

Social enterprise for sustainable societies

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I. Conference rationale

The EMES International Research Network, in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Research Center on Work, State and Society (CIRTES, Université catholique de Louvain) and the Social Enterprise Belgian Interuniversity Attraction Pole (IAP), are pleased to announce the 6th EMES International Research Conference on the theme "**Social enterprise for sustainable societies**" which will take place on July 3-6, 2017, at the Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium).

EMES has held major international conferences since 2001 and gathers 13 established university research centres and over 250 individual researchers from more than 50 countries whose goal has been to gradually build up an international corpus of theoretical and empirical knowledge, pluralistic in disciplines and methodologies, around "SE" concepts: social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social economy, solidarity economy.

CIRTES - the Interdisciplinary Research Center on Work, State and Society - is one of the founders of the EMES network. It has built up a strong expertise on SE organisations in European and Southern contexts; analysing their socio-economic logics and their expression through public policies, the market and civil society in various fields such as work integration, care, social finance, commons and the popular economy.

IAP is a consortium of four Belgian research centres gathered under the title “If not for Profit, for What? And How?” supported by the Belgian Science Policy Office from 2012 to 2017. It includes the Centre for Social Economy (CES, University of Liege), CIRTES (Université catholique de Louvain), the *Centre Européen de Recherche en Microfinance* (CERMi, *Université Libre de Bruxelles*) and the Department of Applied Economics (APEC, Vrije Universiteit Brussel). Around 45 faculty members and researchers in economics, management, sociology and psychology have jointly developed an interdisciplinary and integrated knowledge on social entrepreneurship and social enterprise.

The aim of this 6th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise is to be one of the world's central meeting places for all researchers involved in social enterprise, social entrepreneurship and social and solidarity economy research across the globe.

II. Conference thematic lines and conveners

Can social enterprise help overcome the current crises? Issues such as growing social inequalities, massive unemployment, the lack of economic democracy, and environmental unsustainability have increased the global expectations of social enterprises. Each in its own way, governments, civil society actors, non-profit leaders as well as the business sector, are seeking to discover, or rediscover, new possibilities of promoting economic approaches while targeting social aims. Indeed, examples of social enterprise and initiatives to support these goals have dramatically increased.

However, do these innovative practices promote institutional economic diversity and democracy or do they contribute to the weakening of solidarity through the marketization of society? Likewise, is their potential to address the major current and future economic, social, environmental and societal challenges fully understood?

Social enterprises naturally cross various types of borders, in terms of sectors (public, business, cooperatives, associations), resources (drawing them from the market, public procurement and grants, volunteering, etc.) and activity fields. Their social mission usually marks the activity field where they operate, ranging from more traditional fields such as access to social services and health and work integration to the most innovative ones, such as social and ecological transition, social finance and culture.

In a truly worldwide and interdisciplinary perspective, this conference will discuss the challenges faced by social enterprises in this critical period and the opportunities and challenges they face to build sustainable societies. The conference will aim to bring together research communities from all over the world related to the third sector (non-profit sector, cooperatives, social economy, solidarity economy and civil society) and researchers working on social innovation, social entrepreneurship, commons, sustainable transition, popular economy, etc.

In order to organize the discussion across fields and disciplines, the conference will be structured along the following 10 main thematic lines, each of them supported by various conveners:

1. Concepts and models of social enterprise worldwide

Conveners: **Jacques Defourny**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)
Janelle A. Bassett, Georgia State University (United States)
Yu-Yuan Kuan, National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan)

2. Social innovation and social entrepreneurship

Conveners: **Benjamin Huybrechts**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)
Taco Brandsen, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
Lars Hulgård, Roskilde University (Denmark)

3. Governance, employment and human resource management

Conveners: **Francesca Petrella**, Aix-Marseille University (France)
Donatienne Desmette, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
Roland Pepermans, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

4. Financing issues of social enterprises, philanthropy and social finance

Conveners: **Anaïs Perilleux**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
Marc Jegers, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)
Mary O'Shaugnessy, University College Cork (Ireland)

5. Social impact, value creation and performance

Conveners: **Sybille Mertens**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)
Andrea Bassi, AICCON & University of Bologna (Italy)
Nicole Göler von Ravensburg, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

6. Institutionalization, scaling up and public policies

Conveners: **Giulia Galera**, EURICSE (Italy)
Anna Ciepielewska-Kowalik, Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland)
Simon Teasdale, Glasgow Caledonian University (United Kingdom)

7. Informal sector, popular economy, microfinance and development

Conveners: **Andreia Lemaître**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
Marc Labie, Université de Mons (Belgium)
Luiz Inacio Gaiger, UNISINOS (Brazil)

8. Social enterprises, sustainable transition and common good

Conveners: **Marek Hudon**, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
Tom Dedeurwaerdere, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

9. Social and solidarity economy, civil society and social movements

Conveners: **Sílvia Ferreira**, University of Coimbra (Portugal)
Jean-Louis Laville, CNAM/LISE (France)
Geoffrey Pleyers, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

10. Gender and diversity issues

Conveners: **Florence Degavre**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
Isabelle Guérin, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (France)
Ariane Szafarz, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)

III. Scientific committee

The Conference has two co-chairs, **Marthe Nyssens** (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium) and **Carlo Borzaga** (University of Trento/ EURICSE, Italy). The members of the scientific committee include:

- Jo Barraket**, Swinburne University of Technology (Australia)
- Janelle A. Bassett**, Georgia State University (United States)
- Andrea Bassi**, AICCON & University of Bologna (Italy)
- Avner Ben-Ner**, University of Minnesota (United States)
- Marie Bouchard**, UQAM (Canada)
- Taco Brandsen**, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Anna Ciepielewska-Kowalik**, Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland)
- Kate Cooney**, Yale University (United States)
- Jacques Defourny**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)
- Florence Degavre**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- Donatienne Desmette**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- Bernard Enjolras**, Institute for Social Research (Norway)
- Sílvia Ferreira**, University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- Luiz Inacio Gaiger**, UNISINOS (Brazil)
- Giulia Galera**, EURICSE (Italy)
- Nicole Göler von Ravensburg**, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
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- Isabelle Guerin**, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (France)
- Keith Hart**, University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- Marek Hudon**, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
- Lesley Hustinx**, Ghent University (Belgium)
- Benjamin Huybrechts**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)
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- Marc Labie**, Université de Mons (Belgium)
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- Andreia Lemaître**, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- Matsuyo Makino**, Kansai Gaidai University (Japan)
- Sybille Mertens**, HEC-University of Liege (Belgium)

Alex Nicholls, Oxford University (United Kingdom)
Mary O'Shaughnessy, University College Cork (Ireland)
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Simon Teasdale, Glasgow Caledonian University (United Kingdom)
Dennis Young, Cleveland State University (United States)
Annette Zimmer, Münster University (Germany)

IV. Abstract submission

Paper, poster, and panel proposals can be submitted in English, French, Portuguese or Spanish but the language for presenting at the conference will be English. A maximum of two proposals (abstract of paper, poster or panel) per author as main author will be accepted (three if s/he is a second author).

A panel submission is a proposal for a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number) on a particular topic or issue. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper.

A poster proposal is an alternative to presenting a full research paper. New researchers/PhD students in particular are invited to share work-in-progress by means of a poster if they wish. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference and a designated session will be scheduled in which participants can meet with authors to discuss their work.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should not exceed 800 words. Authors submit their abstracts via the online submission system set up for the conference. To submit your abstract, go to www.emes.net and follow the instructions. Please note that submissions will be accepted **ONLY** via the online system: email submissions will not be accepted (except for panels, see below).

To submit a panel

Panel proposals that do not include full abstracts and author information for each paper will not be considered. The person submitting the panel proposal must be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all proposed paper presenters commit to attending the conference. Panels should be submitted via email to gemesconf@emes.net.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the conveners of the associated thematic line. The referees will make the final decision as to whether a paper is accepted and in which type of session it is to be presented.

V. Important dates

October 3rd, 2016	Opening of abstract submission
January 9th, 2017	Abstract submission deadline
February 13th, 2017	Notification of acceptance/rejection to authors
March 27th, 2017	Early-bird registration at reduced fees
April 17th, 2017	Deadline for conference registration for presenters
June 5th, 2017	Deadline for full paper submission
June 15th, 2017	Deadline for conference registration (non-presenters)

ALL PRESENTERS, INCLUDING ALL PANELISTS, MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE BY APRIL 17th, 2017 IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR PRESENTATION SCHEDULED IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

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