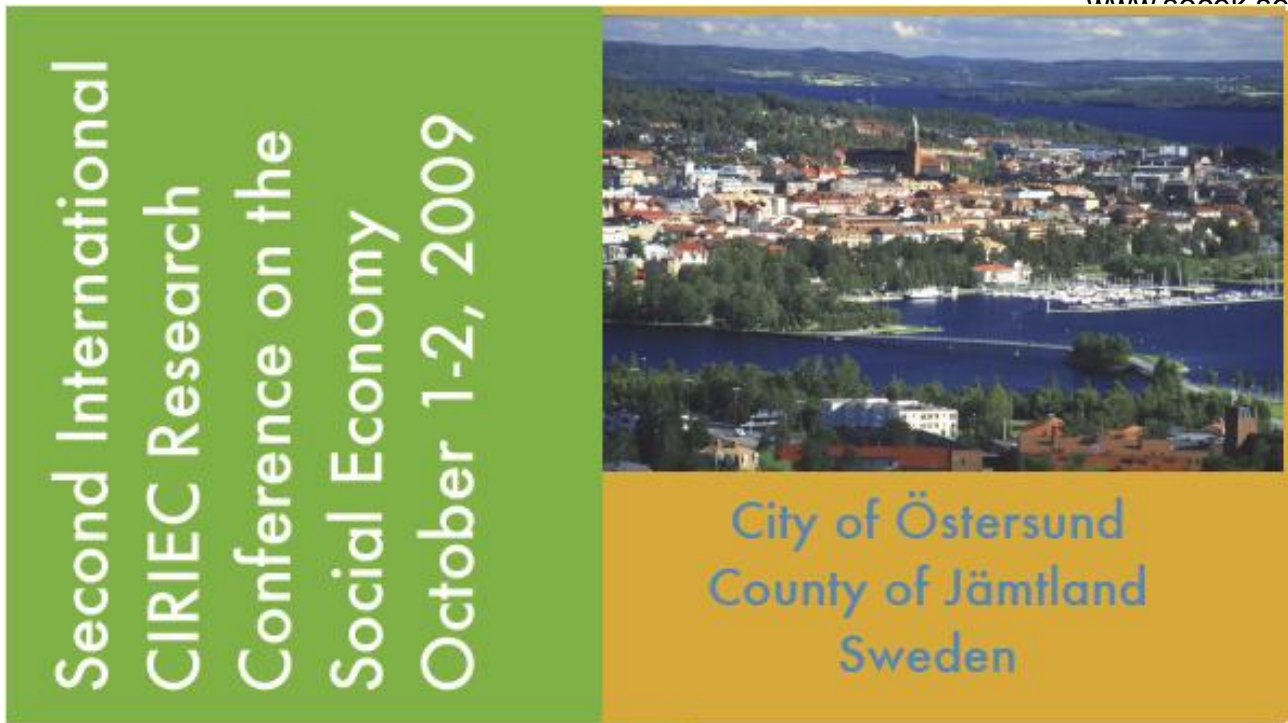


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**The role and contribution of Social Economy
in a globalized world facing challenges**

Information and Call for Papers

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Introduction

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 financial crisis that was followed by market decline and the fear of a world wide recession demonstrated the vulnerability and interlinkage of the global market and its national economies. In this context of decreasing markets, the role of Social and Public Economy is more of interest in the public discussion. The Social Economy contribution to local and regional sustainable development, to the welfare system and to entrepreneurship and jobcreation becomes more evident and important. The Social Economy contains several approaches that could be of use to communities, social entrepreneurs, policy makers, community activities and researchers.

The 2nd International CIRIEC Research Conference will focus on "The role and contribution of Social Economy in a globalized world facing challenges".

During the two conference days, researchers and practitioners from different parts of the world will come together and create new knowledge and awareness on different Social Economy models e.g. in Eastern Europe and Russia, its relation towards social capital, regional development, social innovation, community and social entrepreneurship.

This conference follows the great success of the 1st International CIRIEC Research Conference on Social Economy in Victoria, Canada, 2007. The Midsweden University, the City of Östersund, SISE/CIRIEC-Scandinavia and CIRIEC International invite you to participate and present the most recent developments within the international research on Social Economy.

Thematic areas of the conference

Following presentation describes the thematic areas of the 2nd International CIRIEC Research Conference on the Social Economy:

1. Social Economy plurality in entrepreneurial forms:
 - community entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurs?
 - a catalyzer for social cohesion and community development in local areas?
 - a new profession making the change in local communities?



2. The Social Economy and Social capital:
 - regional and local development by entrepreneurship and social capital?
 - instruments and research about its social and economic impact and development?
 - human resources for strengthening networking and social integration?

3. The Social Economy and environmental, social and economic sustainability:
 - combatting discrimination in employment?
 - environment protection and sustainable development?
 - emerging sectors in sustainable production and services?

4. The Social Economy and governance:
 - social responsibility and quality standards?
 - management and participatory governance?
 - competition and respect of social economy identity?

5. The Social Economy and modes of finance:
 - ecobanking and microcredit systems for social economy enterprises?
 - community banking and new social banking?
 - co-operative banking and mutual insurance system?

6. The Social Economy and social innovation:
 - interaction with public economy?
 - impact on regions and territories?
 - partnerships with private and public actors?

7. Social economy in the new EU Member States and Russia:
 - renaissance of Social Economy?
 - (additional themes will be provided by Ann-Mari Sätre Åhlander and Marie-Louise v. Bergmann Winberg)

8. Is there a new Nordic model of Social economy arising?
 - contribution of the Nordic (Baltic) model of Social economy to developments in the new European Member States, Eastern Europe and Russia?
 - economic development and competitiveness?
 - development and impact on the welfare state?



It is important to include the gender perspective in all the different themes.
The scientific committee will take that into consideration in the evaluation of abstracts.

Objectives of the 2nd International CIRIEC Research Conference 2009

The conference objectives are:

1. Bring together Social Economy researchers, professionals and practitioners from different parts of the world
2. Strengthen and encourage participatory research between researchers and practitioners in the Social Economy
3. Provide researchers, practitioners and governments the opportunity to exchange knowledge and viewpoints on the Social Economy in different national contexts
4. Highlight the role of Social Economy entrepreneurs and of social entrepreneurship

Researchers, government representatives, public sector representatives and professionals, working in the Social Economy sector are invited to participate in the conference.

General Structure of the conference

The conference is structured around three axes:

1. Two Plenary sessions
2. Four sessions with 8 parallel workshops each
3. Poster presentations

Dedicated space will be arranged for displaying posters of the conference participants and their organisations.



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Important dates

01/03/09 Deadline for submission of abstracts
01/05/09 Notification of acceptance of abstracts
01/06/09 Deadline for discounted registration
15/09/09 Deadline for submission of papers for publication
01/10/09 First day of the conference

Conference Web page and news update

The conference webaddress is: www.socek.se/ciriec_research_2009.

Ciriec International www.ciriec.ulg.ac.be, will as well publish updates regarding the conference.

For continuous updates on the conference webpage, you may syndicate with a newsfeed reader. (URL: <http://socek.se/node/feed>)

Conference organizers

Midsweden University, the City of Östersund, SISE/CIRIEC-Scandinavia and CIRIEC International are the main organizers of the conference.
(more detailed description to be updated...)

Scientific Committee of the conference

Professor Marie-Louise von Bergmann-Winberg, Midsweden University, Sweden
Ann-Marie Sätre-Åhlander, Uppsala University, Sweden
Stig Westerdahl, Kristianstad University College, Sweden
Bengt Johannisson, Växjö University, Sweden
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Marie Bouchard, CIRIEC-Canada, Québec University, Montréal, Canada.
Roger Spear, Open University, United Kingdom
Victor Pestoff, Ersta Sköndal University College, Sweden.
Hajime Imamura, CIRIEC-Japan, University of Tokyo, Japan
Lisa Fröbel, SISE/CIRIEC-Scandinavia, practitioner in SE, Sweden
Joanna Brzozowska, practitioner in SE, Krakow, Poland



Honorary Scientific Committee members (representing the different world regions)

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Ian MacPherson, CIRIEC-Canada, University of Victoria, BC, Canada

Danièle Demoustier, University of Grenoble, France

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The Scientific Committee advises the International Board of CIRIEC on scientific matters concerning the Conference, particularly the choice of papers. In the latter task, the Scientific Committee will also be supported by CIRIEC's international scientific committee (ISC).

Submission of proposals for presentations to the Conference

The organisers invite researchers from universities, specialist research centres and practitioners from the Social Economy to take part in the conference and submit abstract proposals relevant to the thematic streams of the event.

Abstracts

The abstracts shall be between 250 and 400 words long and include a bibliography. Abstracts can only be submitted in English. The abstract shall be submitted by uploading (copy and paste) on the following webpage: www.socek.se/abstract2009.

Accepted papers:

The list of accepted abstract papers will be published on the Conference website on 1 May 2009: http://www.socek.se/ciriec_research_2009.

Sending full texts:

The deadline for sending the full text of the paper for publication is 15 September 2009.

Publication of papers received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Poster presentations will not be accepted unless the researchers have completed the registration process.

Registration

All Conference participants must register.

Registration shall be made through the conference website or by contacting the

Östersund Tourism and Conferences Office (www.kongress.ostersund.se) directly.



Official language of the conference

The official language of the conference is English. The plenary sessions of the conference will provide for interpretation in French, Spanish and German (to be confirmed). In each of the 4 workshop sessions, there will be one workshop providing the possibility of interpretation in one of languages mentioned above.

Conference location

The Conference will be realised at the Midsweden University in Östersund. The conference venue is the campus of Midsweden University at Östersund.

More information about the conference, its location, about Östersund and its sights can be found on the conference website and respective links.

Further information

For further information on registration, travel, social events, etc. please contact:

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