



Canadian Social Economy Hub
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Call for Papers and Information for Presenters

**The 1st World CIRIEC Research Conference
On the Social Economy
October 22-24, 2007
Victoria, British Columbia Canada**

**Building and Strengthening Communities: The Social Economy
in a Changing World**

IMPORTANT DATES:

31/01/07	Deadline for the Submission of abstracts for papers
15/04/07	Notification of Acceptance of Papers and Presentations
31/07/07	Early Registration Deadline
01/05/07	Detailed Conference Program Available
22/10/07	Conference begins 7:00pm

Conference Website: <http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/conference>

The conference has four thematic streams:

1. *The Social Economy in communities: an international view*
2. *The Social Economy facing globalization*
3. *The Social Economy and governance*
4. *The Social Economy facing the reconfiguration of the State*

Organized by
The Canadian Social Economy Hub at the
BC Institute for Co-operative Studies and the
University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
In partnership with
CIRIEC International
CIRIEC Canada

Researchers, senior practitioners and government officials will attend the conference

1. The Conference:

The world is undergoing rapid and extensive changes associated with globalization, conflicting ideas about the roles of the State and the reconfiguration of communities. The Social Economy contains several approaches that could be of use to communities, social entrepreneurs, policy makers, community activities and researchers (both within and without the academy).

2. Conference Goal:

To highlight the role of the Social Economy in building and strengthening communities in a variety of contexts and cultures.

3. Objectives:

1. To bring together Social Economy researchers and practitioners from across the world.
2. To explore public policy issues on the Social Economy and the role of research.
3. To strengthen the importance of participatory research between researchers and practitioners in the Social Economy.
4. To provide researchers, practitioners and governments the opportunity to exchange information and viewpoints on the Social Economy in different national contexts.

4. Definition of the Social Economy for the purpose of the conference:

The **Social Economy** has been defined in the work of the Canadian Social Economy Hub as: “Separate from the private sector and the government, the Social Economy includes co-operatives, foundations, credit unions, mutuals, non-profit organizations, the voluntary sector, charities and social economy enterprises.”

5. Organizing Organizations:

CIRIEC International (Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy) is a research organization on economic sectors and activities orientated towards the service of the general and collective interest, including:

- Action by the public authorities in economic fields (economic policy regulation)
- Public utilities
- Public and mixed enterprises at the national, regional and municipal levels;
- The Social Economy (not for profit economy, cooperatives, mutuals, and non-profit organizations)
- Workers’ participation

CIRIEC has branches in a number of countries and its headquarters is in Belgium.

www.ulg.ac.be/ciriec In 2007, CIRIEC will be celebrating its 60th anniversary as an organization. CIRIEC publishes working papers and an international scientific journal, the Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics. The Annals are available through Blackwell Publishing www.blackwellpublishing.com. The working papers are available through CIRIEC.

CIRIEC Canada is the Canadian section of CIRIEC. www.ciriec.uqam.ca. CIRIEC-Canada, Center for interdisciplinary research and information on collective enterprises is interested in organizations and economic activities directed towards the general or collective interest. It was founded in 1967, as a national section of CIRIEC International. CIRIEC-Canada aims to contribute to the development of this form of economic activity with an enlightened and critical support. CIRIEC – Canada is a center of expertise in research, formation and support for the development of the social and interdependent economy. The review of CIRIEC-Canada, “Economy and Solidarity”, is one of the only scientific reviews in the French language dedicated to the enterprises of the collective economy. At the present time, the council of CIRIEC-Canada is made up of researchers coming from all the French language Québec and Canadian universities, and from the representatives of some of the most important public companies, co-operatives and social economy organizations.

The Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub) is located at the University of Victoria in the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies (BCICS) and is funded through a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The Hub co-directors are Ian MacPherson from the B.C. Institute of Co-operative Studies and Rupert Downing from the Canadian Community Economic Development Network. The vision of the Hub is to build collaboration between researchers and practitioners to better understand and encourage initiatives at the local, provincial and national levels so that the Social Economy and its related approaches will be more widely understood and applied in Canada. For more information please visit: www.socialeconomyhub.ca

The **British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies (BCICS)** the host organization for the Social Economy Hub, is located at the University of Victoria and works to develop co-operative studies as an established academic field. The BCICS collaborates with credit unions, other co-operatives, post-secondary institutions, governments, individuals and communities interested in co-operative development in British Columbia and around the world. The BCICS was formed as an independent research institute at the University of Victoria in 2000 and is headed by Dr. Ian MacPherson. For more information please visit: <http://bcics.uvic.ca>

The **Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet)** is a national, member-based, democratic organization. The membership of CCEDNet is made up of Community Economic Development (CED) community-based organizations and practitioners from every region of Canada. The Executive Director of CCEDNet is Rupert Downing. For more information please visit: <http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca>

6. Thematic Streams:

I The Social Economy in communities: an international view
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- Mapping, portraying and evaluating the Social Economy
- Major trends in recent development of the Social Economy: coops, nonprofit, mutual societies, social enterprises, community enterprises in sectoral and territorial perspectives
- Major trends in developed, developing and emerging economies

II The Social Economy facing globalization

- Utopian and pragmatic representations of the relationship between Economy and Society
- Social Economy and social movements
- Social innovation and institutionalization

III The Social Economy and governance

- Ethics, social responsibility and the Social Economy
- Democratic governance, civic participation and management in the Social Economy
- The structuring of the Social Economy movement, coalitions and federations at local, national and international levels

IV The Social Economy facing the reconfiguration of the State

- Relationships to national and international institutions (UN, OECD, UNESCO, ILO, World Bank etc)
- Evolution of public policies
- Intersection of public economy and Social Economy

7. Scientific Committee for the conference:

Chair: Rafael Chaves

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8. Submission of proposals for presenting papers at the conference:

The conference organizers invite submissions of abstracts based on the conference theme and the four thematic streams.

The conference is structured so that each of the thematic streams will be the focus of a plenary session with a number of sessions following the plenary on aspects of the theme. The Scientific Committee will be looking at exploring the themes from various perspectives and will be responsible for constituting panels.

For more information on the conference visit: <http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/conference>

All submissions will be refereed. Abstracts of the papers should have no more than 400 words in length and can be provided in English, French, or Spanish. Abstracts should be submitted as an attached MS Word document to secoord@uvic.ca, with cc Rafael.Chaves@uv.es, indicating in the Subject Line: “CIRIEC 2007 – ABS – Authorname”, for example. “CIRIEC 2007 – ABS – Jose Luis Monzon”.

The attached document must be named “ABS –Authorname – CIRIEC 2007.doc”.

Submissions that do not contain the required information will be sent back to the authors.

The information required for the Submissions includes the following:

Title:	title of Paper
Keywords:	(five) keywords describing the content of the paper
Stream:	thematic stream addressed by the paper:
Author:	name of first author
Affiliation:	of first author
Author:	name of 2 nd author
Affiliation:	of 2 nd author
Contact Address:	full postal address of first author or contact person for paper submission
Fax Number:	of first author or contact person
Phone Number:	of first author or contact person
Email Address:	of first author or contact person
Language:	preferred language for the presentation:

9. Registration:

All participants must register for the Conference. Please complete and submit the registration form along with registration fees (300 dollars Canadian). Speakers should check visa requirements for Canada and ensure that the necessary documentation is acquired.

10. Accepted Proposals:

The list of accepted proposals will be posted on the Conference Website by April 15, 2007:

<http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/conference>

11. Publication:

A book of the abstracts of the papers will be provided to all conference participants. In addition, abstracts will be published on the conference web page.

12. Language of Presentations:

Presentations can be made in French or English. Some sessions may be in Spanish. Presenters will be asked to indicate the language of their presentation when their paper is accepted.

13. Location of the Conference:

The Conference will take place at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in downtown Victoria. Rooms have been set-aside at an exceptional rate for conference participants. Information about Victoria, British Columbia, the Fairmont Empress Hotel, the University of Victoria, registration fees, travel, accommodation and local attractions can be found at:

<http://www.socialeconomyhub.ca/>

Please note that Victoria is located on Vancouver Island and can be reached by ferry or air from Vancouver, BC, or Seattle, Washington State, USA.

14. Inquiries:

Inquiries concerning the objectives of the conference, format or content of the papers and other topics related to the programme should be addressed to: Annie McKittrick, Conference Coordinator at: secoord@uvic.ca

Inquires concerning conference registration, travel and other aspects should be addressed to: conference@socialeconomyhub.ca

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