Trade promotes, provides producers with a sustainable livelihood that can retain producers in smallholder agriculture and serve to promote inter-generational renewal in farming. Case studies and comparative work alike have suggested that access to Fair Trade markets helps to keep producers from abandoning farming but that the market-driven model has limitations in terms of scale. This paper will take stock of the existing literature and considers these findings in relation to longstanding debates on rural development and agrarian political economy and in particular the question of investments in farms or “expanded reproduction”.

## **B1: Re-imagining cooperative futures: Africana women cooperators on solidarity for Canada and the World**

*Keynote Address by Dr. Caroline Shenaz Hossein*

*Associate Professor of Global Development and Canada Research Chair Tier 2, University of Toronto*

*Moderator: Derya Tarhan*

*CASC/ANSER Joint Session - Generously funded by the Open Programming Fund of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.*

*English-French interpretation will be provided.*

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Africana women engage in solidarity economies through a specific form of mutual aid – formally referred to as Rotating Savings and Credit Associations (ROSCAs)–to meet their livelihood needs. These women call themselves the Banker Ladies, and the ROSCAs they run are rooted in equity, mutual aid and self-help. Members decide on the rules and processes of how to make regular contributions to a fund that is given in whole or in part to each member in turn. Canada has a rich history of cooperativism, yet, ROSCAs are ignored, stigmatized and ROSCAs are not valued as they are in the Caribbean. This lecture draws on empirical work that involves interviews with hundreds of Black women in five Caribbean countries, in Canada's big cities of Toronto and Montreal, as well as in Ghana and Ethiopia for a forthcoming book, *The Banker Ladies*. This research is calling on policy-makers to fund a ROSCA federation and for all co-operators to correct the citational blindness of Black women co-operators. By valuing informal institutions, as well as acknowledging and remunerating the work of the Banker Ladies is a move towards inclusive financial systems, and by extension it can revolutionize economic development.

### ***Réinventer l'avenir coopératif : Les coopératrices africaines sur la solidarité***

Les femmes africaines s'engagent dans des économies solidaires à travers une forme spécifique d'entraide mutuelle - formellement appelée Associations d'Épargne et de Crédit Rotatives (ROSCAs) - pour répondre à leurs besoins de subsistance. Ces femmes se nomment elles-mêmes les Banker Ladies, et les ROSCAs qu'elles dirigent sont basées sur l'équité, l'entraide mutuelle et l'auto-assistance. Les membres décident des règles et des processus pour faire des contributions régulières à un fonds qui est donné en totalité ou en partie à chaque membre à tour de rôle. Le Canada a une riche histoire de coopérativisme, pourtant, les ROSCAs sont ignorées, stigmatisées et ne sont pas valorisées comme elles le sont dans les Caraïbes. Cette conférence s'appuie sur un travail empirique qui comprend des entretiens avec des centaines de femmes noires dans cinq pays des Caraïbes, dans les grandes villes canadiennes de Toronto et Montréal, ainsi qu'au Ghana et en Éthiopie pour un prochain livre, *The Banker Ladies*. Cette recherche demande aux décideurs de financer une fédération de ROSCA et à tous les coopérateurs de corriger l'aveuglement citatoire des coopératrices noires. En valorisant les institutions informelles, ainsi qu'en reconnaissant et en rémunérant le travail des Banker Ladies, on peut progresser vers des systèmes financiers inclusifs et par extension, révolutionner le développement économique.

**C1: Arts, Aesthetics and Co-operative Consciousness***Moderator: Claude-Andre Guillotte***The Aesthetic Experience: a Foundation for Community and Cooperation***Jaya Beange, University of Manitoba, Storefront Manitoba*

Shared aesthetic experiences like the beauty of a baby, or a smile, bring us together in community. For Immanuel Kant, this is the *sensus communis*, the common sense shared by all. When we make an aesthetic judgement, we are declaring that it should be so for the entire community, because we are shaped by similar pressures. Therefore certain fundamental experiences (aesthetic experiences) should theoretically be equivalent. Kant argues that the common sensibility is the foundation for community in that it allows us to come to agreements over ethical systems. Philosophers like John Searle have argued that aesthetic agreement establishes a framework upon which we build systems of ethics. This pre-linguistic agreement is what makes communication and in turn cooperation possible. The aesthetic experience transcends and precedes our individuality and binds us together in community.

**Theatre: rehearsal space for co-operative revolution***Judith Harris, University of Winnipeg*

Theatre is a rehearsal space for people fighting against oppression in their daily lives. Theatre of the Oppressed (Boal, 1974) awakens critical consciousness and provides a space for examining underexplored sources of knowledge. We understand ourselves, our community and our world through collaborative theatre. “Spect-actors” employ the body as a means of pre-literal expression. Theatre becomes a shared language and a liberating process of knowledge creation. (Boal, 1974) From Winnipeg’s Selkirk Avenue economic deserts spread out in all directions - depriving families of services such as child care, fresh affordable foods, housing, and banking (Buckland, 2022). Colonizers plundered the Hudson Bay Basin in the 17th/18th C (Rothney, 1975). The struggle to reclaim control of basic services and cultural traditions continues. The Village Co-op employs theatre as a two-way exchange of knowledge – building on existing and historical ways of co-operating and engaging community in co-operative enterprise.

**Universities and co-operative glocal consciousness***Christos Orfanidis, University of Toronto*

Glocalization is often described as an alternative route of considering and actualizing the globalizing propensities of our universities. Nonetheless, there is a lack of extensive work on

theorizing its co-operative underpinnings and potential. This presentation follows a multi-stakeholder approach to conceptualizing glocal consciousness and explores possible venues of operationalizing it as a tool for practicing interconnectedness and co-operation.

**C2: We Have Always Known Economic Cooperation! The Diverse Solidarities Economies Collective (DISE) Advances The Practice and Thought of Cooperativism Among Africana People**

*Facilitator: Caroline Shenaz Hossein*

*CASC/ANSER Joint Session*

**Reckonings and Reimaginings**

*Caroline Shenaz Hossein*

This panel examines the cooperative economies of African descended people in Canada, the U.S., and the Caribbean. The reckoning is that no one has to teach or train people of African descent about cooperativism, the concept of pooling goods to counter elite-driven capitalist models is how many excluded Black people push against business exclusion. Mainstream social economy literature often ignores or does not credit Africana people for their role in cooperative building. To correct the erasure, the Diverse Solidarities Economies Collective (DISE) is intentional in its knowledge sharing about member-owned institutions among people of African descent. The practice and theory of Black cooperative systems can be useful to scholars and practitioner in the mainstream social economy and cooperative sectors to move away from the colonial library. In this panel, feminist scholars introduce an abundance of Black political economy scholarship relevant which is relevant for those interested in solidarity economic research and to show how the application of the research can be carried out in society.

**Cooperative Educational Institutions**

*Michelle Stack*

Attentiveness to educational governance, theorizing and innovative pedagogic approaches generated in the Global South, by Indigenous peoples, and diasporic communities is a prerequisite to developing a vibrant global educational cooperative movement grounded in gender, racial, disability and climate justice. This presentation will discuss preliminary findings based on interviews with members of cooperative educational institutions in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and North America. We will first discuss our preliminary findings concerning different pedagogic and governance approaches. Finally, we conclude with a question: How might expanding origin stories and openness to different approaches to cooperative education facilitate a global educational cooperative movement?

**The Jar: An African American Woman's Solution for Exclusion From the Formal Economy***Sherice J. Nelson*

Racism is a global phenomenon, which is structural with interpersonal and individual consequences. This has been prevalent throughout the history of the United States. Public policy has shown a decisive bend toward anti-blackness producing insecurities that have always been intricately woven into African American's lives. This denial extends into African American participation in the formalized economy as Blacks dependency on lending institutions, which denied them credit, has restricted their economic power. This work will focus on how Black women overcame their exclusion from the formalized economic system. It will highlight the use of a informal economic system and the lack of access to more formal economic structures. The focus is on structural and institutional racism, which results in the lack of access and predatory lending practices. Such practices pushed Black women to start the "the Jar" system. This system is known as a Rotating Savings and Credit Association (ROSCA). This informal system was imperative in keeping their businesses alive and encouraging the growth of other small Black female businesses.

**Roscas in Canada: Why We Need a Rosca Federation***Andria Barrett*

ROSCAs stands for rotating savings and credit associations and these systems are a lifeline for many people who are excluded and have limited access to formal financial institutions. Buying homes, investing in businesses, paying for post-secondary education and more have been supported through ROSCAs. Women around the world have been using this system to support their families, business and communities for years. These women have been doing business differently. Partly out of need to cope with systemic racism and partly because of their culture and what they know. The Banker Ladies Council located in the Toronto area is working to create a ROSCA Federation with the goal to recognize, amplify and create a Federation to educate, advocate and strengthen these informal banking institutions across the country.

**Working in Concert: The Potentiality of Solidarity Economics and Education***Megan Pearson*

Scholarship on the solidarity economy teaches us that marginalized groups have long been engaged in movements against systemic injustices that have excluded them from full and dignified social and economic participation. Equitable access to education cannot be omitted from the discourse of violence against marginalized students in the Canadian education system. This paper uses case studies to detail solidarity organizations that have used education to mobilize. In doing so, it bridges the fields of solidarity economics and education



and discusses their potentialities for working in concert to disrupt and resist educational inequities in the Canadian context.

### **Caribbean Cooperatives: A Meta-Analysis of Historical and Contemporary Pathways**

*Talia Esnard*

Cooperatives have a long history and contribution to Caribbean development. While the peculiarities of these cooperatives have varied across Caribbean countries, they have historically advanced inclusive practices that buffer some of the socio-economic and political vulnerabilities that exist within the region. Using a meta-analysis of the data on cooperatives within the region, the paper highlights the types of cooperatives that have emerged across the region, the specific groups that have benefited from this process, and the diverse activities that have generated to build social and economic capital within the region. The paper will also assess the implications for the advancements of scholarship and public policy for the region.

### **Yuh Gro' Wid People? Rotating Savings and Credit Associations (ROSCAS) is a Sustainable Economic Model for Black Women in the Carribean and Canada**

*Caroline Shenaz Hossein*

Black women in the African Diaspora engage in solidarity economies through a specific form of mutual aid – formally referred to as Rotating Savings and Credit Associations (ROSCAs) – to meet their livelihood and social needs. These women call themselves the Banker Ladies, and the ROSCAs they run are rooted in equity, mutual aid and self-help. The members, mostly women, decide on the rules and processes of how to make regular contributions to a fund that is given in whole or in part to each member in turn. Banker Ladies draw on ancient African traditions of Tontines and Susu that are purposefully informal and prioritize the collective. This paper draws on the empirical work that involves hundreds of Black women in five Caribbean countries, women in the Black Canadian diaspora in Toronto and Montreal, as to locate the cooperative contributions of people of African descent.

### **C3: Consolidation of co-operative efforts: Federations, leagues, and incubators**

*Moderator: John Simoulidis*

### **Scaling Up the Niche: A League and the Future of Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Canada**

*Martin Boucher, University of Saskatchewan*

*Marc-Andre Pigeon, University of Saskatchewan*

By 2050, Canada aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. Drawing on sustainability transitions and strategic niche management as our theoretical foundations, we analyze the role renewable energy co-operatives (RECs) could play in contributing to this objective by collaborating through what we refer to as a League. In organizational fields where co-operatives play a significant regime-level role (such as agriculture, banking, commerce, and health care, among others), they invariably scale up by employing second and third-tier organizations similar to a League to obtain a competitive advantage in an otherwise resistant regime and landscape. Our presentation will discuss an ongoing research and engagement project to scale up RECs in Canada. We will share an overview of the REC landscape in Canada, lessons on scaling up, and the next steps in the project.

### **Literature Review for a Co-operative Incubator in Newfoundland & Labrador Evaluation Project**

*Kristen Murray, Memorial University of Newfoundland & Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Co-operatives*

This literature review, used for the Co-operative Incubator in Newfoundland & Labrador evaluation project, aims to comprehensively accumulate the literature surrounding the topics of the purposes, benefits, challenges, and/or structures of co-operatives, business incubation, and co-operative incubation. The methodology of this literature review included reviewing academic and non-academic literature, searching Memorial University of Newfoundland Online Library, Google, and Google Scholar, using search terms including, “cooperative incubator,” “cooperative survival,” and “business incubator”, reviewing literature on an international scale (with a particular focus on any available Canadian sources), reviewing English literature only, reviewing literature published since 2000 (although a couple of older, yet important sources were included), and excluding periphery results, such as co-operative education programs. The results of the literature review are presented in this report under three main sections: (1) co-operatives; (2) business incubation; and (3) co-operative incubation.

### **“Co-operation Across Canada” Map and Database**

*Dan Brunette, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC)*

This is a presentation of the CMC database and related Co-operation across Canada map (<https://crm.canada.coop/map/>) that can be used by researchers, as well as other ways that CMC can help showcase and disseminate research and stories. Dan Brunette will also touch on how tools like the database and map can or is already being used.

**TUESDAY, MAY 30****E1: Theoretical explorations into co-operative practice**

*Moderator: Marcelo Vieta*

**Towards a Cooperative Economics**

*Jerome Warren, Academie Royale de Belgique*

I would use my talk to introduce 3 projects I am currently involved with. Firstly, I'd review my work at the Academie Royale de Belgique, where I have been working on discovering dynamics and mechanisms to rendering the firm itself more solidly part of a sustainable agenda, looking to move beyond ex post verification to changes in the governance of the firm itself as contributions to this agenda. At the same time, I am editing the Routledge Handbook of Cooperative Economics, which we intend to serve as a go-to guide for a cooperative framing of economic relations, foregrounding the role of networks and long-term relationships in undergirding economic life. Lastly, I would introduce a new international Master's and PhD school we are building in the south of Italy. The MA would give students and entrepreneurs chances to develop practical skills to transform their firms (including especially cooperatives) sustainably and the PHD would provide researchers innovative methods and approaches to analyzing the intersection of cooperation and sustainability in the economy.

**How do Cooperatives Learn in Crisis? A Social Network Analysis of Knowledge Flows**

*Ashish Krishna Pillai, University of Toronto*

**Objective:** The study conceptualizes the cooperative sector as a learning ecosystem with stakeholders connected to each other through exchange of knowledge to study how cooperatives use learning to navigate the challenges posed by crises.

**Main Theme:** An analysis of literature on cooperatives' response to the Covid-19 pandemic is conducted to study the flow of knowledge in the cooperative sector in Canada in terms of the stakeholders involved and the relationships between them that created and disseminated the knowledge needed by cooperatives to manage the challenges posed by the pandemic.

**Key findings/conclusions:** The study conceptualizes the cooperative sector as an ecosystem consisting of elements connected to each other through transfer of knowledge. The study is expected to reveal drivers and channels of learning in the cooperative sector that contributes to enhancing organizational resilience of cooperatives.

## **Circular futures - re-embedding circular economy in circular society drawing on cooperatives and the social economy?**

*Rafael Ziegler, Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins, HEC Montreal*

Hegemonic accounts of circular economy present the transformation towards circular economies as a politically neutral, technology-driven process of efficiency and new business models for green markets. Such a narrow focus on transformation fails to consider alternative ways of embedding the economy. This presentation aims at a critique of the dominant circular economy discourse, and at developing an alternative drawing on social economy and cooperatives embedding circularity. An exploratory survey among cooperatives in Quebec suggests a comprehensive resonance of the cooperative model across all circularity strategies: from downstream categories of recycling and revalorization but crucially also upstream categories of rethinking production and consumption, sharing, and durable use. The survey suggests a potential for reembedding circular economy in regional economies and circular societies. For this, practical needs of cooperatives need to be understood, but theory work is also needed. The presentation proposes four integrated theory-propositions to articulate such a reembedding.

## **E2: Practitioners Finding Heart, Igniting Energy**

*Facilitator: Judith Harris*

*Juliet 'Kego Ume-Onyido, Black Women Professional Worker Co-op*

*Aleksandra Szaflarska, Together We're Bitter*

*Philip Mikulec, Peg City Car Co-op*

[CASC 2022](#) organized a Human Library featuring “Human Books”, to be perused by conference goers (E. Esse, E. Gosselin, M. Cooper-Iverson, J. Magnus-Johnston and M. Pontinen). The discussion was energized by those who had “found their heart in the co-operative movement” and by a consensus that the co-op model is, by necessity, evolving to respond to current waves of change. This year, our 2023 Roundtable calls on practitioners and researchers to revisit the inter-related issues and debates that arose in that lively discussion: activating the heart; scaling up by courting unlikely partners; choosing participation or engagement; finding the energy to invest in broad coalitions; demonstrating that co-ops are direct democracy; co-operating 101 for children & managers—beyond school yard behaviour; redefining old models by peeling off the layers; inviting harsh criticism and pooling our lived experience. Join in this critical and continuing dialogue.

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## **E3: Co-operative underpinnings and potentialities of higher education**

*Moderator: Darryl Reed*

## **Re-imagining Sustainable Labour: Inclusivity in Aerospace**

*Shahab Bayani, York University*

I explore co-operation between the academy and the aerospace industry to understand and resolve the aviation labour shortage. An equitable and sustainable world relies on safe human mobilities and experts that provide air travel. My field research traces the underlying reasons for the decreasing work force interest in aviation and the simultaneous career exiting from this industry, a twofold loss for Canada's projected aviation needs. I examine through a Humanities and Cultural Studies lens the specific obstacles that aircraft maintenance engineers and pilots experience in the context of how today's large corporations recruit, remunerate, train and promote and aim to retain professionals. Utilizing humanist language to STEM work calls for the examination of subject positionalities and interiorities of workers in this sector. How do entrenched hierarchies that affect domestic workers simultaneously hinder immigrant talent? I consider how inadequate awareness of intersectionality, male masculine dominance and rise of populism are accountable.

**Introducing Undergraduates to Co-operatives: Curriculum Development***Daphne Rixon, Saint Mary's University*

All too often business students are graduating without any knowledge of co-operatives as a business structure. Although some professors may briefly reference the co-operative business model, there is a paucity of co-operative curriculum embedded in business school courses. This paper examines the rewards and challenges associated with introducing undergraduate students to the co-operative business model. Even though Saint Mary's University offers a Masters of Management in Co-operatives and Credit Unions, there were no undergraduate courses focusing on co-operatives. To address this issue, an online undergraduate course was developed to create an in-depth awareness the co-operative business model. The paper describes not only how the course content was developed and delivered but also explores how the course was marketed to students.

**Towards an Ecopedagogy: Environmental organizations and student experiences at the nexus of education and environmental action***Michael Jodah, York University*

Student activism often takes the form of sustainability initiatives, such as community gardens, campus farmers' markets, DIY bike repair centres and vegan soup kitchens. These long-term student activist projects require organization, legal recognition and structure to continue and thrive -- most often they are set up as co-operatives or non-profit organizations. As student-run organizations, they have unique circumstances, opportunities and challenges given their social location. My research examines: (1) the impact of these organizations on students, community, and the university; (2) how can student organizations that operate long-term sustainability projects be successfully established; (3) what conclusions can be made about the operations of these organizations that can help establish best-practices for student-run organizations. My conclusions include establishing and maintaining formal structures, cultivating positive and community-building experiences for involved students, and securing university resources.



**F1: Keynote Address: Mamawicihitowin (Working Together)****Milton Tootoosis, Chief Economic Reconciliation Officer with the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development**

*This is an Open Event available to all Congress attendees.*

*English-French interpretation will be provided.*

*Moderator: Isobel Findlay*

First Nations are often forgotten in history books. Many of us did not learn about the Indigenous culture, innovations, world view, value systems, spirituality and connection to the land. Growing up on the reserve I was unaware that I was raised by the Poundmaker Cree community of leaders, visionaries, cultural knowledge keepers, ceremonialists, farmers, hunters, land protectors and political activists. Chief Big Bear, in treaty negotiations, had recommended that the Chiefs not trust the white man. He lobbied the Chiefs to form one big Cree reserve versus the small reserves offered by the Crown. Chief Big Bear would not sign the treaty for several years with hopes of a better treaty but ended up signing under dire circumstances. The Indian Act was not what the Chiefs had in mind when negotiating in 1876. The Act has been one of the tools used by the state to rip apart the culture. The reserve system and the Indian Residential School further decimated First Nation families and communities. Poundmaker was post-humously exonerated in 2019 after the Cree Nation proved that he was wrongfully convicted and imprisoned. Co-operation and the model of 'mamawicihitowin' so deeply imbedded in First Nations culture for millennia kept the communities together. Sure they had the odd tribal wars too but that spirit of cooperation existed for more than eight thousand (8,000) years before The Indian Act, Indian Residential Schools, the numbered treaties were introduced. It's time to listen to the First Nations traditional knowledge keepers.

(CASC & ANSER), Simultaneous interpretation.

***Mamawicihitowin (Travailler ensemble)***

Les Premières Nations sont souvent oubliées dans l'histoire. Beaucoup d'entre nous n'ont pas appris la culture autochtone, les innovations, la vision du monde, les systèmes de valeurs, la spiritualité et le lien avec la terre. En grandissant dans la réserve, j'ignorais que j'avais été élevé par la communauté Poundmaker composée de dirigeants, de visionnaires, de gardiens du savoir culturel, de cérémonialistes, d'agriculteurs, de chasseurs, de protecteurs de la terre et d'activistes. Le chef Big Bear, lors des négociations de traité, avait recommandé que les chefs ne fassent pas confiance à l'homme blanc. Il fait pression sur les chefs pour qu'ils forment une grande réserve crie. Big Bear n'a pas signé le traité pendant plusieurs années dans l'espoir d'un meilleur traité, mais a signé dans des circonstances désastreuses. La Loi sur les Indiens n'était pas ce que les chefs avaient en tête lorsqu'ils ont négocié en 1876. La Loi a été l'un des outils utilisés par l'État pour déchirer la culture. Le système des réserves et le pensionnat indien décimèrent davantage les familles et les collectivités des Premières

nations. Poundmaker a été disculpé à titre posthume en 2019. La coopération et « mamawicshitowin » si profondément ancré dans la culture des Premières Nations depuis des millénaires ont maintenu les communautés ensemble. Cet esprit de coopération a existé 8 000+ ans avant l'introduction de la Loi sur les Indiens, des pensionnats indiens, des traités numérotés. Il est temps d'écouter les gardiens du savoir traditionnel des Premières Nations. (CASC & ACÉC) Interprétation simultanée.

### **G1: Taking stock of diversity and intersectionality of co-operation in Canada**

*Moderator: Esther Awotwe*

*CASC/ANSER Joint Session*

#### **The landscape of ethnocultural, racialized, and Indigenous cooperatives in Canada**

*Ushnish Sengupta, Algoma University*

*Engi Abou-el-Kheir, NORDIK Institute*

This paper reports the results of a survey sponsored by Cooperatives and Mutuals Canada on ethnocultural, racialized, and Indigenous cooperatives in Canada. The paper highlights the stakeholders, trends, and recurring themes within identified cooperatives. The paper specifically identifies distinct features of ethnocultural, racialized, and Indigenous cooperatives in Canada. By identifying the features which make these cooperatives distinct and identifying their needs, the purpose is to catalyse interactions between peers, government stakeholders, impact investors and other interested parties. The cooperative movement in Canada has advanced in progressive waves, but the impact of these progressive waves have had different impacts across different communities. The cooperative movement will benefit all communities more equitably by supporting the different needs of different communities. Simultaneously the cooperative movement in Canada will be stronger and more resilient through a more diverse community of cooperatives.

#### **Solidarity: intersectionality and co-operatives in Canada**

*Susanna Redekop, York University & Practitioner*

Culturally diverse forms of co-operation are not recognized or understood well by the Canadian co-operative sector, which has led to a dominant model of co-operatives held up by and continuing to perpetuate colonial, heteropatriarchal constructs. This is problematic in the active erasure of BIPOC contributions to the co-operative sector, ignoring the diverse, rich cultural traditions of co-operation, leaving out demographics who may benefit from the co-op model. Through my primary and secondary research via interviews, focus groups and a literature review I draw on what I have learned from various communities of Black and Indigenous co-operators, and engage with critical pedagogy, Community Based Participatory

Research, and decolonial theory. This is a pivotal time to reassess the Canadian co-operative sector in making room for more diverse voices and action, strengthening the wider solidarity economy with co-operative action and bringing co-operative values to work led by BIPOC co-operators, youth, and allies.

### **Renewable Energy Co-operatives and Social Justice: A Complicated Relationship**

*Derya Tarhan, University of Toronto*

Recent studies from Europe and Canada have shown that membership bodies of renewable energy co-operatives (RECs) predominantly consist of affluent white men. This demographic concentration points at a disconnect between REC activity and its often-assumed potential in simultaneously advancing decarbonisation and social justice. This presentation will build on interviews with leading members RECs in Ontario to identify factors driving the exclusion of marginalised and frontline communities from REC initiatives. Findings reveal that a combination of inadequate policy support and complex preparatory activities in Ontario geared the pursuit of REC development towards affluent, professional class groups with access to necessary practical capacities. To add insult to injury, RE co-ops responded to this precarious policy and regulatory environment by increasing their minimum investment requirements and targeting affluent individuals in their outreach activities, which rendered CRE ownership even more exclusionary.

### **G2: Co-operative governance: Practical reflections and roadmaps**

*Moderator: Fiona Duguid*

### **Levelling the Playing Field: Governance and Co-operative Health Care**

*Marc-Andre Pigeon, University of Saskatchewan*

*Haizhen Mou, University of Saskatchewan*

*Sharma Jaggi, University of Saskatchewan*

Since the professionalization of health care, doctors have played the central role in delivering and governing service delivery with the result being, often, the marginalization of patient and other voices. Our paper will discuss some early qualitative findings from the first phase of a multi-year qualitative and quantitative study into Canada's co-operative health clinics, beginning in the province of Saskatchewan where the clinics first emerged. Like other co-operatives, the clinics are governed democratically, meaning that patients are often also members and as such, elect the board of directors that in turn sets the strategic direction. The result is that clinics effectively give patients a meaningful voice and power relative to doctors and other medical professionals. We hypothesize that in so doing, the governance system has

shaped the willingness of the clinics to embrace innovative medical practices well before they came into vogue, including most notably team-based, interdisciplinary patient and community-focused care.

### **Revue de littérature portant sur la gouvernance des coopératives de deuxième niveau et les coopératives en milieu autochtone**

*Anne-Marie Merrien, IRECUS*

Dans le cadre d'un projet de recherche postdoctoral, en partenariat avec Ilagiisag (une fédération de coopératives inuites au Nunavik), nous effectuons une revue de littérature systématisée (Grant et Booth, 2009) qui vise à déterminer les composantes et critères favorisant une saine gouvernance au sein d'une coopérative de second niveau (fédération) et à explorer les similitudes et différences entre la gouvernance coopérative et la gouvernance en milieu autochtone. Cette revue de littérature aborde notamment les relations avec les membres et les paradoxes qui s'y déploient (notamment le besoin de renforcer l'efficacité de structures fédératives tout en conservant leur pertinence). De plus, nous explorons des articles s'intéressant aux relations entre la gouvernance démocratique et la gouvernance en milieu autochtone, afin d'en dégager les similitudes et les défis. Nous proposons des pistes de réflexions concernant de possibles ou nécessaires adaptations du modèle coopératif en fonction de l'identité des communautés dans lesquelles il agit.

### **Organizational Charting for Member Control**

*Thomas Gray, Program on Co-operatives at the United States Department of Agriculture*

A fundamental aspect of cooperative organizations is “member control” of the organization. Member control is facilitated through a series of member offices, elections to those offices, and organizational bylaws. When challenges to the legitimacy of cooperatives occurs, those challenges often revolve around questions of member control. Do members actually control the cooperative? Our current era is no exception given a context of acquisitions, mergers, and joint ventures. This paper presents a series of membership charts, from simple to complex, depicting membership structures, with an explicit highlighting of mechanisms for member control. The report begins with simple depictions of macro-membership structures, e.g. local, centralized and federated. It culminates with a “containment” method that is able to illustrate appointed and elected positions, positions with and without decision-making authority, a basis of representation in geographic districts, flows and levels of authority, and whether authority is contained by the membership or outside of members' control and oversight.

**G3: Canadian Co-operatives and Fairtrade: Research and Practice***Facilitators: Darryl Reed, John Simoulidis**Roundtable Participants:**Gavin Fridell, Development Studies, Saint Mary's University**Patrick Clark, Business and Society, York University**Chad Saunders, Associate VP, Ancillary Services, York University**Kelly Storie, La Siembra Co-operative**Bill Barrett, Planet Bean Co-operative*

This Roundtable will present recent research and participant accounts of the leading role that Canadian co-operatives play in Fair Trade, including in value chain relations (in different sectors, e.g., coffee, cocoa, cotton, etc.), capacity building projects (e.g., product development, organization development), certification programs, financial support, procurement policies, etc. Participants will also examine paths for further development of the sector.

**H1: Human Books Library**

Human libraries have become an international cultural movement since their introduction in Denmark in 2000. Creating a human library provides a way for individuals to connect with others in their community in order to engage in conversation, celebrate differences and encourage understanding of people who come from varied cultural or lifestyle backgrounds. Human books are volunteers who are willing to share their stories with others in a safe environment. Readers participate in small-group conversations with Human Books to ask questions and to learn about other's life experiences. This year at CASC, a human library will be included as an interactive session and will feature co-operative practitioners representing various sectors and regions with the aim being to share their "co-op stories"- about personal, professional/organizational journeys. Readers will be able to move from one table to the next and engage with 2 or 3 human books during the session. The great advantage of human books is that they can respond to your questions.

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

### **I1: Coops, food sovereignty and social inclusion**

*Participants TBC*

*Facilitator: Michelle Chin-Dawe*

How has the coop model contributed to food sovereignty, community economic development and social inclusion? La Via Campesina defines food sovereignty as “the right of Peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.”. Cooperatives are an alternative model that many in the local food and farm sector have explored as a more equitable way to achieve their food or business goals while addressing the right of peoples to define their own food systems. This panel aims to highlight how the co-op model has contributed to food sovereignty, economic development, and social inclusion at a local level. Our roundtable participants are from various food co-ops in the GTA.

### **I2: Territorial autonomy and governance in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Facilitator: Marcelo Vieta*

*Discussants:*

*Diana Cordoba, Queen's University*

*Kevin Edmonds, University of Toronto*

*Miguel Gonzalez, York University*

This is a session on the topic of the historical dynamics of resource extraction, land dispossession and local organizing against this in Latin America and the Caribbean. It will address the following conference themes: • Nourishing ethical alliances for social movement solidarity • Social movement learning for collective action • Co-operative development for community and economic development Discussants will review new research at the national



level on agrarian reform since the 1970s. We will focus on the questions of land, resources and cooperative organizing in response to dispossession in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**J1: Democratizing and Cooperativizing Work: Moving Beyond Crises By Reorganizing the Economy**

*Facilitator: Marcelo Vieta*

*Participants:*

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*Isabelle Ferreras (Belgium)*

*Jerome Warren (Germany)*

*Ana Ines Heras (Argentina)*

*Priscilla Ferreira (Brazil)*

*Sonja Novkovic (Croatia-Canada)*

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*English-French interpretation provided*

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Promulgated by an unbridled capitalist system, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated ongoing planetary crises, such as: continuing environmental degradation, weakening democracies and growing authoritarianism, the rise of precarious work, and increasing inequalities. These crises are felt most acutely by racialized and marginalized peoples across the Global North and South, who make up the majority of “essential workers” so widely discussed during the pandemic. But these crises have also inspired proposals and practices of socio-economic possibility from the affected communities themselves, including prefigurative ways of democratizing and cooperativizing work. This international and interdisciplinary session hosting a diverse panel will respond to and engage in a critical conversation inspired by two recent co-authored books that directly tackle these critical issues and document pathways beyond the crises via more democratic and cooperative work and workplaces: *Democratize Work: The Case for Reorganizing the Economy* (2022, University of Chicago Press) and *Cooperatives at Work* (2023, Emerald). CASC is offering



simultaneous interpretation - English- French. This event is organized in collaboration with ANSER.

### **Démocratiser et coopérer le travail : sortir des crises en réorganisant l'économie**

Promulguée par un système capitaliste débridé, la pandémie de COVID-19 a exacerbé les crises planétaires en cours, telles que : la dégradation continue de l'environnement, l'affaiblissement des démocraties et l'autoritarisme croissant, la montée du travail précaire et l'augmentation des inégalités. Ces crises sont ressenties le plus durement par les personnes racialisées et marginalisées du Nord et du Sud, qui constituent la majorité des « travailleurs essentiels » si largement discutés pendant la pandémie. Mais ces crises ont également inspiré des propositions et des pratiques de possibilité socio-économique de la part des communautés touchées elles-mêmes, y compris des moyens préfiguratifs de démocratisation et de coopérativisation du travail. Cette session internationale et interdisciplinaire accueillant un panel diversifié répondra et s'engagera dans une conversation critique inspirée de deux livres récents co-écrits qui abordent directement ces questions critiques et documentent les voies au-delà des crises via un travail et des lieux de travail plus démocratiques et coopératifs : *Démocratiser le travail : The Case for Reorganizing the Economy* (2022, University of Chicago Press) et *Cooperatives at Work* (2023, Emerald). L'ACéC offre une interprétation simultanée - anglais-français. Cet événement est organisé en collaboration avec l'ANSER.

### **K1: Business Conversions to Social Purpose Organizations for Equity-Denied Groups (EDGs)**

*Facilitator: Janielle Maxwell*

*Maxwell; Kego Ume-Onyido; Vieta*

The small business succession challenge in Canada is well known, and often business owners and their communities struggle to manage ownership exits gracefully. For businesses serving Equity-Denied Communities, their closure often impacts socio-economic stability, as well as cultural legacy. The presentation will provide viewers with background information on the business-related challenges of various EDGs, and will discuss how SPOs may be positioned to help combat these dilemmas. We will explore the possibility that Equity-Denied Groups (especially racialized ones) may feel more alignment with the structure of Social Purpose Organizations (SPOs), as they differ from traditional business models that have often underserved and under-represented them. We will also explore how transitioning to SPOs such as co-operatives and Social Enterprises could be the right fit. There will be general discussion on how to transition to a SPO, the benefits of transitioning, and how this model benefits and can appeal to EDGs. Additionally, we will hear from an existing SPO about their challenges and successes.

**K2: Envisioning and Safeguarding a Future of Co-operation**

*Moderator: Anne-Marie Merrien*

**Asset Locking Indivisible Reserves**

*Sean Campbell, University of Waterloo*

*Anthony Piscitelli, Conestoga College*

*Sean Geobey, University of Waterloo*

In cooperatives, capital reserves are built up slowly over time providing organizational protection when challenges are faced and flexibility if opportunities for growth arise. The cooperative's members in most places may claim the capital reserves of the organization if the cooperative demutualizes by winding up and distributing remaining assets to members or converting into a shareholder corporation. Demutualization can be profitable for individual members, but it destroys the legacy of the cooperative. Founders of new cooperatives who wish to ensure the organization continues to operate in perpetuity according to the cooperative principles can use mechanisms, known as asset locks, to make it difficult for future members to demutualize. Effective asset locks prevent or at least disincentivize future demutualization. This presentation explores cooperative asset locks in the housing sector examining lessons from land trusts, cooperatives, and other housing organizations.

**Linkages of intergenerational epistemology and social responsibility**

*Christos Orfanidis, University of Toronto*

Sociologists, among other scholars, have been examining intergenerational forms of co-operation within diverse contexts of community development. Social responsibility provides an interesting backdrop for thinking about intergenerational co-operation with future, currently non-existing, generations. This presentation provides a synthesis of sociological inquiry in intergenerationality and the interdisciplinary study of social responsibility. Conclusions propose the potentiality of focusing on issues of future generations, and imagining linkages between areas of co-operation that will inspire collective social activity from current generations.

**L1: Community Collaboration for Well-being**

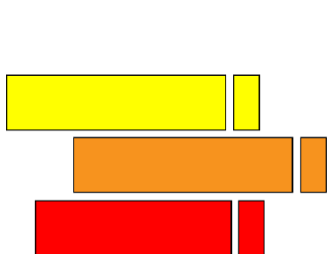
*Facilitator: Catharine Chamberlain*

*Presenters: Jinnelle Bobb, teacher candidate, York University; Catharine Chamberlain, EMC; Mary Nanavati, recognized educator, and Aman Sahota, Ei Amplified*

Beyond High School is a project of Erin Mills Connects (EMC) community collaborative that was funded by Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative. The project grew out of concern for the confidence and mental well-being of young people in some of the most negatively impacted neighbourhoods of Ontario during the pandemic. Working with 31 volunteers, and bringing together the community wisdom of educators, researchers, mental-health practitioners, elected leaders, youth, parents/guardians, settlement workers, and social entrepreneurs--across cultures--Beyond High School: A guide to discovering your pathway to success was published in Arabic, English, French and Urdu. Beyond High School resources and workshops are free at <https://onpathway.me/BHS>. Round table participants will hear how EMC unites stakeholders to find EDID solutions to mental health crises. Young collaborators also will discuss mental health and community responsibility.

**L2: Remembering Ian MacPherson and Looking Forward**

*Details and Participants TBC*



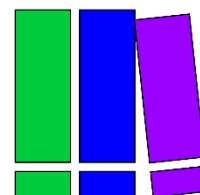
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### APPUYER LE FONDS À LA MEMOIRE DE IAN MACPHERSON

Dear CASC Member,

As you may be aware, in 2014 CASC established the Ian MacPherson Fund to honour Ian's memory shortly after his death. In line with Ian's strong commitment to students, the fund primarily funds student participation at co-operative research conferences.

The original goal was to raise a sufficient amount to make this a permanent endowment which could pay out approximately \$5000/year to support students. Unfortunately, we did not meet that amount, so the fund is gradually being drawn down and will eventually wind up, unless we raise some more funds.

Currently, the fund contains about \$70,000. We need to get it to about \$150,000 to ensure that it can be a permanent endowment. The good news is that Dan Burnette, of Co-operatives and Mutual Canada, who is a professional fundraiser, is happy to work with us on this, especially with regard to reaching out to the broader co-operative sector.

For our part, as CASC members, we need to take the lead. We have set a target of raising \$25,000 by the Spring (and before the CASC conference).

This year, with 2023 being the 10th anniversary of Ian's death, is really our last opportunity to make the fund a permanent endowment. It is for this reason that we are writing to you now.

We would like to propose the following suggested donations for CASC members:

Full Professors: \$500 - \$1000

Associate Professors: \$250 - \$500

Assistant Professors: \$150 - \$250

Others: what you can afford

Donations are tax-deductible. You can make donations here:

<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=2032&AID=1983>

Please scroll down the "Donation Designation" link and make certain that you are donating to the Ian MacPherson Fund.

Please, be generous. If you have any questions (or ideas), please let us know.

The CASC Board

## PROFILING CASC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



~ *Kristen Murray*

*Winner of a 2022 Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award.*

*Kristen Murray (she/her) is a community leader and social entrepreneur from St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador (NL). She holds the degrees of Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration in Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (MBA-SEE) from Memorial University of Newfoundland.*

For her MBA-SEE internship, she conducted an evaluation project with the NL Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC) on the topic of "A Co-operative Incubator

for Newfoundland & Labrador." Extending from her MBA-SEE internship, she is now leading the development of the Co-operative Incubator with the title of Project Specialist at the NLFC. With the goal to increase co-operative development capacity in her home province, she enrolled in CoopZone's Co-operative Developer Training Program this past October. She also serves on the Inspiring Communities' inaugural Atlantic Changemakers Council. As a 2022 recipient of the Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award, she was supported in her studies and work in the co-operative field thus far.

From May - September 2022, Kristen undertook a Mitacs-funded evaluation project on the subject of "A Co-operative Incubator in Newfoundland & Labrador" that led to the development of a final report and recommendations for the Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC). She concluded the project with a 40-page Literature Review summarizing findings related to the purposes, benefits, challenges or issues, and/or structures of: (1) co-operatives; (2) business incubation; and (3) co-operative incubation. Kristen also conducted almost 50 interviews with organizations both in NL and outside, including 9 with co-operative incubators around the globe, and held five community events for residents in three regions of NL that engaged over 70 people in over 20

municipalities. Her final report includes a summary of findings under the headings of Co-operative Development, Co-operative Ecosystem in NL, Business Incubation vs Co-operative Incubation, The Benefits of a Co-operative Incubator in NL, as well as Recommendations for Co-operative Incubator Program Structure, Recommendations for Co-operative Incubator Program Components, and Recommendations for a Pilot Project Plan.





## PROFILING THE CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA WOMEN'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



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**Co-operative Development  
Foundation of Canada**

SINCE 1947

The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada) celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its *Women's Mentorship Program (WMP)* in 2022.

Focusing on professional development for women employed in savings and credit unions in developing countries, this program follows four principles:

- ✓ Equal participation of women who articulate their needs and interests and shape decisions that affect their lives.
- ✓ Empowering women to achieve gender equality. Through empowerment, women gain control over their lives, acquire confidence and a greater voice to overcome inequality in their home, workplace, and community.
- ✓ Advancing women's equal participation as decision makers in shaping sustainable development in their communities.
- ✓ Supporting women in the realization of their full potential.

Since its inception in 2002, more than 250 savings and credit union women managers, from 27 different countries, have participated in this program.

These women receive a unique, international professional development experience. At the same time, it is also a learning experience for Canadian and international co-operators.

The one-month program starts with two weeks of classroom sessions where participants learn about different topics, such as leadership development, human resources management, marketing and communications, and governance.

Subject matter experts from the credit union sector volunteer their time to deliver classroom training. Our program facilitators are also professionals from credit unions across Canada. Their credit unions give them the three weeks they need to plan and run the program.

Following the first two weeks, participants travel to a savings and credit union of comparable size and scope to their 'home' operation.

Both the participant and host credit union benefit from the placement. First, the participant is supported by a woman credit union manager who is selected by the CEO. Both share knowledge and exchange opportunities. What's more, we receive consistent feedback from the host credit unions about how much their operation benefited from the participant—it is truly a learning experience for the participant and the credit union employees.

Experiencing Canada and its culture is also enriching. In Ottawa, they go bowling, have game nights together, visit museums, and tour the parliament buildings. When on placement, participants learn about the province and local communities where they are staying while learning about local pastimes, such as attending a hockey game or seeing the Rockies, a rodeo, an Indigenous ceremony, or taking a helicopter ride. They are always surprised by our ATMs, which do not exist in most of their countries.

The cultural experience also extends to Canadian family life. Participants stay at the home of one of the host credit union employees. The hosting families volunteer their time and pay all expenses for the participants, such as transportation, meals, activities, and accommodation.

Experiencing family life in Canada has a long-lasting impact when they return home. They are impressed by husbands helping with housework or tending to children/babies, how many appliances and gadgets we have, children joining community sports teams, and sub-division living. These are only a few of the 'surprises' they shared with us.

Following their placement, all participants return to Ottawa for a final week of classroom activity and graduation.

To wrap up the program, they make a presentation about what they learned and their overall impressions. They also prepare a report on their intentions when they return home, as well as write a letter to themselves describing what they hope to change or achieve professionally and personally. CDF Canada returns this letter to them exactly one-year after their graduation.

The program has been successful. Over the last 20 years we are proud to say more than 85 per cent of graduates are still employed in credit unions. Many have been promoted, with two of our graduates becoming Chief Executive Officers.

**Class of 2022**

**Women's Mentorship Program**  
**participants – Evelyn Olunja & Mercy**  
**Tumukunde**

Mercy Tumukunde, STEADFIN Uganda, and Evelyn Olunja, KUDS Kenya, participated in CDF Canada's WMP in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Mercy's Canadian placement was with Interior Savings Credit Union, and Evelyn's with Entegra Credit Union.



**Evelyn Olunja** was appointed Chief  
**Executive Officer of Kenya USA**  
**Diaspora SACCO in August 2022.**

Evelyn said, "I sincerely want to thank CDF Canada for the WMP, which made me realize my full potential and gave me the confidence to try bigger positions. A big thank you to all my mentors."

Evelyn was a graduate of CDF Canada's 2019 WMP, and Manager, Business Development & Marketing at that time. She is a seasoned Co-operator who for twelve years steered Business Development by acting as a bridge between the members and SACCOs, interacting closely with them to understand their needs so that SACCOs develop products and services to satisfy the identified needs.

Evelyn is a Credit Union Development Educator (ADE), a member of the World Council of Credit Union's Global Women's Leadership Network (The

Kenyan Champion), the Chairperson of the Women in Cooperative Societies, Kenya, a Board member of the Africa Women in Cooperative Network and a 2019 graduate of CDF Canada's WMP.



**Mercy Tumukunde was appointed Chief Executive Officer at SteadFin Uganda SACCO in February 2022.**

Mercy's work experience has been in Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs), Microfinance, and the

Banking industry at both operational and strategic levels. She has been the General Manager of the Franciscan Investment Co-operative Society Ltd (FIC) St. Francis Chapel Makerere University, where she has served for the last 11 years.

Mercy is an African Development Educator (ADE) under the African Confederation of Co-operative Savings and Credit Association (ACCOSCA). She is a champion for CDF Canada's Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada) *Women's Mentorship Program* and the current Chair of the African Women in Co-operatives Network of ACCOSCA.

In closing, CDF Canada is proud of all our graduates' accomplishments and the difference that our program made to their professional and personal lives. Mercy and Evelyn, along with all our WMP graduates, are ambassadors for WMP in their countries and remain connected to CDF Canada and their Canadian hosts.



## PROFILING THE BANKER LADIES' COUNCIL OF CANADA



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On April 22, 2022, the first meeting of the Banker Ladies Council was held in Toronto (a second is planned for July). The 12 members of the Banker Ladies Council met with four participants from the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) to discuss how Black social economies in Canada can be strengthened to inspire an inclusive, sustainable financial environment.

The women on the Council who call themselves Banker Ladies are co-operators who have organized informal co-operatives called Rotating Savings and Credit Associations—or ROSCAs. They have founded the Council in an effort to promote the recognition of ROSCAs in Canada, to bring them to public consciousness, enhance their legitimacy as Black mutual aid and co-operative institutions, and to put an end to the

stigmatizing of those who use ROSCAs. They have done so with the support of the [Black Social Economy Project](#) led by [Post Growth Fellow](#), Dr. Caroline Shenaz Hossein, UTSC.

ROSCAs have long histories in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Pacific, although they are named and regulated differently in different regions: *Susu* in Ghana; *Chit* in India; *Stokvel* in South Africa; and *Hagbad* or *Ayuuto* in Somalia.

The Banker Ladies are committed to change—to changing mindsets and creating opportunities for women who are struggling to address systemic barriers (in the banking as in other systems) and end poverty in support of children and families pursuing educational, business, and other opportunities. Like co-operators throughout history and across regions and nations, they rely on mutual aid and co-operative enterprise to meet livelihood needs and aspirations of those they serve and to found “a community based on trust and mutual reciprocity.” That is at the heart of their efforts to nourish resilience and sustainable economic development in resistance to racial capitalism.

The Council meeting in Toronto was filled not only with stories of achievement with the support of ROSCA communities, the social glue that sustains—degrees earned, children nourished, abused and vulnerable women helped, agency and independence

achieved—but also with testimony about intersectional oppressions that continue to exclude and harass, including police brutality, illegal searches, and invasions of privacy. The commercial banking system also does violence in its stigmatizing of the women, its suspicions about the sources of their money, and refusals to help. Even in the face of state violence, the women also shared stories of organizing efforts and collective action in response.

They are now focused on determining how to name ROSCAs in non-Western terms, how formal they should be, while consulting widely with those with knowledge and experience of ROSCAs and the solidarity social economy.

\*Adapted by Isobel M. Findlay from the following sources:

1. <https://make-it-plain.org/2022/06/07/recognizing-roscas-in-canada-as-a-form-of-black-mutual-aid-and-cooperation/>
2. <https://medium.com/postgrowth/roscas-a-model-for-sustainable-economic-development-2ccac335f542>
3. A National Post article that had over 3M reads, its 2 years old the story but relevant. <https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/banking-co-ops-run-by-black-women-have-a-longtime-legacy-of-helping-people>

## UPDATE FROM THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CO-OPERATIVES



~ Stan Yu  
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### 1. Top Co-op Issues 2022 Report Released



CANADIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CO-OPERATIVES (CCSC)

#### Top Co-op Issues 2022

Results from the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives' (CCSC) 2022 Top Co-op Issues have just been published in a new report. 2022 marked the 7th annual Top Co-op Issues Survey, which asks Canadian co-operative leaders

— including Chief Executive Officers/Executive Directors, managers, board members, and researchers — what they view as the most pressing concerns facing co-operatives today. This year, 75 Canadian co-operative leaders participated.

Read the full paper here:

[https://usaskstudies.coop/documents/pdfs/ccsc\\_top-co-op-issues-2022.pdf](https://usaskstudies.coop/documents/pdfs/ccsc_top-co-op-issues-2022.pdf)

### 2. New article in the Conversation argues that the Co-operative Clinic model can help to alleviate Canada's current healthcare crisis

“Looking Forward into the Past: Lessons for the Future of Medicare on its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” is a recent article published by the Conversation and written by Dr. Marc-André Pigeon, Director of the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, Dr. Haizhen Mou, Professor at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and Natalie Kallio, Professional Research Associate at the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives.

This piece argues the community co-operative clinic model, which began at the dawn of Medicare, can offer a solution to Canada's current healthcare crisis. Read the article here:

<https://theconversation.com/looking-forward-into-the-past-lessons-for-the-future-of-medicare-on-its-60th-anniversary-196866>



**3. Recent public lecture, “Rethinking the Way We Farm” featured globally renowned economist, Dr. Bina Agarwal**



A recent CCSC public lecture featured Dr. Bina Agarwal and her talk, “Rethinking the Way We Farm”. Dr. Agarwal is a Professor of Development Economics and Environment at the University of Manchester and a globally renowned development economist. Her talk proposed that we need to rethink the way we farm by moving away from unsustainable and unequal farm sectors towards alternatives that are technologically, environmentally, and

institutionally different. Drawing on her extensive research in South Asia, Europe, and most recently, in Saskatchewan, she discussed the nature of our global farm crisis and shared insights on whether and how cooperation among farmers could be economically and socially beneficial in developing countries and here in Canada.

You can watch her talk via the following link: [Rethinking the Way We Farm featuring Dr. Bina Agarwal](#)



#### 4. Announcing the “Scaling up the Impact of Renewable Energy Co-operatives (RECs) in Canada” Conference

Thanks to generous funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Co-operators, the CCSC—in partnership with the Alberta Community and Co-operatives Association, British Columbia Co-operatives Association, Co-operatives First, The International Centre for Co-operative Management, and Royal Roads University—will be hosting the **Scaling Up the Impact of Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Canada Conference** in Ottawa from May 25 – 27, 2023.

This conference will congregate REC leaders from across Canada, policymakers, and researchers to explore how RECs can make a more meaningful, and timely, contribution to Canada's

efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

#### 5. New Discussion Series on Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Canada

Along with the forthcoming “Scaling Up the Impact of Renewable Energy Co-operatives (RECs) in Canada conference”, the CCSC and its partners have launched a 5-part online discussion series that explores RECs in Canada and beyond. Topics include the context of RECs in Canada; equity, diversity, and inclusion amongst RECs; and the role of REC federations.

Each instalment of the discussion series will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 12:00 PM (Saskatchewan time) on Zoom. The sessions are free to attend and open to anyone.

For more information about this discussion series and to access the

recordings from past instalments of the series, click [here](#).

## 6. Invitation to engage with the ongoing Co-op Conversation series

Since winter of 2021, the CCSC has hosted a monthly Co-op Conversation series. This series serves as a monthly online gathering for co-operative sector professionals to learn from others in the field and exchange information in a casual setting. The Co-op Conversations are held from 12:00 – 1:00 PM (Saskatchewan time) on the first Wednesday of the month.

Our next co-op conversation be taking place on Wednesday, May 3. Our speaker will be Dr. Marcelo Vieta, Associate Professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. Marcelo's talk will be focused on his research on small- and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) converting to

co-operatives as a succession plan for retiring SME owners.

The recordings of all the past Co-op Conversations can be accessed via the CCSC's Youtube Channel here:

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkrbHK0N4QW7z-nNSqTc2\\_jPlS8bgX5Jn](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkrbHK0N4QW7z-nNSqTc2_jPlS8bgX5Jn)

## 7. Enroll in the Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Nonprofit Sector today!

Applications are currently being accepted for the Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Nonprofit Sector (GSECN). The GSECN is designed for mid-career professionals interested in advancing their career in government or the third sector. The GSECN can be completed entirely online. Learn more about the certificate here:

<https://usaskstudies.coop/Learning-Opportunities/Programs.php#TheGraduateCertificateintheSocialEconomyCooperativesandNonprofitSectorGSECN>

### SOCIAL ECONOMY ORGANIZATIONS, CO-OPERATIVES & NON-PROFITS: POLICY SOLUTIONS WORTH EXPLORING

There is a rich diversity of third-sector organizations—co-operatives, credit unions, non-profits, charities, community associations, social enterprises, and more—working alongside the public and private sectors to provide goods and services to individuals and communities.

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## DES NOUVELLES DE L'IRECUS / NEWS FROM IRECUS



*~Anne-Marie Merrien*  
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Un projet de recherche complété, une formation en ligne pour les gestionnaires de coopératives et de mutuelles, un partenariat pour étudier et promouvoir la reprise collective, un séjour en Espagne pour comprendre l'engagement des membres... c'est un début de saison stimulant pour l'IRECUS!

D'abord, nous sommes heureux d'annoncer la publication du rapport « [Les coopératives et mutuelles canadiennes face à la COVID-19 : La réponse d'un réseau](#) ». Ce rapport présente une synthèse des principaux résultats obtenus dans le cadre d'un projet de recherche mandaté par Coopératives et mutuelles Canada et portant sur l'impact



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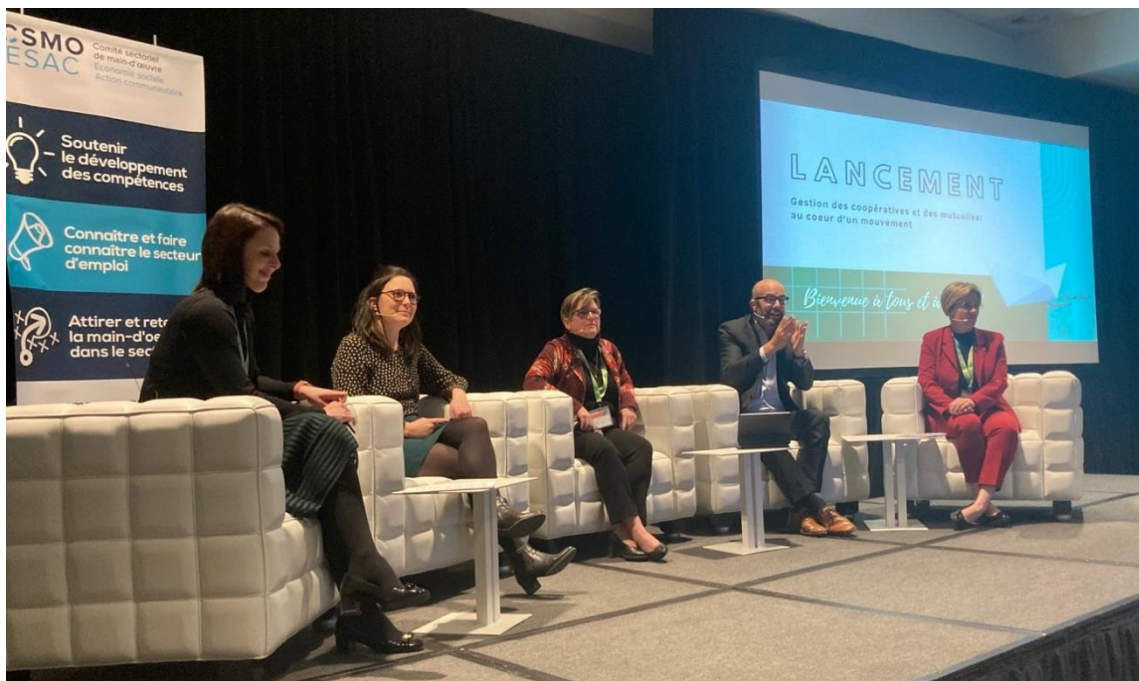
de la pandémie de COVID-19 sur les coopératives et les mutuelles canadiennes. Le projet de recherche s'est étendu sur une période de deux ans et a été réalisé conjointement avec le *International Centre for Co-operative Management* de Saint Mary's University et le *Shannon School of Business* de Cape Breton University.

Un autre projet annoncé à l'automne dernier vient tout juste d'être complété. Le 16 février dernier a eu lieu le lancement d'une [formation à distance](#) destinée aux gestionnaires de coopératives et de mutuelles, développée en collaboration avec d'autres universités québécoises (UQAM, HEC et Université



Laval) et coordonnée par le Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité (CQCM) et le Comité sectoriel de main d'œuvre – Économie sociale

Action communautaire (CSMO-ÉSAC). Fruit de deux années de travail, cette formation d'une quinzaine d'heures est livrée entièrement en ligne.



Lancement officiel de la formation à distance « Gestion des coopératives et des mutuelles : au cœur d'un mouvement. Sur la photo, de gauche à droite : Marie-Josée Paquette, Directrice générale, CQCM; Alice Bernier, Chargée de projet, CSMO-ÉSAC; Johanne Lavoie, Directrice Éducation, CQCM; Claude-André Guillothe, Dire

Official launch of the distance learning course « Gestion des coopératives et des mutuelles: au coeur d'un mouvement. In the photo, from left to right: Marie-Josée Paquette, Executive Director, CQCM; Alice Bernier, Project Manager, CSMO-ÉSAC; Johanne Lavoie, Education Director, CQCM; Claude-André Guillothe, Director, IRECUS; Nadine Groulx, President, CQCM.

L'IRECUS s'est également engagé dans un tout nouveau projet visant à renforcer l'action collective pour la reprise collective d'entreprises au Québec. Coordonnée par le CQCM et le Chantier de l'économie sociale, le projet rassemble de nombreux acteurs du domaine coopératif et de la reprise d'entreprise tels que la Coopérative de développement régional du Québec, le Réseau COOP, le Centre de transfert d'entreprise du Québec, le réseau des Pôles d'économie sociale et le Centre d'étude en responsabilité sociale et écocitoyenneté. Un plan d'action collectif sera déployé jusqu'en mars 2025.

Enfin, pendant son congé sabbatique, Claude-André partagera ses prochains mois entre l'Institut Lanki de recherche coopérative de la Faculté des sciences

humaines de l'Université de Mondragon et l'Institut universitaire de recherche en économie sociale, coopérativisme et entrepreneuriat (IUDESCOOP) de l'Université de Valence. Il travaillera sur l'engagement des membres avec des collègues des deux centres.

## News from IRECUS

A completed research project, online training for co-op and mutual managers, a partnership to study and promote collective recovery, a trip to Spain to understand member engagement... it's an exciting start to the season for IRECUS!

First, we are pleased to announce the publication of the report [Canadian Co-operatives and Mutuals and the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Networked Response](#). This report presents a synthesis of the main findings of a research project mandated by Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Canadian co-operatives and mutuals. The research project spanned two years and was conducted jointly with the International Centre for Co-operative Management at Saint Mary's University and the Shannon School of Business at Cape Breton University.

Another project announced last fall has just been completed. On February 16, a distance learning course for managers of co-operatives and mutuals was launched in collaboration with other Quebec universities (UQAM, HEC and Université Laval) and coordinated by the Conseil

québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité (CQCM) and the Comité sectoriel de main d'œuvre - Économie sociale Action communautaire (CSMO-ÉSAC). The result of two years of work, this 15-hour training course is delivered entirely online.

IRECUS has also embarked on a brand-new project aimed at strengthening collective action for the collective takeover of businesses in Quebec. Coordinated by the CQCM and the Chantier de l'économie sociale, the project brings together many players in the co-operative and business transfer fields, such as the Coopérative de développement régional du Québec, the Réseau COOP, the Centre de transfert d'entreprise du Québec, the Pôles d'économie sociale network and the Centre d'étude en responsabilité sociale et écocitoyenneté. A collective action plan will be deployed until March 2025.

Finally, during his sabbatical, Claude-André will be sharing his coming months between the Lanki Institute of Co-operative Research in the Faculty of Humanities of Mondragon University and the University Research Institute in Social Economy, Cooperativism and Entrepreneurship (IUDESCOOP) of the University of Valencia. He will be working on member engagement with colleagues from both centres.



## UPDATE FROM ST MARY'S INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT



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### Greetings from the International Centre for Co-operative Management!

This spring we are sowing seeds of co-op education and research! The Centre offers education, research, and knowledge about co-ops, by co-ops and for co-ops.

Whether it is online part-time degrees, professional certificates, short courses, publications, symposia, international study tours or free webinars, we offer something for every co-operator! We hope you will take advantage of our current offerings.

### Co-op Law Summer School in Pula, Croatia

Join the us in beautiful Pula, Croatia from August 20-30, 2023 for our Co-op Law Summer School hosted at the J. Dobrila University of Pula. Take a deep dive into the relationship between co-op law, the co-op identity and sustainable development with renowned co-op legal expert Hagen Henry along with special guest contributors. Individuals with a strong interest in co-op law including lawyers, law students in advanced stages of study, co-op practitioners, policymakers, regulators and those working in the co-op sector in advocacy and/or government relations are encouraged to register. [Learn more.](#)





### New Open-Access Book on Governance

We are thrilled to share "Humanistic Governance in Democratic Organizations: The Co-operative Difference" edited by our very own Sonja Novkovic, Karen Miner and Cian McMahon. From the publisher:

"This open access edited book brings together a number of theories under the umbrella of humanistic governance to develop a persuasive alternative perspective on governance, particularly for democratic organisations such as co-operatives. It examines how we can move beyond a profit-first approach to governance, into a framework that prioritises human dignity in all aspects of an operation. This book also discusses key issues for different types of cooperatives and how these might be addressed. And, finally, it addresses how cooperatives can better cope with dynamic change processes. [...] *This book will be of interest for academics working in the areas of*

*stakeholder governance, social solidarity economy, ethical management and co-operatives.*"

[Read it here!](#)

### Working Paper and Case Study Series

The Centre's Working Paper and Case Study Series publishes research papers and reports in the field of co-operative management, economics, and governance. Enjoy our latest case study publication:

Fagor Ederlan Tafalla (FET) is a success story of how a non-co-operative industrial firm can be transformed into a co-operative under the leadership of a long-established co-operative (Fagor Ederlan). Its analysis could both provide tentative guidelines as well as inspiration for particular groups or co-operative movements in other contexts. Since the case study was carried out, *FET has completed the transition from a mixed*

*(multistakeholder) co-op structure to a fully-fledged worker co-operative.*

[Read it here!](#)

### **It's application season for Co-operative Management Education!**

Online, part-time programs for co-op and credit union professionals:

- Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions (3 years)
- Graduate Diploma in Co-operative Management (16 months)
- Certificate in Co-operative Management (10 months)

The co-op sector needs your leadership! Join a growing network of leading co-op practitioners from around the world and experience education in a co-operative

learning environment. Deepen your understanding of the unique co-op enterprise model as people-centred, democratic and jointly-owned and develop tools to grow your co-op career and improve the impact of your organization. Study while continuing to work full-time. Applications are due May 31 or until full. Bursaries are available!

Attend an [info webinar](#) to learn more.

#### *What graduates say*

- 100% of graduates surveyed would recommend their program.
- 98% said their education provided knowledge and tools to improve the social, economic and environmental performance of their co-operative organization.
- Nearly 80% said the program significantly changed how they see, think about and do their jobs.



## CanadaDE Credit Union Leadership Program

Join us for our international full-immersion [credit union leadership program](#) in 2023. Canada Development Education (CanadaDE) is described as “transformative and life-changing.” Find out why.

CanadaDE is by and for credit union professionals who believe we can harness the *credit union enterprise model* to facilitate social, economic, and environmental transformation for the betterment of our members and communities. Learn proven strategies that will expand your credit union's value proposition and join an international network of pioneering credit union leaders. Complete CanadaDE and continue on the path to the esteemed [international DE designation \(I-CUDE\)](#) awarded through the [World Council of Credit Unions](#).

Two program offerings in 2023

- Halifax, NS, Canada: June 4-9
- Vancouver, BC, Canada: July 17-22 preceding the [World Credit Union Conference](#) hosted in Vancouver July 23-26

Registration is now open and seats are limited. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Have a wonderful spring! We look forward to connecting.**

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## CO-OPERATIVES AND MUTUALS CANADA (CMC) UPDATE / DES NOUVELLES DE COOPÉRATIVES ET MUTUELLES CANADA



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### **April Update - English**

Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC) has been busy on different fronts: planning [our 2023 Congress in Ottawa](#), collecting brand new research for [our Congress' research exhibition](#), publishing a [few new co-operative research and infographics](#).

To be up-to-date with the Canadian co-operative sector and CMC, we invite you to sign up to [our new monthly newsletter and free curated news service](#), to keep up

with news and activities from CMC and the Canadian co-op movement.

### **Research**

Co-operatives and mutuals Canada is proud to have released, in the last few months, the following co-operative research:

- [An Overview of the Study on Canadian Co-operatives and Mutuals in the Face of COVID-19: A Networked Response](#)



- [The Economic Impact of Co-operatives and Mutuals in Canada](#)
- [SME Profile: Co-operatives in Canada Launched by ISED](#)

CMC also conducted research in collaboration with [Algoma University](#), [Blumbergs Professional Corporation](#), and [Community Researchers](#) to better understand, and inform activities related to co-ops involved with ethnocultural groups, Indigenous groups, official minority languages, women, LGBTQIA2+ communities, charitable co-ops, and persons with disabilities. The reports will be made publicly available in the coming months.

### Upcoming CMC Congress

CMC is delighted to host its 2023 Congress in Ottawa, at the Delta Hotel City Centre, from Monday, June 12th until Wednesday, June 14th, 2023.

This year, the theme is “Co-ops of the Future”. CMC wishes to contemplate the future of co-operation and mutuality in Canada.

Join us for our 2023 Congress to explore Co-ops of the Future – the opportunities and challenges ahead for Canadian co-operatives and mutuals. If you’re interested in equipping your organization for the future or helping build a strong co-operative movement that is ready for whatever comes our way, this year’s event is for you.

At this year’s CMC Congress, participants will enjoy future-focused workshops, panels, keynote addresses, and exciting special events that will:

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion, so co-ops and mutuals can promote belonging,
- Dive into innovation best practices and technology development,
- Consider issues of environmental sustainability and social responsibility,
- Evaluate emerging Canadian and global trends for co-ops and mutuals,
- Connect to what’s happening with federal decision-making on nearby Parliament Hill,
- And more!

Attendees can expect learning and sharing, networking with the co-operative sector’s top leaders, social opportunities, delicious catered meals, and much more, during a busy three-day event in Ottawa. We look forward to hosting you this June.

[Learn more about our agenda and register to our Congress!](#)

If you would like to see your research in our research exhibition during Congress, [please fill out this form!](#)

### Analysis of the Federal Budget

After its release, CMC provided an analysis of the 2023 Federal Budget. On March 28, 2023, the Government of Canada released its 2023 federal budget: [A Made-in-Canada Plan: Strong Middle Class, Affordable Economy, Healthy Future](#). With a complex landscape of policy challenges including inflation and rising costs of living, a lack of housing affordability and availability, a green

transition of Canada's economy, and ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, this budget seeks to address those issues and more Canadian realities. CMC hosted a webinar following the release of the Federal Budget to help the Canadian co-operative movement understand what it meant for them. [You can read here CMC's analysis.](#)

### **The Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund Awarded to Kristen Murray**

The [Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada](#), in partnership with Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada and the [Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation](#), has established a scholarship fund to commemorate the late Ian MacPherson and his outstanding contribution to the study and promotion of co-operatives. This fund supports student participation in research conferences, co-operative research, and co-operative involvement.

We are proud to announce that the first 2023 recipient of this fund is Kristen Murray. Kristen is a community leader and social entrepreneur from St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador. She holds the degrees of Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration in Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (MBA-SEE) from Memorial University of Newfoundland. For her MBA-SEE internship, she conducted an evaluation project with the NL Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC) on the topic of "A Co-operative Incubator for Newfoundland & Labrador." Extending from her MBA-SEE internship, she is now leading the development of the Co-operative Incubator with the title of Project Specialist at the NLFC. With the goal to

increase co-operative development capacity in her home province, she enrolled in CoopZone's Co-operative Developer Training Program this past October. She also serves on the Inspiring Communities' inaugural Atlantic Changemakers Council and was the 2022 recipient of the [Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award](#) from the [Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation](#) for her studies and work in the co-operative field thus far. Congratulations to Kristen for her amazing achievements in our sector!

Know anyone who might be able to apply for this fund? As mentioned above, the Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund supports student participation in research conferences, co-operative research, and co-operative involvement. Applications are accepted year-round, but we recommend that you apply at least 60 days prior to the date of an event you wish to attend.

[Apply the Ian McPherson Legacy Fund!](#)

### **Announcing the recipients of the Co-operators Young Leaders Award**

Co-operators is thrilled to announce the recipients of [Co-operators Young Leaders Award](#). Established by [Co-operators](#) and Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada, the Co-operators Young Leaders Award promotes and develops young innovators in the co-operative sector and celebrates Canadian co-operative changemakers between the ages of 18-35. [The 12 award recipients](#) were selected for exemplifying the passion, innovation, and leadership qualities that reflect the fundamental nature of co-operative values.



“We are thrilled to support and invest in these up-and-coming leaders in the co-operative and mutual space,” says Shawna Peddle, Associate Vice President of Citizenship at Co-operators. “Engaging with this outstanding group of changemakers from across Canada through our leadership academy is an honour and we’re privileged to help them sharpen their skills so they can continue to make a difference in their communities.”

As part of the Award, the recipients will participate in a unique 12-month leadership academy featuring a series of resources to help these talented young leaders refine their skills, enhance their confidence, and grant them exposure to co-operative principles so they can continue to innovate and positively impact their communities. The academy includes workshops, learning sessions, and networking events, gaining valuable tools to help future-proof the co-operative sector.

“I’m beyond grateful to participate in this amazing opportunity, and I’m really looking forward to connecting and networking with other young leaders to strengthen and build our leadership skills,” says Jillian Jones of Access Credit Union and a 2023 Co-operators Young Leaders Award winner. “Many thanks to Co-operators and CMC for making this opportunity a reality!”

“I had the privilege of being involved in the selection process and to read about the accomplishments and motivations of many worthwhile candidates,” says Daniel Brunette, Director of Strategic Alliances and Initiatives for Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada. “I cannot

wait to see how these recipients will help shape the future of the sector in the months and years to come!”

[Contents of this article were taken from Co-operators](#)

### April Update – French

Coopératives et mutuelles Canada a été occupée à planifier [notre Congrès 2023 à Ottawa](#), à recueillir de toutes nouvelles recherches pour [l'exposition de recherche de notre Congrès](#), à publier [quelques nouvelles recherches et infographies](#) sur les coopératives et plusieurs autres projets.

Pour être au courant des dernières nouvelles concernant le secteur coopératif canadien et CMC, nous vous invitons à vous inscrire à [notre infolettre mensuelle et à notre service coupures de presse gratuit](#), pour vous tenir au courant des nouvelles et des activités de CMC et du mouvement coopératif canadien.

### Recherches

Coopératives et mutuelles Canada est fière d'avoir publié, au cours des derniers mois, les recherches coopératives suivantes :

- [Synthèse de l'étude sur les coopératives et les mutuelles canadiennes face à la COVID-19 : la réponse d'un réseau](#)
- [L'impact économique des coopératives et des mutuelles au Canada](#)

- [Profil des PME : Les coopératives au Canada publié par l'ISED](#)

CMC a aussi mené des recherches en collaboration avec l'[Université Algoma](#), [Blumbergs Professional Corporation](#) et [Community Researchers](#) pour mieux comprendre et communiquer les activités liées aux coopératives impliquées dans les groupes ethnoculturels, les groupes autochtones, les langues minoritaires officielles, les femmes, les communautés LGBTQIA2+, les coopératives de bienfaisance et les personnes handicapées. Les rapports seront rendus publics dans les mois à venir.

### Congrès 2023 de CMC

CMC est heureuse de vous annoncer que son congrès annuel aura lieu cette année à Ottawa (Ontario), au Delta Hotel City Centre, du lundi 12 juin au mercredi 14 juin 2023.

Cette année, le thème est « les coops du futur ». CMC souhaite contempler l'avenir, se concentrer sur le futur de la coopération et de la mutualité au Canada.

Joignez-vous à nous pour notre Congrès 2023 afin d'explorer les coopératives du futur — les circonstances et les défis à venir pour les coopératives et mutuelles canadiennes. Si vous souhaitez équiper votre organisation pour l'avenir ou soutenir un mouvement coopératif fort qui est prêt à tout, l'événement de cette année est pour vous.

Cette année, lors du Congrès de CMC, les participants profiteront d'ateliers, de panels, de plénières et d'événements spéciaux axés sur l'avenir qui vont :

- Explorer la diversité, l'équité et l'inclusion, afin que les coopératives et les mutuelles puissent promouvoir l'appartenance,
- Équiper votre organisation avec les meilleures pratiques innovantes et le développement technologique,
- Considérer les questions de durabilité environnementale et de responsabilité sociale,
- Évaluer les nouvelles tendances canadiennes et mondiales pour les coopératives et les mutuelles,
- Permettre de vous connecter à ce qui se passe avec la prise de décision fédérale sur la colline du Parlement,
- Et encore plus!

Les participants peuvent s'attendre à apprendre et à partager, à réseauter avec les meilleurs leaders du secteur coopératif, à des événements sociaux, à de délicieux repas et bien plus encore, lors d'un congrès bien rempli de trois jours à Ottawa. Nous nous réjouissons de vous accueillir en juin.

[Apprenez en plus sur notre agenda et inscrivez-vous au Congrès!](#)

Si vous aimeriez présenter votre recherche dans notre exposition de recherche pendant le Congrès, [veuillez remplir ce formulaire!](#)

### L'analyse de CMC du budget fédéral 2023

Après l'annonce du budget fédéral 2023, CMC a publié une analyse de celui-ci. Le 28 mars 2023, le gouvernement du Canada a publié son budget fédéral pour 2023 : [Un plan canadien : une classe moyenne forte, une économie abordable, un avenir prospère](#). Avec un paysage complexe incluant des défis politiques, comme l'inflation et l'augmentation du coût de la vie, un manque d'accessibilité au logement, une transition vers une économie canadienne verte et la reprise suite à la pandémie de COVID-19, ce budget cherche à répondre à ces questions et à d'autres réalités canadiennes. CMC a aussi animé un webinaire après l'annonce du budget fédéral afin d'aider le mouvement coopératif canadien à comprendre l'impact du budget sur le secteur. [Vous pouvez lire l'analyse ici](#).

### Kristen Murray, récipiendaire du fonds de bourses d'études Ian MacPherson

La [Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada](#), en partenariat avec Coopératives et mutuelles Canada et l'[Association canadienne pour les études sur la coopération](#), a créé un fonds de bourses d'études pour commémorer Ian MacPherson et mettre en valeur sa contribution exceptionnelle aux études sur la coopération et à la promotion des coopératives. Ce fonds soutient la participation des étudiants ou étudiantes à des conférences de recherche, à de la recherche sur les coopératives, et à leur engagement au sein des coopératives.

Nous sommes fiers d'annoncer que la première récipiendaire de ce fonds en 2023 est Kristen Murray. Kristen est une dirigeante communautaire et une entrepreneuse sociale de St. John's, Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador. Elle est titulaire d'un baccalauréat en commerce et d'une maîtrise en administration des affaires en entreprise sociale et en entrepreneuriat (MBA-SEE) de Memorial University à Terre-Neuve. Dans le cadre de son stage MBA-SEE, elle a mené un projet d'évaluation avec la NL Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC) sur le thème « A Co-operative Incubator for Newfoundland & Labrador ». Dans le prolongement de son stage MBA-SEE, elle dirige aujourd'hui le développement de l'incubateur de coopératives en tant que spécialiste de projet à la NLFC. Dans le but d'accroître la capacité de développement coopératif dans sa province, elle s'est inscrite au programme de formation des développeurs coopératifs de CoopZone en octobre dernier. Elle fait également partie du premier Conseil des innovateurs de l'Atlantique d'Inspiring Communities et a reçu en 2022 la [Bourse Lemaire en études sur la coopération](#) de l'[Association canadienne pour les études sur la coopération](#) pour ses études et son travail dans le domaine coopératif jusqu'à présent. Félicitations à Kristen pour ses remarquables réalisations dans notre secteur!

Vous connaissez quelqu'un qui pourrait bénéficier de ce fonds? Comme indiqué plus haut, le fonds soutient la participation des étudiants ou étudiantes à des conférences de recherche, à de la recherche sur les coopératives, et à leur engagement au sein des coopératives. Les

candidatures sont acceptées à l'année, mais nous recommandons de déposer votre candidature au moins 60 jours avant la date d'un événement auquel vous voulez assister.

[Envoyez votre candidature pour le fonds commémoratif!](#)

### **Dévoilement des personnes lauréates du Prix des jeunes leaders Co-operators**

[Co-operators](#) est fière d'annoncer les personnes lauréates du [Prix des jeunes leaders Co-operators](#). Créé par Co-operators et [Coopératives et mutuelles Canada](#), le Prix des jeunes leaders Co-operators vise à promouvoir, à développer et à récompenser les jeunes de 18 à 35 ans qui ouvrent la voie au changement dans le secteur coopératif canadien. [Les 12 lauréates et lauréats](#) se sont démarqués par leur passion, leur esprit novateur et leur leadership qui reflètent la nature fondamentale des valeurs coopératives.

« Co-operators est fière d'appuyer ces leaders de demain dans le domaine des coopératives et des mutuelles, affirme Shawna Peddle, vice-présidente associée à la responsabilité sociale de Co-operators. C'est un honneur de faire participer un tel groupe d'acteurs et actrices du changement de partout au Canada à notre Académie du leadership. Nous avons le privilège de les aider à

approfondir leurs compétences pour qu'ils continuent d'apporter leur contribution à leur collectivité ».

L'Académie du leadership est un programme unique de 12 mois qui comprend une série de ressources pour que ces jeunes leaders de talent puissent parfaire leurs compétences, augmenter leur confiance en soi et s'exposer aux principes coopératifs, ceci afin de continuer d'innover et d'agir concrètement pour leur collectivité. On y propose des ateliers, des séances de formation ainsi que des activités de réseautage, des outils essentiels à la pérennisation du secteur coopératif.

« Je suis plus que reconnaissante de participer à cette belle initiative, et j'ai vraiment hâte de tisser des liens et de réseauter avec d'autres jeunes leaders pour bâtir et renforcer mes compétences en leadership, affirme Jillian Jones d'Access Credit Union et lauréate 2023 du Prix des jeunes leaders Co-operators. Un grand merci à Co-operators et à CMC de faire de cette occasion une réalité! »

« J'ai eu le privilège de m'impliquer dans le processus de sélection et de lire le parcours et les motivations de plusieurs candidatures d'exception, déclare Daniel Brunette, directeur des alliances et des initiatives stratégiques chez Coopératives et mutuelles Canada. J'ai hâte de voir comment ces jeunes façonneront l'avenir du secteur au cours

## CASC/ACÉC MERIT AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a deserving CASC/ACÉC member?

The CASC/ACÉC Award of Merit is to recognize an individual's outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of co-operative studies, their mentorship of students and others in understanding the intricate workings of co-operatives, and to acknowledge their ongoing support of CASC/ACÉC.

CASC/ACÉC recognizes that we have many leaders in our midst who have contributed to a variety of ways to raising the profile of co-operatives and co-operative studies through their research on the co-op model.

The award is one way to recognize the contribution researchers make to addressing the real life challenges cooperators face, documenting insights, and chronicling the vibrant growth of

the movement. Past winners of the award include Alain Roy, Jack Quarter, Ian MacPherson, Yair Levi, Lou Hammond Ketilson, Leslie Brown, Sonja Novkovic, Greg MacLeod, Marie Bouchard, Donna Balkan, Daniel Côté, Brett Fairbairn, William Nelson, Jessica Gordon-Nembhard, Denyse Guy. And J.J. McMurtry.

Current CASC/ ACÉC board members are ineligible for nomination; board members whose term is expiring at the time of the award or plan not to renew their term may be nominated.

Based on member nominations, the award is typically presented at our annual conference. This year it will be presented at our reception on May 29.

Submit nominations **by May 1, 2023**, to CASC President Judith Harris at [j.haris@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:j.haris@uwinnipeg.ca)

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Call for Participation to Visual Arts Co-ops

The first survey of co-op in the visual arts in Canada is now open! All co-ops serving visual artists are invited to participate [here](#). The online survey asks about your co-op's history, activities/programs, demographics, finances/funding, and current practices. The deadline to participate is March 31, 2023.

For more information about the research project, please contact Leanne Unruh - [lunruh@yorku.ca](mailto:lunruh@yorku.ca).

### ANSERJ Special Issue and Call for Proposals

Publication of our special issue, Vol. 14 No. S1 (2023): Shifting from Economic Poverty to Prosperity: The Challenge for Indigenous Communities

<https://anserj.ca/index.php/cjnser>

2. Call for proposals for Perspectives pieces <https://anserj.ca/index.php/cjnser/announcement/view/11>

- **Call for Proposals for the PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FIELD section of the *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research***  
Maximum length of contributions: 1500 words  
Target audience: academic and professional practice communities  
Deadline: April 15, 2023

- **Appel à proposition pour la rubrique PERSPECTIVES POUR LE TERRAIN *Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OBNL et l'économie sociale***

Longueur maximum des contributions : 1500 mots

Public cible : milieu académique et praticiens

Date limite : 15 avril 2023

### UK Journal of Co-operative Studies.

The UK Journal of Co-operative Studies is an open access journal operated by the UK Society for Co-operative Studies (<https://www.ukscs.coop/pages/journal-of-co-operative-studies>).

The Journal publishes three times a year and is actively soliciting publications, both for conventional peer-reviewed articles as well as shorter pieces (see submission guidelines here - <https://www.ukscs.coop/pages/submission-guidelines-for-authors>).

The Journal regularly publishes Special Issues on topics relevant to the co-operative community (<https://www.ukscs.coop/pages/76-call-for-papers>)

For its part, CASC has regularly edited Special Issues of the Journal with a focus on co-operative activities in Canada.

CASC historically has had representation on the Editorial Board (several current CASC members sit on the board and has



typically also had a member serve as an Associate Editor (currently, Darryl Reed).

Please do consider submitting to the Journal.

The new editor, Anna Mangam ([editor@ukscs.coop](mailto:editor@ukscs.coop)), who is taking over from Jan Myers (who provided great leadership for a number of years), would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES



Preparations for the **annual ACE Institute** are well underway and we look forward to welcoming you in **San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 7-10** on the theme of **Climate, Cooperatives and Resilience!**

**The conference will take place entirely in-person over 3 days, from August 7 to 10, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

Come and enjoy **various exciting panels**, an **interactive co-op tour** to discover the local co-op ecosystem, and **plenty of networking opportunities** between co-operative educators from all over the Americas.

Panels will be available in **English, Spanish and French.**

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This year's theme is **Climate, Co-operatives and Resilience. Co-operators, researchers, scholars, educators, community activists and co-operative entrepreneurs** are encouraged to submit a proposal for a chance to showcase their innovative research, key findings or expertise. The **deadline for submissions is May, 1st 2023**. [More information about our call for proposals can be found here.](#)

### **Want to support the Institute?**

ACE's mission has always been to **bridge the distance between co-operative educators and developers from around the Americas** by offering them a unique opportunity to share their expertise and experience, all reunited in the same place.

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The conference is organized in plenary sessions and four workshops:

Franchising & Retailing, Cooperatives, Alliances, and Networks & Platforms in Digital Economy

You can find the preliminary conference schedule here:

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Abstract deadline is May 31. **LINK to the abstract submission:**  
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The ICA CCR Conference is hosted by the Centre of Expertise for Cooperative Entrepreneurship (KCO KU Leuven), a research and teaching centre that brings together various stakeholders from the field of cooperative entrepreneurship with the aim of advancing knowledge, proficiency, and legitimacy.

The overall theme of the 2023 conference is 'Innovating in cooperative governance. Governing cooperative innovation'. The conference will bring together academia, researchers, and cooperative practitioners from all over the world, as well as policymakers at the EU and international

level, to discuss the latest research and policy developments in the area of cooperative governance.

We look forward meeting you in Leuven!

### Conference themes

- 1. Innovations in cooperative governance
- 2. New technologies and cooperative governance
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- 6. Resilience, crisis and innovations
- 7. Cooperatives in new sectors and developments in traditional sectors
- 8. Innovations in cooperative law
- 9. Cooperative education and training

### Important dates

- Abstract and panel proposals submission period: 1 December 2022 - 31 January 2023
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- Early-bird registration period: 1 February 2023 - 30 April 2023
- Registration deadline: 31 May 2023
- Full paper deadline: 15 June 2023
- Young Scholar Event: 10 July 2023
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For more information,

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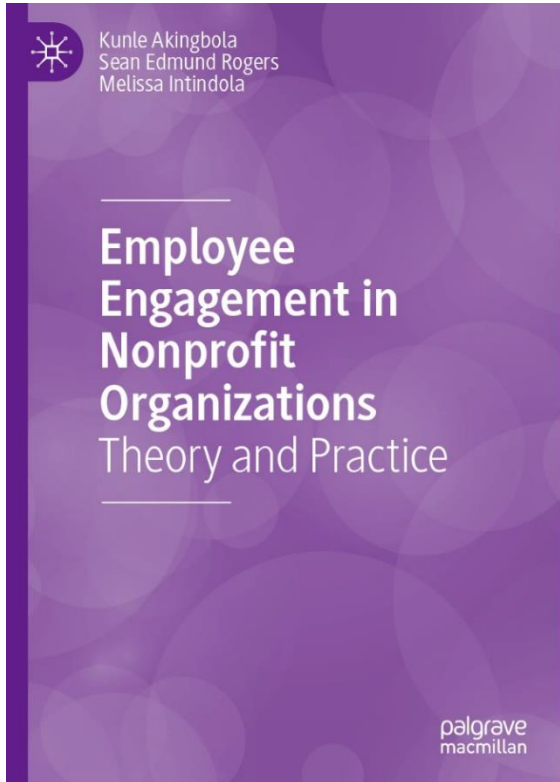
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## WORTH READING

### Employee engagement

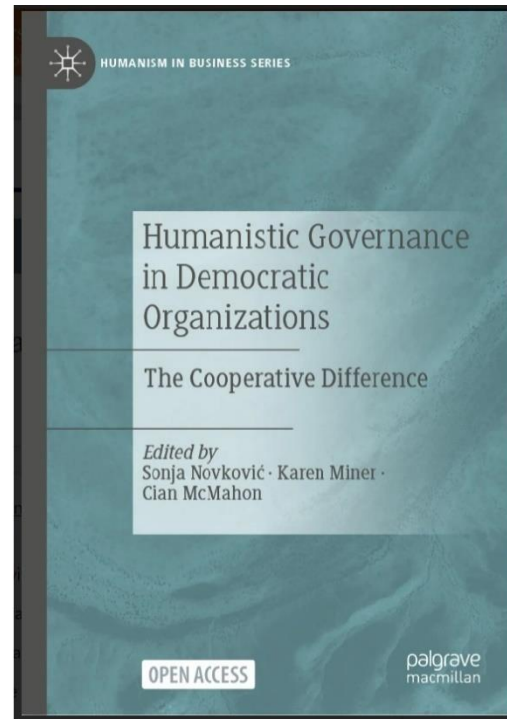


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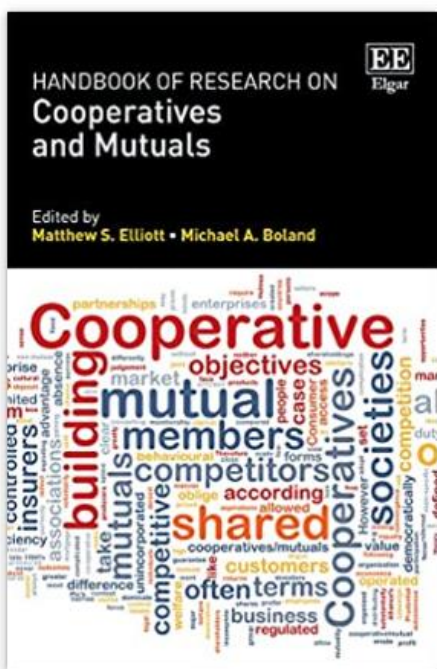
*Humanism in Business Series, palgrave macmillan*

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## Handbook of Research on Cooperatives and Mutuals



Edited by Matthew S. Elliott, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Ness School of Management and Economics, South Dakota State University and Michael A. Boland, Ph.D., Professor of Agricultural Economics and the Koller Endowed Chairholder in Agribusiness Management and Information Technology, University of Minnesota, US

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This incisive Handbook provides a global update on the state of knowledge in cooperatives and mutuals, expertly describing future directions for research and education. Showcasing extensive discussions of cooperative theory, Matthew S. Elliott and Michael A. Boland, and the contributors, assess cooperatives' social, economic and environmental effects and analyse the

impact of regional and cultural features that make cooperatives unique.

## Worth Viewing: Building a Better Economy

This film is hot off the presses and is open source (free). Made by Tom Webb and Halifax film maker Kevin Moynihan.

<https://youtu.be/MXtxAyfd554>

"The film is intended to be a useful educational tool for co-operatives. It is about 40 minutes long and thanks to the funding partners it is free to use. The intent of the video was to stimulate thought among co-operative members, leaders, and managers about the economic and environmental challenges that lie ahead and what role co-operatives might play in reshaping an economy that is increasingly failing both, to meet people's needs or protect the ability of earth to support life. Hopefully the film will encourage co-operators to increasingly discuss how to grow the co-operative share of the economy and ensure future generations have an economy that increasingly does meet their needs and protects life. Hopefully it will also nurture the desire to make our co-operatives even better and collaborate more in concrete ways.'

'The first few minutes explore the challenges facing Canada and the world and the remaining 35 minutes explore a series of different types of co-operatives, large and small, in Canada and abroad. It talks to their leaders, and their reflections about co-operatives and their potential. The film is rooted in the belief and hope

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## Encyclopedia of the Social and Solidarity Economy

21 July 2022

UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub's project output, **Encyclopedia of the Social and Solidarity Economy**, has been uploaded to the [UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub website](#) and Edward Elgar Companion Website ([Resource website](#) and [Main book page](#)).

**Euricse** contributed to the enrichment of this Encyclopedia with three original contents. The first two papers "[Financing the Social and Solidarity Economy](#)" and "[The Financial Sector and the Social and Solidarity Economy](#)," both featured by **Riccardo Bodini** and **Gianluca Salvatori**.

The third one "[Migrants, Refugees and the Social and Solidarity Economy](#)" features Euricse researcher **Giulia Galera** with **Leila Giannetto** as authors.

## Interview. On CBC's The Current: Employee Ownership in Canada

<https://www.coopconvert.ca/post/interview-on-cbc-s-the-current-employee-ownership-in-canada> or [https://twitter.com/VietaMarcelo/status/1520015052312662017?s=20&t=zUkGFs1t9Ck748\\_gE1oAZA](https://twitter.com/VietaMarcelo/status/1520015052312662017?s=20&t=zUkGFs1t9Ck748_gE1oAZA)

**Social Capital Partners'** ([@SocialCP](#)) Jon Shell ([@jonrshell](#)) and CASC/ACÉC Board member and Co-opConvert's Marcelo Vieta ([@VietaMarcelo](#)) were on CBC's *The Current* on Monday, April 25

([@TheCurrentCBC](#)) with Matt Galloway ([@mattgallowaycbc](#)), discussing why some businesses pass ownership to employees, and why more should! Together with innovative SME owners and employee ownership advocates [@heatherpayne](#) and Philip Diceanu, was interviewed on The Current on April 25 about conversion to co-ops. Connected to our [www.CoopConvert.ca](http://www.CoopConvert.ca) project and CWCF's and CMC's work in trying to get Federal funds to support conversion to co-ops, which CoopConvert.ca is supporting via our research.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-63-the-current/clip/15908383-high-school-students-stage-walkouts-sexual-violence-consent>

## Report on Trends and Challenges for Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISEs) In Europe. Current Situation of Skills Gaps, especially in the Digital Area

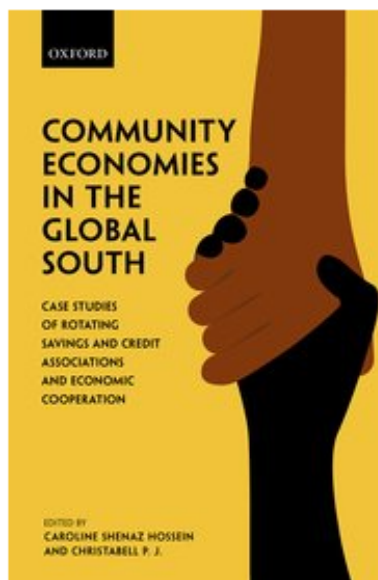
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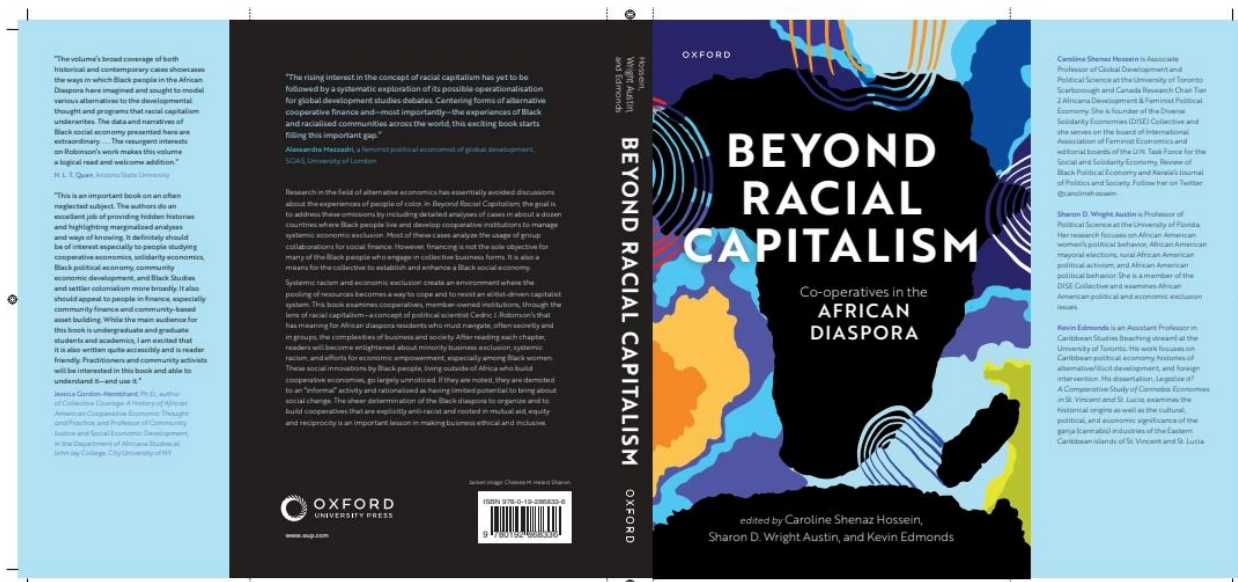
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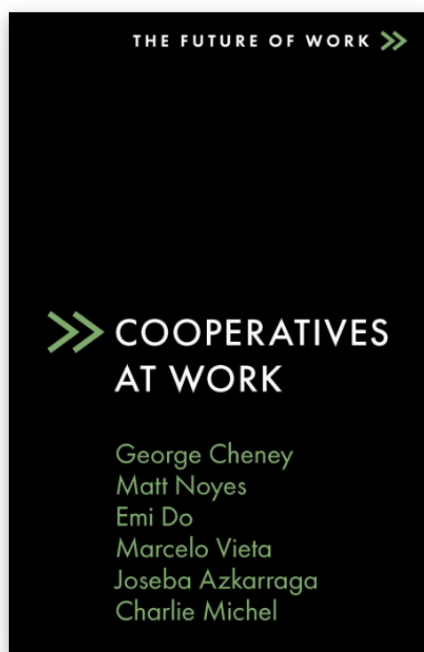
Caroline Shenaz Hossein and Christabell P.J.

- Provides a panoramic view of rotating savings and credit associations and other cooperatives in the Global South
- Draws on case studies representing Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia
- Argues for the inclusion of informal associations in the study of economic cooperatives

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## Cooperatives at Work

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### L'économie sociale et solidaire

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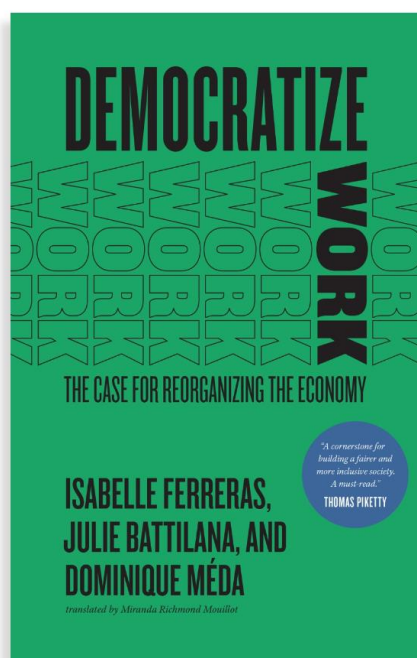
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by Veronique | Feb 22, 2023 | News | 0 comments



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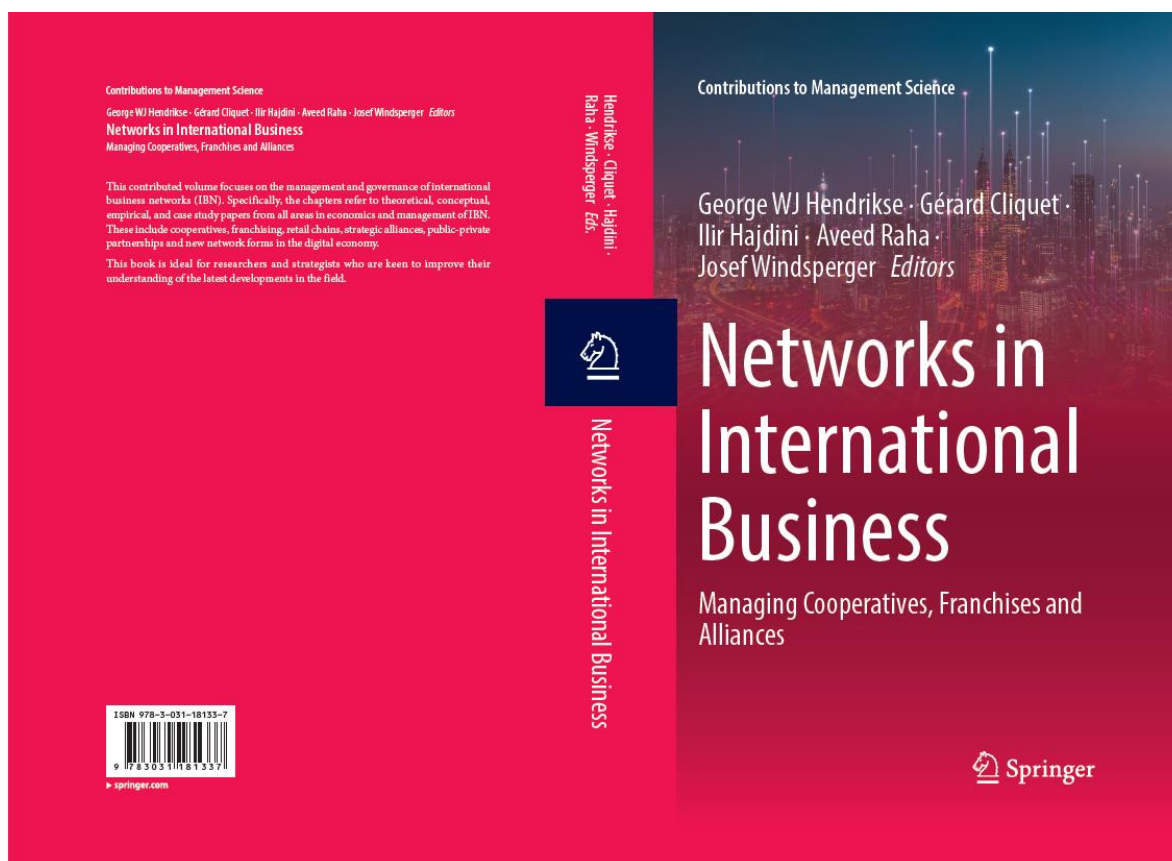
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An information guide on the ILO Guidelines concerning Statistics of Cooperatives

## Just Transition Policy briefs

[Just Transition Policy briefs \(Green jobs\) \(ilo.org\)](#)

The Just Transition Policy Brief series seeks to deepen the technical and policy understanding of the application of the [Guidelines for a Just Transition towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies for All](#) adopted by representatives of governments, employers' and workers' organizations in 2015. They are mutually reinforcing and together form a body of policy guidance on Just Transition.

Intended for use by policymakers and practitioners, including workers' organizations, employers' organizations, and governments members in relevant line ministries, the briefs foster a common understanding of what is meant by a just transition in specific topic areas and providing recommendations for implementation by countries, international institutions and other actors in academia and civil society.

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30 November 2022

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### 5. Labour Migration and Human Mobility

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#### How MSMEs can contribute to and benefit from a just transition

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# Black Feminists in the Third Sector: Here Is Why We Choose to use the term Solidarity Economy

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## Abstract

Many countries in the Global North use the term “social economy”—also known as the third sector—to describe economies run by citizens rather than by state or business actors. Over the years, many Black feminist scholars that we have worked with also share the view that the concept of the “social economy” is limited to a European understanding. It fails to acknowledge those actors in the third sector who are excluded from interacting with the government or private sector. There is an assumption that the social economy is “socially inclined” and that it is a sector able to “interact” with the state and capitalist firms. What happens when certain groups of people cannot interact with the state or private sectors due to systemic exclusion? We argue that to transform literature on the social economy, we must use the term solidarity economy. Rejecting the sanitized language of the social economy, we use critical discourse and case study analyses to show the worldwide use of the term solidarity. Our work draws on theories of community economy intentional community to argue that the solidarity economy is a site of contestation and a way to push for social change.

## Keywords

Solidarity economy, Zapatistas, Quilombos, underground railroad, Black Lives Matter, Neechi worker cooperative, social economy, BLM, critical discourse analysis, case study analysis, Global South, racial capitalism

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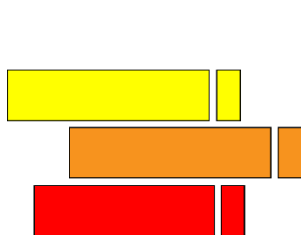
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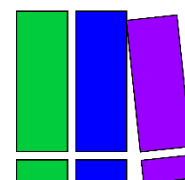




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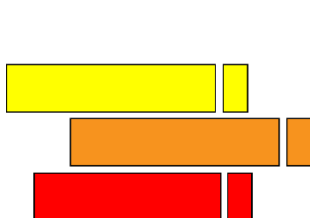
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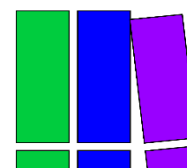
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