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Conference report



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A word of appreciation from the Co-chairs and the Director

We all did it once again: we pulled together an incredible event that gathered an impressive energy around SE. The first thing that we would like to do is to thank all the authors whose commitment made it possible, research and to being a part of the EMES community. A total of 345 papers were presented divided into 88 parallel sessions and seven panels. In addition, there was a very well-attended poster session with 21 posters presented. Regarding plenary sessions, four were organized plus two semi-plenaries devoted to specific research projects, ICSEM and TSI.

Our host was EMES institutional member CIRTES, an innovative organization that gathers researchers interested in non-egalitarian social relations in the world of labour, the effects of these relations on society, and public policies or social practices likely to counter these effects.

Particularly, the Transdisciplinary Forum that took place the first day attracted over 150 participants, most of them local practitioners, supporters and policy-makers interested in exchanging with SE researchers. These are individuals committed to advancing SE practice and policy based on research and the interaction resulted in fruitful debates and conclusions.

Once more, early-stage researchers and PhDs proved their energy and commitment to articulating themselves to get the most out of their initial research stages. In the course of four days they organized themselves in an autonomous way so as to get many things done: they discussed issues they have at heart, elected their new representative to the EMES Board and had fun.

The scientific discussion continues to improve as the level of the quality of the research under progress also grows. We felt that the field is thriving and steadily walking toward a consolidation phase, so our main goal was achieved. However, there is always room for improvement and we have taken good note of the formal and informal feedback that participants have shared with us in order to improve for the next edition.

We would like to close by inviting you to our next edition: Sheffield 2019. Mark your calendars as planning has already begun with our newest member, Sheffield Hallam University, which will be hosting the 7th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise. In the meantime, plenty of events and projects will provide opportunities for fruitful Exchange and collaboration.

Thank you very much for reading!

Marthe Nyssens
Co-chair | EMES President

Carlo Borzaga
Co-chair | EURICSE president

Rocío Nogales
EMES Managing Director



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THEMATIC LINES, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THEMATIC LINE CONVENERS

The Conference was structured around the following 10 Thematic lines:

1. Concepts and models of social enterprise worldwide
2. Social innovation and social entrepreneurship
3. Governance, employment and human resource management
4. Financing issues of social enterprises, philanthropy and social finance
5. Social impact, value creation and performance
6. Institutionalization, scaling up and public policies
7. Informal sector, popular economy, microfinance and development
8. Social enterprises, sustainable transition and common good
9. Social and solidarity economy, civil society and social movements
10. Gender and diversity issues

The Conference had two co-chairs, **Marthe Nyssens** (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium) and **Carlo Borzaga** (University of Trento/ EURICSE, Italy).

The members of the scientific committee stem from the EMES Network and the IAP-SOCENT project as the two main organisers of the event, although in some instances researchers are associated both to EMES and IAP-SOCENT. They are listed below according to their main affiliation. Some of them played a crucial role in the paper selection process acting as thematic line conveners, in which case the line number is indicated next to their name and institutional affiliation.

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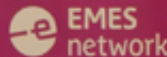


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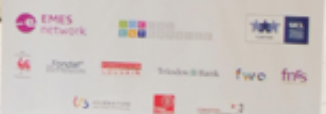
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About the
organizers and
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The EMES network

EMES is a research network of established university research centres and individual researchers whose goal has been so far to gradually build up an international corpus of theoretical and empirical knowledge, pluralistic in disciplines and methodologies, around our “SE” concepts: social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social economy, solidarity economy and social innovation. EMES has conducted over 15 international comparative research projects and organized international bi-annual conferences and PhD summer schools (the next one will take place in June 2018 in Aix-Marseille). In addition, it collaborates with international organizations and governments at all levels to advance the understanding of social enterprise and support evidence-based policy-making in this field around the world. EMES exists since 1996 and in 2013 its membership opened to researchers and PhD students from around the world: there are currently over 240 individual members and 13 institutional members from over 50 countries.

EMES publishes regularly the results of its research projects in various formats, including the *EMES Working Papers series* and the *EMES Selected Conference Papers series*. In collaboration with the *EMES PhD Students’ Network*, EMES maintains the *EMES Junior Experts’ Blog (EJEB)* as a way to encourage PhD students to publish texts about their dissertation in connection with current issues in society.



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The CIRTES is an interdisciplinary research centre which aims to analyse non-egalitarian social relations in the world of labour, the effects of these relations on society, and public policies or social practices likely to counter these effects.

The Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Work State and Society (Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche Travail, État et Société or CIRTES) was born from the association of three entities: the Research centre for solidarity and social innovation (Centre de recherche pour la solidarité et l’innovation sociale or CERISIS), the School of labour sciences (Ecole des sciences du travail or TRAV GRH) and the Open faculty of economic and social policy (Faculté ouverte de politique économique et sociale or FOPES).



The Louvain Foundation

The Louvain Foundation is a department of UCLouvain. It brings together alumni and corporate contributions in the form of grants, sponsorship, and in kind or legacy donations, to support the strategic axes of development of the University. The funds raised allow to engage and retain well-known academics (via teaching chairs) and high potential Belgian and foreign researchers (via research chairs), awards and international mobility grants for highly motivated students. The specific funding for this conference was the Michel Woitrin funds.

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Région Wallonne

Wallonne is the regional government of Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium.

Scientific research is a driving force for economic development. The production of knowledge is of crucial importance. In close connection with higher education, scientific research is the meeting point of scientific knowledge’s implementation and the technological achievements of tomorrow’s society. Fundamental research is a promising sector, which offers opportunities to our young graduates and develops the products of the future. This is why the Région Wallonne government makes a point of advocating for the funding of research projects, their practical implementation and their valorization.



FWO

Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) supports fundamental and strategic scientific research, stimulates international cooperation and promotes equal opportunity. The FWO is a member of the European Research Council (ERC) and involved in various European research initiatives.



FNRS

The mission of the Scientific Research Fund – Wallonie (FNRS) is to develop non-oriented scientific research on the basis of initiatives presented by researchers. The organisation promotes the production and development of knowledge through support to individual researchers as well as through research programmes carried out within laboratories and units of the universities of the French Community of Belgium. The action of the FNRS is therefore mainly focused on researcher training and research development. Financial support from the FNRS is based on the sole criteria of scientific excellence.



Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles

The Wallonia-Brussels Federation (Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles) gathers the French-speaking Community of Belgium. Education being one of its core competencies and it exercises it in the French language region and in regard to the institutions that fall under its purview in the bilingual Brussels-Capital Region.



The Caisse des Dépôts

The Caisse des Dépôts supports the networking and development of the social and solidarity economy. It backs up public policies and local communities through the support it provides to the 106 Local Support Agencies ("Dispositifs Locaux d'Accompagnement") and it provides advice to associations. It also supports the sector's financial organization by increasing the equity capital of social and solidarity economy organizations and by setting up specific bank guarantees. Finally, it manages, on behalf of the French state, a 100-million-euro fund dedicated to the social and solidarity economy within the Programme of Investments for the Future ("Programme d'Investissements d'Avenir"). The Caisse des Dépôts and its affiliates constitute a public group; it is a long-term investor serving the general interest and local economic development.

The Institut CDC pour la Recherche

The Institut CDC pour la Recherche is a programme of the Caisse des Dépôts, within the Strategy Department, which aims to support research works in the strategic fields of activity of the Groupe Caisse des Dépôts. The Institut thus supports new works, in connection with the Group's operational issues, whether they are missions of the Group itself or activities of its affiliates. Its action, which is based on cross-sector research, is transversal. It organizes the valorization of results through contributions to the public debate. Finally, it feeds strategic reflection on an internal level on the basis of the new trends identified in the field of research.



Fondation Credit Cooperatif

For some 30 years, the Fondation Crédit Coopératif has been supporting a social economy open to the world and to innovations. The Fondation implements partnerships with social economy movements in many fields of activity: social cohesion, access to citizenship for handicapped people through sport and culture, sustainable development, etc.

The Fondation also actively supports research in the social economy. Through new significant partnerships with university research poles, the actions of the Fondation aim to establish links between the results of works carried out by renowned research laboratories, on the one hand, and practices of social economy actors and leaders, on the other hand.



EMES PhD Student Network

The EMES PhD Student Network was created after the 1st EMES PhD Summer School held in Corsica in July 2008. All students who have participated in the EMES PhD Summer School as well as individual Graduate Members are members of the EMES PhD Student Network. The EMES PhD Student Network has a [Facebook group](#) to exchange information and news and it publishes the [EMES Junior Experts' Blog \(EJEB\)](#). PhD students are represented in the EMES Board of Directors by a PhD representative, namely [Eduardo Pereira](#) (Lille Catholic University, France).

Fondat° Bernheim



Particularly, the Bernheim Foundation supported the development of the next generation of scholars. The Bernheim Foundation, based in Belgium, was created in 1974 by Emile Bernheim, who established L'Innovation department store in Brussels. He believed that the money earned during one's professional life should go back to society, as society is where money had originated in the first place. Since the beginning, Bernheim has funded actions that contribute, according to Bernheim's own will, to "building a society that is human-like, in which the individual keeps its share both in terms of the benefits it can derive from the life of society and the responsibilities it bears, and that he/she must be helped to assume".

France De Kinder, director of Bernheim Foundation, explains the mission of the organisation and its programme areas:

"The Bernheim Foundation focuses on the Brussels Region and its youth (12-25) by supporting financially performing projects that work on stimulating entrepreneurship, acquiring empowering skills, developing citizenship to enable young people from all cultural and social backgrounds to create their own project and be an actor of their lives. Most of the funded programmes have been initiated by social entrepreneurs that have addressed these major issues in many innovative ways. We are convinced that there are new economical approaches to target social and societal aims."

In line with the vision of its humanist and visionary founder, the support of the Foundation to the 6th EMES conference aligns well with the organization's interests and objectives.

France De Kinder sheds a light on their principal motivations to support the EMES conference:

"The Bernheim foundation sees in the EMES network and its 6th Conference a unique opportunity to bring together experts and enable them to share not only best practices but think together about new methods to improve human well-being. By giving our financial support, we allow young researchers from all over the world to come together in Belgium, be part of a community and debate on the role social enterprises can play in creating sustainable societies. More concretely, the Foundation is the sponsor of the PhD Best Paper Award, and has also provided funds to subsidize accommodation for PhD students on the University campus. That enabled us to support many PhD students with their costs related to the participation at the conference."

In addition, the Foundation has helped with the creation of the video material produced for the conference, including a video devoted to PhDs.



Triodos Bank

Samuel Bossart from Triodos confirms that the support provided by the Bank is more than financial:

"It is about participation in the first place: we aim to seize important social trends, to dialogue with academic stakeholders, and to contribute to put these issues on the agenda. This participation will help us continue to make our role in that visible."

Samuel Bossart underlines the important lessons which can be learned from the success of Triodos Bank:

"Our DNA is matching with the theme of this conference because, as a sustainable actor and frontrunner, we continuously stimulate the debate on issues such as quality of life, corporate social responsibility, social finance and sustainable banking and how economic players integrate this in their activities."

Triodos Bank, one of the pioneers in ethical banking, now also committed to social finance also supported the conference. As Samuel Bossart, Business Marketing Manager from the Bank explains:

"Triodos Bank finances companies, institutions and projects that add cultural value and benefit people and the environment, with the support of depositors and investors who want to encourage socially responsible business and a sustainable society."

Thanks to financial assistance provided by Triodos Bank and the work of a core team of Belgian researchers working in the area of "social finance", two workshops were organized around this important topic. Social finance presents a new form of providing finance where creation of economic value can be integrated into one with sustainable social and environmental development.

The workshop will include the representatives of Triodos Bank as speakers who will directly contribute to the panel discussions with their experience on responsible banking.



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Transdisciplinary Forum

The aim of the Forum is to facilitate dialogue and exchange between academic community and practitioners although we recognize the increasing weight of this event, which has been growing in the three editions until reaching a considerable size and complexity. For instance, for the first time, two versions of the program were produced, one in English and one in French, in order to attract different audiences.

This is the third edition of this Forum, which was launched in Liege in 2013 and held again in Helsinki in 2015. This year's Transdisciplinary Forum included several sessions addressing important themes related to the social and solidarity economy and social enterprises. It included an impressive list of speakers and participants coming from non-profit organisations, cooperatives, umbrella organisations, public and private sectors, and training and education centers. Organized around twelve well-designed and self-organized sessions, the +125 participants shared their reflective experiences and discussed challenges on multi-sectoral collaboration.

There were two main types of sessions, those aimed at local actors and those aimed at the international audience participating in the Conference although all sessions were open to everyone participating.

The first type of sessions featured local social and solidarity economy initiatives so as to bring the SE debate closer to Belgium and its social enterprise community. Representatives of Belgian social enterprises, universities and other stakeholders will present experiences of their work and projects linking research and practice. Out of the 9 sessions held, two were conducted in English and seven in French, although translation into English was be offered in two of them.



The summaries below do not include the speakers involved in each of the sessions. For the detailed list of chairs and speakers, please go to the [Forum program](#) (also available [in French](#)).

1. SECOIA: Acknowledging social economy enterprises in the Walloon region FR

This workshop was based on the presentation of the main results of the SECOIA project (Social Economy Impact Assessment) together with a discussion with social economy actors about a recognition system for social economy enterprises in the Walloon Region. The SECOIA project, commissioned by the Walloon Region, identified the specific practices of social economy enterprises as well as the recognized effects of these practices. Researchers have studied (through three consultation phases) the possibility of using indicators of these practices to build a recognition system for social economy enterprises. International experts who have had similar experiences in their countries were invited to enrich the debate.

Organized by Centre d'Économie Sociale, HEC-University of Liege; Spiral, Département de Sciences Politiques; Ciriec; SAW-B; and MOSAL Law Firm.

2. Chair in Social and Solidarity Economy in the South: A dialogue between researchers and field actors FR

Since 2012, the UCLouvain Chair in Social and Solidarity Economy in the South (CESSS), a unique partnership between the university's NGO Louvain Coopération and CIRTES, facilitates academic research in social and solidarity economy grounded

in the empirical fields provided by the NGO's various development projects in the South. This session discussed the lessons learned by two stakeholders of the Chair (PhD students and NGO staff) in this specific form of partnered research. Discussion revolved around the opportunities but also the methodological and ethical challenges specific to this form of research as well as ways to improve future partnered research.

Organized by CIRTES UCL and Louvain Coopération

3. Cooperative energy: toward consumer engagement in the energy transition? EN

This session addressed the issue of renewable energy cooperatives having been perceived as ideal institutional models to foster consumer engagement in sustainable energy generation and consumption. The session gathered the European Federation of Renewable Energy Sources Cooperatives (REScoop.eu) and researchers working in the field of renewable energy cooperatives and community energy who discussed how energy cooperatives can promote households' engagement in renewable energy production, energy efficiency and demand-side response, and discuss the possibilities of establishing further synergy between research and practice.

Organized by: EPFL, Lausanne; Centre d'Économie Sociale, HEC, ULg; Leuphana University of Lüneburg; REScoop.eu)



4. WISDOM (Wallonia Social Innovation Domicile): The elderly's domicile: A space for social innovation? FR

At-home ageing is a crucial issue in the longterm care debate and its related reforms all across Europe. This first WISDOM project¹ roundtable presented a set of social innovations supported by not-for-profit providers in the domiciliary eldercare in Wallonia. Researchers and field actors discussed the kind of social approaches to health these initiatives refer to and, more fundamentally, what makes them social and innovative and to whom.

Organized by CIRTES UCL

5. When is social finance social? FR (English translation provided)

Social finance has drawn a lot of attention in the aftermath of the financial sector turbulence in 2007-2008. An array of initiatives—e.g. social banks, crowdfunding, financial cooperatives, socially responsible investment funds, etc.—have thrived. Our workshop aimed to identify the structuring features of the field of social finance and to discuss its boundaries; it discussed questions like: Can social finance be defined through the public it targets at? Through its practices? Through its governance structure? Through its social mission? The theorization of social finance appearing to be at its early stages, this workshop aimed to bring a contribution towards this end.

Organized by CIRTES UCL, Université de Rennes 1 and CERMi ULB

6. How to mobilize actors and researchers to foster social economy? The case of digitalization in the services sector FR

If collaboration between the world of research and the actors of the social enterprises world is often desired by both sides, the setting up of such collaboration is often complex: both the temporality and the objectives of researchers differ from those in the field. Hence, it requires developing a mutual and realistic understanding of the expectations and contributions of each other's. This workshop approached this issue through the development of a concrete case: the impact of new technologies on work and society structuration. Indeed, the use of digital technologies in the field of services highlight different questions: form and framework of employment; relations between enterprises/providers, users and workers; accessibility to services ... All these issues affect social protection systems, the world of work, and the equity and equality in the access of certain services. Social enterprises will face these issues and a partnership with the world of research could enable them to anticipate this phenomenon and position themselves as best as possible in this digital economy and to foster a positive development for all.

Organized by Concertes and CIRTES

1.- Wallonia Social Innovation Domicile (WISDOM) is an interdisciplinary, interuniversity and partnership research coordinated by CIRTES (UCL) and interested on how social enterprises innovate in the field of elderly home care. WISDOM benefits from funding from the Walloon Region. The survey, which was conducted during more than two years, studied in depth 14 cases of social innovation in Wallonia and Brussels. The analysis articulates socio-economic approaches to those of public health.



7. The future of renewable energy cooperatives in the European energy governance EN

In this second session dedicated to cooperative energy, researchers and practitioners working in this field discussed what roles renewable energy cooperatives can play in the current and future energy policy governance regime, in Europe and elsewhere. Questions addressed include: to which extent is European policy supportive of

energy cooperatives and communities? What are the main divergences between European nations in this respect? How is the 4th package of proposals for the reform of EU energy legislation going to change the current situation? How to build stronger partnerships between energy cooperatives and governmental authorities at the European, national and local levels?

Organized by EPFL, Lausanne; Centre d'Économie Sociale, HEC, ULg ; Leuphana University of Lüneburg; REScoop.eu

8. WISDOM: Innovating care services: the challenges of socioeconomic viability and well-being at work FR (English translation provided)

The second round table of the WISDOM project entitled "What organizational models for social innovation...?" discussed how the new forms of support for a healthy ageing in place address sustainability issues in relation to financing, diffusion and well being at work.

Organized by CIRTES

9. Labels in social finance: opportunity or threat? FR

In view of the development of financial products and actors in the field of social finance, labels may help consumers to make sure that financial institutions comply with ethical, social and environmental charters. However, the proliferation of labels entails the risk of a confusion. This session gathered social finance actors to tackle issues around the following questions: What should be the foundations of these labels? What should they be governed and controlled? Are they effective in the sense that they deliver enhanced information for consumers? What risks do they entail (negative reputational chain effects)? The ultimate goal was to outline new perspectives on the development of labels.

Organized by CIRTES UCL, CERMi ULB





Other three sessions held during the Forum include:

10. Exchanges on researching and practising social enterprise: A dialogue about possible common horizons

This session constituted the first time gathering of the main EU-level representatives of social enterprise umbrella organizations to discuss the value of research within their organizations and exchange their ideas on how the impact of research can be enhanced. The format of the session followed a fish bowl presentation of all the organizations, followed by a plenary discussion with participation of the audience.

11. Forum on Education and Training on Social Enterprise (FETSE)

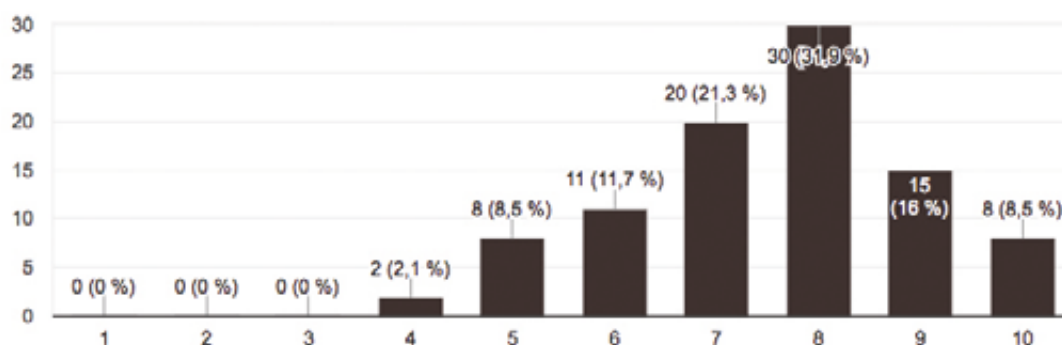
Since July 2011 EMES has spearheaded this interesting initiative intended to foster the development of high-quality and accessible (inter-) university educational programmes in the field of social enterprise / social entrepreneurship. Two members of FETSE Advisory Board, Sílvia Ferreira

and Lars Hulgård, as well as representatives from external experts, policy makers, students, and practitioners participated in the session and reviewed the progress of this initiative over the five years of its existence and shared their ideas on how to move forward.

12. EMES PhD network meeting

It is not surprising that the PhD students and researchers are close to EMES' heart. We are convinced that besides interacting with their peers from other universities, they will benefit by being exposed to a broader group of stakeholders. Therefore this space at the Forum was specifically organized, designed and led by PhDs. It offered the perfect arena for PhD students on social and solidarity economy and social enterprises to share and learn from each other about their experiences in conducting research, and explore together how their research can be useful for "practice".

In all, the **evaluation of the Forum** by participants was high with 78% of the respondents evaluating it between 7 and 10 in a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent).



Conference plenary sessions



The conference had the right combination of reduced parallel sessions and panels and plenary sessions. Instead of having a unique keynote speaker, the organizers preferred to follow a panel or round table discussion for this plenary sessions. There were three full plenary sessions and two parallel sessions particularly focused on two ongoing EMES projects, ICSEM and TSI.



Plenary session 1

Which Social Enterprises models for sustainable societies? Dialogue between research and practice

Issues such as growing social inequalities, massive unemployment, lack of economic democracy and environmental unsustainability have increased the global expectations from social enterprises. Each in its own way, governments, civil society actors, non-profit leaders and the business sector are seeking to discover, or rediscover, new possibilities for promoting economic approaches while targeting social aims. Particularly, the speakers discussed four models of social enterprises (social cooperative, entrepreneurial non profit, public sector social enterprise and social business) stemming from the ICSEM project. Each of these four models is characterized by a specific institutional trajectory and presents unique characteristics. In addition, every type of social enterprise will be illustrated by an example (video) from several countries around of the world including Belgium, Bolivia, Italy, Korea and The Netherlands. In each of them, the manager of the social enterprise that illustrates the model answered the following questions:

- What does your social enterprise do and what are its objectives?
- How does your social enterprise contribute to the transition toward a sustainable society?

- Which are the three most pressing challenges faced by your social enterprise when contributing to that transition?
- How can research support your social enterprise in addressing those challenges?

The ICSEM working paper “Fundamentals for an International Typology of Social Enterprise Models” summarizes the social enterprise models commented in this , we recommend that you read (Defourny, J. and Nyssens, M., 2016, ICSEM Working Papers, No. 33, Liege: The International Comparative Social Enterprise Models (ICSEM) Project). The paper is available [here](#).



Chair: Marthe Nyssens is full professor at the School of Economics of the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium and member of 'Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires Travail, Etat, Société (CIRTES). She has been president of EMES since December 2015. She holds a Master in economics (University of California at San Diego),) and a Ph.D. in economics (University of Louvain). Her research work has

focused on conceptual approaches to the third sector (associations, cooperatives, social enterprises...), both in developed and developing countries, as well as on the links between third sector organizations and public policies. Her research deals with socioeconomic logics of “not-for-profit organizations”. She analyses the articulations of these organizations with public policies, the market and the civil society. She investigates the role of these kinds of organizations in comparison with business and public bodies in several fields such as work integration, care or the commons. Her recent work focuses on the emergence of different social enterprise models in an international comparative perspective. Her presentation is available to download [here](#).

Three researchers from three different continents developed some challenges faced by research in their understanding of how social enterprises can participate to a more sustainable society.



Jo Barraket is a leading researcher of social enterprise and the social economy in Australia. She is a political sociologist, with particular interests in relationships between state and civil society in public policy development. Her research on social enterprise considers their social impacts and their roles as policy actors. She is the author of more than 60 publications,

including: *Social Procurement and New Public Governance* (Routledge, 2016) and *Strategic Issues for the Not for Profit Sector* (UNSW Press, 2008). In addition to her role as Director of Centre for Social Impact Swinburne at Swinburne University of Technology, she is National Research Director of the CSI network, which is a collaboration between three Australian universities. She is also chairperson of the International Social Innovation Research Conference 2017 organizing committee.



Marek Hudon holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Management Sciences and a Master in Philosophy. He is currently Professor at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (ULB). He has initiated the European Microfinance Programme (EMP), a one-year Master's Degree in microfinance co-organised by four European universities, and is still scientific coordinator of this Master. He is also co-director of the Centre for European Research in Microfinance (CERMi) and the Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Sociales de l'Environnement (CEESE). He has conducted research in India, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Vietnam and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2006, Prof. Hudon was a visiting fellow at Harvard University where he worked on ethical issues in microfinance under the supervision of Professor Amartya Sen. Current

research interests also include public policy issues in microfinance, social entrepreneurship and complementary currencies.



Akira Yonezawa is an associate professor in the department of sociology at Meiji Gakuin University in Japan. He received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Tokyo. He has published two monographs in Japanese on social enterprises related to the social policies. The first book is *Work Integration Social Enterprise in Contemporary Japan* (2011), in which he argues the fruitfulness of the tripolar model to analyze WISEs through case studies. The second book is titled as *A New Perspective on Social Enterprises* (2017) whose theme is institutionalization of Japanese WISEs after 2000 and a variety of institutional logics around WISEs. He has also published articles on issues of social enterprises, third sector and social policies in Japanese journals. His article for English readers is titled as “Potential and Challenges of Mutually-Oriented Social Enterprise where People with and without Disabilities Work on an Equal Basis” (*Japan Labor Review*, 2015) in which he examined the working conditions of workers in the WISE emphasizing the democratic governance. Now he is working on a study relating people's cognition and social categories of NP/FP organizations. A summary of the major points of his presentation is available to [here](#).

The five videos produced featured the following social enterprises and are available on the EMES YouTube channel:



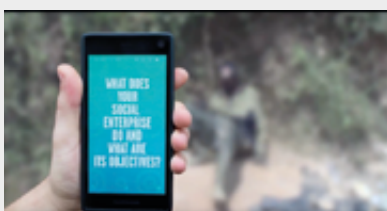
Les Petits Riens, Belgium. Recycling social enterprise for homeless work and social integration.



El Ceibo, Bolivia. Transforming workers' families through the production of fair-trade cocoa in Bolivia.



È nostra, Italy. A RES-coop rooted in its community for a fair and sustainable energy transition.



Fairphone, The Netherlands. Transforming an entire industry by making ethical and sustainable smartphones.



Association of Appropriate Technology Coops (AATC), South Korea. Supporting communities' resilience by supporting the energy transition.

Plenary session 2

Decentering the enterprise, recentering the social

Katherine Gibson from the Institute for Culture and Society, (Western Sidney University, Australia) offered a keynote address that was followed by the comments and feedback of Fernanda Wanderley (Instituto de Investigaciones socio económicas, Universidad Católica Boliviana, La Paz, Bolivia).

They revolved around the topic of greater economic diversity as an important contributor to building economic resilience. Diverse economies theory draws on anti-essentialist marxian and feminist economics as well as economic anthropology, informal sector and development studies. Within a diverse economy framing, the radical heterogeneity of economic practices is brought to the fore and the task of building ethical economies becomes an empirical, experimental and political possibility. From this perspective, the social economy reshapes the economic terrain by highlighting the viability of diverse enterprise forms and reinvigorates the cooperative model of business, displacing the normalized capitalist firm from the centre stage of economic thinking. Katherine Gibson's paper "Social

innovation for community economies: how action research creates 'other worlds'" on which the speech was partly based, is available [here](#).



Chairs: **Florence Degavre** is a socio-economist. She's interested in understanding the socio-economic logics of care provision in European societies. On the basis of an abundant empirical fieldwork carried out in elderly home care services, she has examined care from three main angles: 1 / social innovation in social enterprises (SE) providing elderly care, in particular the role of resource-hybridisation as a major factor of innovation 2/ the potential for women's empowerment of SE in the care sector and 3 / the transformation of European care regimes through the logics of quasi-commodification and



re-familialisation since the 1990s, with a particular attention on migrant care workers. One of the theoretical contribution aimed at by her work is to contribute to the frame of analysis of the gendered logics underpinning social enterprises and to add to the understanding of SE's interactions with public policies and the market in the elderly care field. The strong empirical anchorage of Florence's research is made possible through an important commitment with meaningful partnership research. FD is member of EMES since 2006 and of several research groups or networks on gender at the national or international level.



Andreia Lemaître is a socio-economist, associate professor at the Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium). She is a member of the Centre for Development Studies (DVLP) and of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Work, State and Society (CIRTES).

Her research and publications focus on popular and solidarity-based

economy in the South, mainly in Latin America, and on substantive approaches to the economy according to Polanyi's intellectual legacy. She teaches, notably, "Development Theories", "History and Streams of the Economic Thought" and project management and analysis.



Speakers: Katherine Gibson is internationally known for her research on rethinking economies as sites of ethical action. She trained as a human geographer with expertise in political economy and, with her collaborator for over 30 years, the late Professor Julie Graham, developed a distinctive approach to economic geography drawing on feminism, post-structuralism and action research. The diverse economies research program they initiated has become a vibrant sub-field of study within the social sciences. In the late 1990s the collective authorial voice of J.K. Gibson-Graham led the critique of capitalocentric thinking that was blocking the emergence of economic possibility. Prior to joining Western Sydney University

in 2009 Professor Gibson held positions as Professor and Head of the Department of Human Geography in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University (1999-2008) and Director of Women's Studies at Monash University (1992-1995). She has directed action research projects with communities interested in alternative economic development pathways in Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the Philippines. The Community Economies Collective Opens in a new window, which Gibson-Graham established, is an ongoing collaboration between academic and community researchers and activists in Australia, North America, Europe and South East Asia. The goal of the Collective is to theorise, discuss, represent and ultimately enact new visions of economy.



Fernanda Wanderley holds a doctorate in sociology from Columbia University, New York City and is the director of the Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Económicas de la Universidad

Católica Boliviana, She has been carrying extensive research on Bolivian economy and society. She has written many books and articles, including *La economía social y solidaria: desafíos teóricos y políticos*, Lecturas desde América Latina. La Paz, CIDES-UMSA y HEGOA, Plural Editores 2015; *Hacia una política municipal de cuidado – integrando los derechos de las mujeres y la infancia* (Toward a municipal policy of care: Integrating women's and children's rights), La Paz, CIDES-UMSA, 2012 (Co-author with Cecilia Salazar, Fernanda Sostres and Ivonne Farah); *El cuidado como derecho social: situación y desafíos del bienestar social en Bolivia* (Care as a social right: The welfare situation and challenges in Bolivia), Lima, OIT, 2011; "Between Reform and Inertia: Bolivia's Employment and Social Protection Policies over the Past 20 Years" in *International Labor Review*, vol. 148, 3, 2009 and *Trabajo no mercantil e inserción laboral – una mirada de género desde los hogares* (No paid work and employment – a gender perspective from households) La Paz, Plural Editores, 2003. For more information, [visit her blog](#).

Plenary session 3

Social enterprises as hybrid organizations: A research program

This session explored what the concept of hybrid organizations brings to the field of social enterprises if considered as institutional arrangements combining social and entrepreneurial logics. Anne-Claire Pache discussed the various responses given to competing social and commercial logics at the organizational and individual level observed in her career as researcher. She discussed the outcomes of hybrid organizing and analyze under what conditions can those organizations achieve high levels of social performance. Her presentation brought to light how this concept is especially relevant to identify and study tensions inherent to those organizations. In particular, it helps to better understand how hybrid organizations can survive and flourish while embedded in pluralistic institutional environments.

As a second step, Marie Bouchard from the University of Quebec at Montréal discussed the previous [presentation](#) complementing Pache's approach with the experience of the social economy. Bouchard reviewed critically the relevance of hybridity as a concept, highlighting possible combinations with other analytical grids such as social innovation.



Chair: Anaïs Perilleux holds the Petits Riens, set up around the issue of social impact of enterprises, at UCLouvain. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Management Sciences as a FNRS Research Fellow at the Warocqué School of Business and Economics (UMONS) in the Centre for European Research in Microfinance (CERMi). Her Ph.D. focuses on two main issues for cooperatives in microfinance: their governance and their growing process. From November 2011 to January 2013, she was a postdoctoral visiting fellow at Yale University in the Economic Growth Center. She pursued her work on cooperatives in microfinance using a database from a network of local co-ops located in Senegal. In March 2013, Anaïs Périlleux has obtained an AXA Postdoctoral Fellowship. Her project was to investigate the role of cooperatives banks on three major risks in the banking sector: the systemic risks, the risks of credit contraction and the intergenerational risks.



Speakers: Anne-Claire Pache is Dean of Academic Programs at ESSEC and a Professor within the ESSEC Public and Private Policy Department. She holds the ESSEC Philanthropy Chair. She co-founded the ESSEC chair in Social Entrepreneurship in 2002 together with Professor Thierry Sibieude. She graduated from ESSEC Business School in 1994, holds a Master in Public Administration (2001) from Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Ph.D. in Organisational Behavior from INSEAD (2010). Her research focuses on social enterprises, on their growth process and their relations with their institutional

environment. She authored several books and articles, including in the *Academy of Management Review*, the *Academy of Management Journal* and *Leadership Quarterly*. Before embarking on an academic career, Dr. Pache was part of the co-founding team of *Unis-Cité*, a French nonprofit organisation which advocated the idea of voluntary civil service in France.



Marie J. Bouchard is a professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal and a member of the Center for Research on Social Innovations (CRISES), where she runs the Team on Collectives Entreprises. She was the university director of the Community Habitat group of the CURA in Social Economy, and the Canada Research Chair in Social Economy. She published a statistical portrait of Montréal's social economy (2008). She developed a conceptual framework for determining the statistical population of the social economy for the Quebec Institute of Statistics (2011), and a conceptual framework for the production of statistics on cooperative for the International Labor Office (2017). She was scientific editor of *The Worth of the Social Economy and The Weight of the Social Economy*, an International Perspective, (Peter Lang 2009 and 2015). In 2011, she also edited, *L'économie sociale au Québec*, vecteur d'innovation with the University of Quebec Press, also published by the University of Toronto Press in 2013 under the title *Innovations and the Social Economy. The Quebec Experience*. Since 2015, she has chaired the CIRIEC International Committee on Social and Cooperative Economics.

Plenary session 4

Social enterprises for sustainable societies: Policy perspectives

In the last years a number of innovative policy initiatives have been developed place in Europe and around the world to support the development of social enterprises. These policies range from large European strategies like the Social Business Initiative to plans and programs focused on a given territory and its actors. These policies aim to strengthen

the various actors present in the social enterprise eco-system; they address areas such as market development, capacity building, access to finance and research and development. Given the essential role of policy-making in boosting the potential of social enterprises the 6th EMES Conference closes four days of inquiry and exchange with a call for action for public administrations at all levels. While twenty years ago the request from the emerging social enterprise community was to have specific policies developed for them, nowadays an additional request has come to the front: "how" and "with whom" these policies are being built. How can policy-making better address the challenges facing social enterprises in collaboration with stakeholders ensuring processes that are inclusive toward invisibilized actors and rooted in the genuine needs of these organizations? How can a fluid multi-level governance that crosses policy areas be ensured for policy measures and tools in order to help social enterprises become sustainable?



Chair: Lars Hulgård is full Professor of Social Entrepreneurship at Roskilde University (RUC, Denmark) and Visiting Professor at the Tata Institute (India). He was the president of EMES from 2010 to 2015. In 2006, he founded the Centre for Social Entrepreneurship at RUC and he chairs the Social Innovation and Organizational Learning research group at that university. Lars was appointed in 2013 member of a committee created by the Minister of Business and Growth of the Danish government that will work on a new legal framework and other institutional support structures for social enterprise in Denmark. In 2004-05 he was the first international coordinator of CINEFOGO-Network of Excellence, an international cross-disciplinary network funded by the EU, Sixth Framework Programme. He has been a visiting scholar at Harvard University (2004), University of California (1998) and University of Mannheim (1992).



Speakers: **Bruno Roelants** has been Secretary General of CICOPA since 2002 and of the regional organization CECOP CICOPA-Europe since 2006. He has worked on development projects in China, India, and Eastern Europe, and coordinated the 2002 cooperative movement negotiating group on the ILO Recommendation on the Promotion of Cooperatives (no. 193). He holds a master's degree in labour studies, has taught courses on cooperatives in Italy, and is the co-author of *Cooperatives, Territories and Jobs* (2011), as well as *Capital and the Debt Trap – Learning from Cooperatives in the Global Crisis* (2013). He also coordinated the report *Cooperative Growth for the 21st Century* (2013).



Ariane Rodert is Vice-President for Group III of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and appointed as a EESC member by the Swedish government representing

civil society interests. In this capacity she represents the Swedish civil society umbrella, Forum – idéburna organisationer med social inriktning, gathering civil society umbrellas in the social sector, social economy and non-profit welfare stakeholders. She is also Senior Policy Adviser at the Secretariat of the Archbishop and General Secretary for the Church of Sweden. Ariane's key area of expertise in the EESC and at European level is social economy enterprises, social innovation and social investment. She has drafted several key opinions on the subject, most recently on the financial eco-system for social economy enterprises on request by the Luxembourg EU Presidency and is currently drafting an EESC opinion for the Netherlands EU Presidency on innovation and business models. She is Vice President of the EESC internal market section, the EESC representative in the European Commission high level expert group GECES and a member of the EESC Permanent Study Group for Social Economy Enterprise and the EESC Social Economy Category Group. Ariane holds a Master of Science degree in Business and Economics from the University of Stockholm.



Ulla Engelmann is Head of Unit for Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship within DG GROW at the European Commission since March

2017. Previously, she worked at the Commission's Joint Research Centre for 24 years, starting in Ispra (Italy) in 1993 during the first years of fusion research, and moving on to manage various units in Ispra and Brussels. Dr. Engelmann holds a PhD in analytical and radiochemistry completed at the National Research Centre in Karlsruhe.



Jean-Louis Laville is a professor in Paris, at the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (cnam), where he holds a Chair in Solidarity Economy, he is researcher at Lise (Interdisciplinary laboratory for economic sociology, CNRS-cnam) and IFRIS (Society Innovation Research Institute of Paris). Involved in many international research networks, he is the European coordinator for Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, founding member of EMES and of the Latin-American network RILESS (Network of Latin-American Researchers in Social and Solidarity Economy). He is related to foreign research laboratories such as CRIDIS (Interdisciplinary Research Center, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) and CRISES (Interdisciplinary Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences, Montreal, Canada).

Semi-Plenary sessions

In addition to the plenary sessions, two semi-plenary sessions focusing on ongoing or recently completed research projects were organized.





Full name:

International Comparative Social Enterprise Models Project (ICSEM)

Scientific Coordinators:

Jacques Defourny (ULg-Belgium) and Marthe Nyssens (UCL-Belgium), EMES Belgian institutional members

Participating EMES members:

250 researchers from 55 countries (+50 are EMES members)

Date:

July 2013 - April 2017

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The International Comparative Social Enterprise Models (ICSEM) Project

Many observers are still looking for a definition of social enterprise that would be broadly accepted. Policy makers would like to have clear criteria to identify the social enterprises that they want to support. Even scholars and researchers sometimes suffer from the apparent confusion generated by endless conceptual debates. The ICSEM Project, launched in 2013 and now in its final phase, has developed a research strategy that goes much deeper than the conceptual debate and thereby lays theoretical and empirical foundations for a new analytical framework, highlighting a diversity of social enterprise models.

Involving some 250 researchers from 50 countries across all world regions, the ICSEM Project relied first on country-specific analyses of SE landscapes.

In a second stage, it included a survey, based on a detailed questionnaire, common to all research partners and involved countries, and which resulted in an international dataset covering 730 social enterprises. Two major ICSEM outputs were presented in this session: the very first results achieved through cluster analysis applied to a list of major variables in the dataset, on the one hand, and comparative analysis of some transversal issues which are key to understanding the diversity and the potential of social enterprises in various contexts, on the other hand. The four presentations included in this semi-plenary were:

1. Jacques Defourny: **Testing the relevance of major SE models: first results from the worldwide ICSEM database on social enterprises** (with M. Nyssens, O. Brolis)
2. Davorka Vidovič and Julianna Kiss: **The influence of historical and institutional legacies of post-socialist regimes on the present-day social enterprises in Central and Eastern Europe** (with A. Ciepielewska-Kowalik, L. Hubai, K. Legnerová, M. Dohnalová)
3. Danijel Baturina: **Role of external funding in development of social entrepreneurship in CEE and SEE countries** (with A. Agolli, E. Haska, J. Kiss, M. Mihály, M. Bashevska, J. Korunovska Srbijanko, M. Lisetchi, N. Bibu, D. Rakin, V. Radojicic)
4. Simone Poledrini: **The interplay of contextual factors and characteristics of cooperative social enterprises in Europe, North America and Australia** (with N. Göler von Ravensburg, R. Lang, M. Starnawska)



The Third Sector in Europe—Concept, Measurement and Environmental Changes

The Third Sector in Europe lacks a clear identity insofar as there is no clear-shared understanding across Europe and in the EU of what exactly the third sector is and what its role is in the European public space. A main reason for this lack of common identity is that the manifold of self-organized citizen-based initiatives constitutive of the third sector are not sufficiently aware of being part of a common sector.

The EU FP7 funded Third Sector Impact Project – mobilized the collaborative efforts of 12 European research institutions in order to advance the measurement of the third sector in Europe. In addition to clarifying the concept of the third sector, gauging the scope and scale of this sector, and assessing the sector's broader social and political impact, this project sought to determine whether there are barriers that might be impeding the impact that the sector could have and to suggest ways to reduce any barriers that might exist.

The following panel speakers presented some of the main results of the project:

- Bernard Enjolras: **The third sector in Europe: concept and measurement**
- Taco Brandsen: **Third sector organizations confronting environmental changes: The Netherlands**
- Rafael Chaves: **Third sector organizations confronting environmental changes: Spain**



**THIRD
SECTOR
IMPACT**

Full name:

Third Sector Impact (TSI)

Scientific coordination:

Bernard Enjolras (ISF, Norway)

Participating EMES members:

two institutional (coordinator plus LEST, France) and two individuals (Taco Brandsen, Danijel Baturina)

Date:

February 2014 - February 2017

emes.net/research-projects/third-sector/tsi-project/

PAPER AND PANEL PARALLEL SESSIONS

As indicated above, a total of 345 papers were presented at Louvain-la-Neuve divided into 88 parallel sessions and seven panels. Capturing such knowledge and energy would be impossible using only words so we have made a selection of these parallel sessions.

Therefore, we encourage you to consult the program in the three formats available:

- Single timetable format
- Full timetable format
- Online version (available until July 2019)

We also include the "Schedule at a glance" to provide a sense of the sessions what were held and you have a chance to see a selection of papers in the section EMES Selected Conference Papers below.





Schedule at a glance

Tuesday, July 4

09:00 - 10:30	A01	Assesment of ecosystems social enterprises across countries
09:00 - 10:30	A02	Social enterprise models in Africa
09:00 - 10:30	A03	Factors of emergence of social innovation
09:00 - 10:30	A05	Social innovation in social policy field
09:00 - 10:30	A06	Social enterprise-corporate collaborations
09:00 - 10:30	A07	Social impact of WISEs
09:00 - 10:30	A08	Determinants of social enterprises' performance
09:00 - 10:30	A09	Social movements
09:00 - 10:30	A10	Community energy organisations
09:00 - 10:30	A11	Mission drift and isomorphism I
09:00 - 10:30	Panel 1.1	Welfare regime and social enterprise in East Asia I: Changing Welfare Regime and New Roles of Social Enterprise in East Asia
09:00 - 10:30	Panel 2.1	SERESI 1: Solidarity Economy, Reciprocity and Social Innovation (SERESI)
11:00 - 13:00	B01	Social enterprises and social and solidarity economy across Europe
11:00 - 13:00	B02	Social mission versus economic performance... and beyond
11:00 - 13:00	B03	Social innovation as a contested concept
11:00 - 13:00	B04	New learning environments on social enterprises
11:00 - 13:00	B05	Mission drift and social enterprise
11:00 - 13:00	B06	Social enterprises and ethical issues
11:00 - 13:00	B07	Work, employment and cooperative
11:00 - 13:00	B08	Financing issues of social enterprises
11:00 - 13:00	B09	Assessing social impact: Concrete cases
11:00 - 13:00	B10	Sustainable transition
11:00 - 13:00	B11	Community and ethical banks and microfinance
11:00 - 13:00	Panel 3.1	Social enterprises in Latin America I
11:00 - 13:00	Panel 4	Case studies of social investment and Social Innovation policies (INNOSI)
14:30 - 15:30	POSTER	Poster Session
17:30 - 19:00	C01	Social enterprises across Nordic countries
17:30 - 19:00	C02	WISES in their eco-system
17:30 - 19:00	C03	Defining and analysing social innovations: building a framework
17:30 - 19:00	C04	Embeddedness of social innovations in a multi-layer eco-system 1
17:30 - 19:00	C05	Human Resources Practices and Social Enterprises
17:30 - 19:00	C06	Social enterprises, public services and social services
17:30 - 19:00	C07	Local and complementary currencies and their institutionalisation
17:30 - 19:00	C08	Microfinance, solidarity finance and public policies
17:30 - 19:00	C09	Communities establishing sustainable development
17:30 - 19:00	C10	Social enterprise and local public policies
17:30 - 19:00	C11	Solidarity economy and local development
17:30 - 19:00	Panel 1.2	SERESI 2: Evolving New Roles in the Areas of Employment, Health Care, and Environment (SERESI)
17:30 - 19:00	Panel 2.2	SERESI 2: Solidarity economy and changes in public policy (SERESI)

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09:00 - 10:30	D01	Social enterprise models in South Asia
09:00 - 10:30	D02	Social enterprises in Latin America
09:00 - 10:30	D03	Social Enterprises over the Channel
09:00 - 10:30	D04	Workplace, cooperation and empowerment
09:00 - 10:30	D05	Governance and social enterprises
09:00 - 10:30	D06	Theories of social finance
09:00 - 10:30	D07	Cooperatives
09:00 - 10:30	D09	Anti-oppression practices and power relationship
09:00 - 10:30	D10	Social enterprise, national public policies and austerity
09:00 - 10:30	D11	Values and culture
09:00 - 10:30	D12	The empowering role of social enterprise
09:00 - 10:30	Panel 6	Les salariés du secteur associatif : des conditions de travail et des relations de service spécifiques ?
16:30 - 18:00	E01	Cooperatives and mutuals in Europe
16:30 - 18:00	E02	Social Enterprises in Eastern and Southeastern Europe
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16:30 - 18:00	E06	Social enterprise and participation
16:30 - 18:00	E07	Philanthropy and external funding support of social enterprises
16:30 - 18:00	E08	Microfinance and NGOs
16:30 - 18:00	E09	Social enterprise and action research
16:30 - 18:00	E10	Food alternative production
16:30 - 18:00	E11	Informal economy and popular economy
16:30 - 18:00	E12	Scaling-up of social enterprises
16:30 - 18:00	Panel 3.2	Social enterprises in Latin America II
16:30 - 18:00	Panel 5	Employees with psychiatric disabilities working in social enterprises: Job tenure, work productivity and stigma

09:00 - 11:00	F01	Asian social enterprise models
09:00 - 11:00	F02	Social enterprises and post-socialist states
09:00 - 11:00	F03	Social value: creation and diffusion issues
09:00 - 11:00	F04	Motivations to enter social entrepreneurship 1
09:00 - 11:00	F05	Motivations to enter social entrepreneurship 2
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09:00 - 11:00	F07	Social finance
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09:00 - 11:00	F11	Social economy under the gender lens
09:00 - 11:00	Panel 2.3	SERESI 3: Solidarity economy and changes in public policy
09:00 - 11:00	Panel 7	Social Enterprise and Commoning: Exploring Community Economies Perspectives on Sustainable Transition

Wednesday, July 5

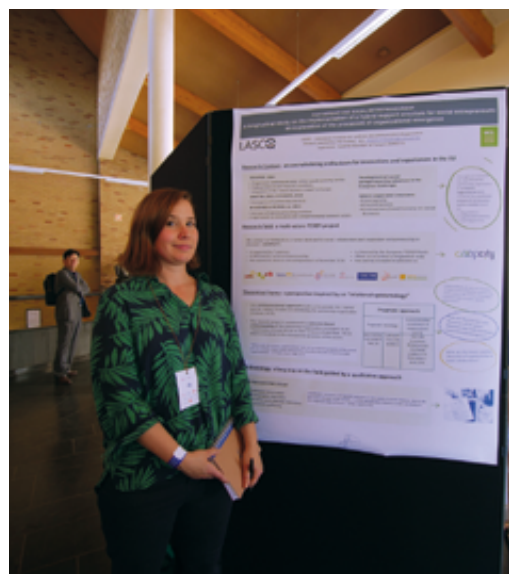
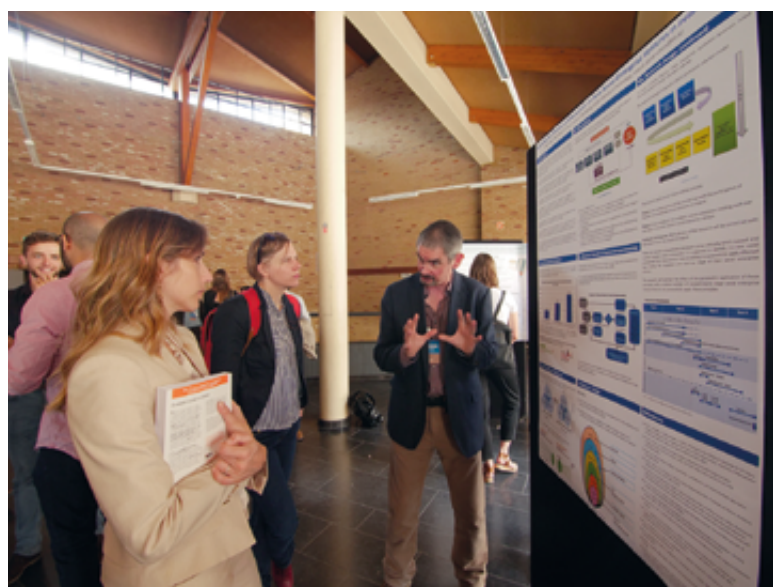
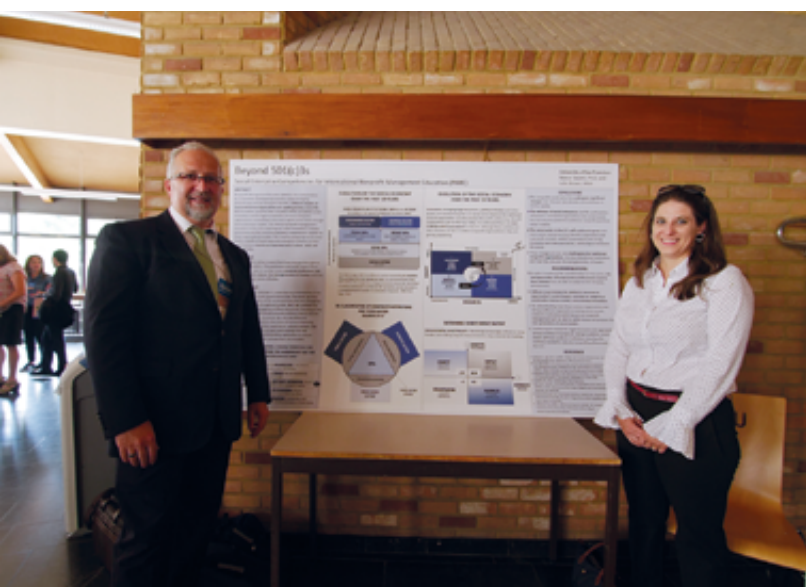
Thursday, July 6

POSTER SESSIONS

A total of 21 posters were presented during the conference, they are listed below but you can find the authors and the abstract in the [Conference program](#). Some authors updated the final poster presented during the Conference: in those cases, you can download them directly by clicking on the “Poster presentation” linked provided next to the title.

THE POSTERS PRESENTED ARE LISTED BELOW:

1. Social Entrepreneurship Education in American MBA Programs and the Potential for Enriching Curricula by Incorporating a European Conceptualization of Social Business
2. A typology of social enterprises in Hungary ([Poster presentation](#))
3. The Input of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the Concept of Work Integration Social Enterprises
4. Gender, violence and the entrepreneurial spirit: An analysis of the Mujer Carioca Empreendedora/Brasil project
5. Beyond 501(c)3s: Social Enterprise Competencies for International Nonprofit Management Education (INME) ([Poster presentation](#))
6. Social innovation for the inclusion of people with reduced mobility in Brazil: Context, challenges and proposal ([PDF](#))
7. The transformation of the non-profit organisation to a more entrepreneurial form within a developing country context
8. Managerial capabilities development of social enterprises from Charity retailing in China: how do managers enhance leadership through learning?
9. Evaluating the Influence of Effectuation on new Social Enterprise Ventures in Ireland
10. Partnership and Social Entrepreneurship. A longitudinal study on the creation of a hybrid support structure for Brussels social entrepreneurs: an exploration of the processes of organizational emergence
11. Unpacking the Foundational Dimensions of Work Integration Social Enterprise – Development of an Assessment Tool
12. Reciprocity in inter-firm cooperation context – an explanation for coordinating behaviour?
13. Hybridity dimensions - explorative study of social enterprise organizations in Poland – processes and outcomes
14. To work within a socially innovative organization as a source of job satisfaction and well-being at work? Insights from social enterprises in the elderly home care in Wallonia
15. The Phenomenon of the Valuable Creation in Social Entrepreneurship: A Study in Spain
16. Taking a look at the other side of the story: the failure of social enterprises
17. Scaling up choosing social franchising as a way to maximize social enterprise's impact: issues raised from a partnership research project
18. The process of building legitimacy for social enterprises in China
19. The transition principles of China green enterprises
20. Social sustainability and civil society organizations ([Poster presentation](#))
21. Impact of Demonetization on Social Entrepreneurial Effectiveness





Opportunities for
participants



BOOK SIGNING EVENT

The Weight of the Social Economy, An International Perspective

2015, Peter Lang, Brussels

Author present for signing:

Marie J. Bouchard

Summary: What is the weight of the social economy? How should we measure it? Throughout the world, cooperatives, non-profit and mutual benefit organizations, foundations and other social enterprises play an important role in job creation, social cohesion, social innovation, regional development and environmental protection. Observations tend to confirm the ability of the social economy to contribute to balancing economies, mainly by serving as an anti-cyclical force in the face of economic crises. However, many countries and regions lack statistical information about its weight, size and scope on their territory. This book fills a gap in the literature about the social economy. It seeks to explain why it is important to have statistics on it, to understand how they are produced, and to project how the social economy might be better understood in the future. The book offers researchers and decision-makers an overview of the current state of knowledge on these topics.

The Social Enterprise Zoo: A Guide for Perplexed Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Philanthropists, Leaders, Investors, and Policymakers

2016, Edward Elgar Publishing

Author present for signing:

Dennis Young

Summary: The Social Enterprise Zoo employs the metaphor of the zoo to gain a more comprehensive understanding of social enterprise – especially the diversity of its forms; the various ways it is organized in different socio-political environments; how different forms of enterprise behave, interact, and thrive; and what lessons can be drawn for the future development and study of organizations that seek to balance social or environmental impact with economic success. Recommended for students, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and managers of social purpose organizations.

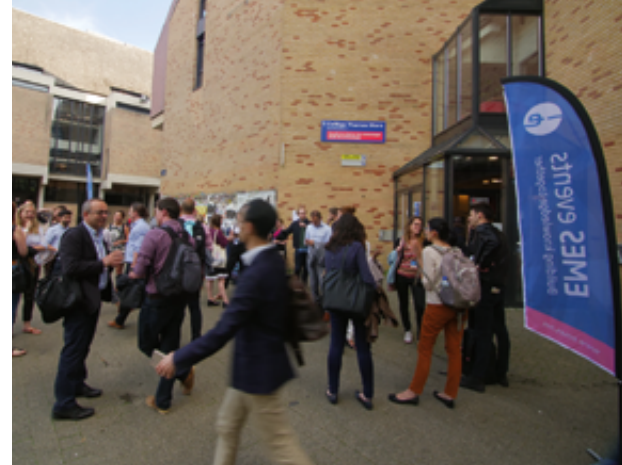
Social Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprises: Nordic Perspectives

2016, Routledge

Author present for signing:

Malin Gawell and Roger Spear

Summary: Social entrepreneurship and social enterprises share the potential to make the difference for people and societies. The Nordic countries represent an interesting regional case, due to their distinctive welfare system, and institutions arising from their cultural/social dynamics. In this book the editors demonstrate how the leading narratives and discourses that have shaped the Nordic societies, also shape the narratives and development of social entrepreneurship and social enterprises.



A economia solidária e os desafios globais

2017, EduFSCar

Author present for signing:
Isabelle Hillenkamp

Summary (in Portuguese):

O livro é resultado do I Congresso de Pesquisadores de Economia Solidária (I Conpes), ocorrido na Universidade Federal de São Carlos em junho de 2015. O evento foi organizado pela Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores de Economia Solidária (ABPES), contando com o apoio da Pró-Reitoria de Pós-Graduação, da Pró-Reitoria de Extensão e do Núcleo Multidisciplinar e Integrado de Estudos, Formação e Intervenção em Economia Solidária (NuMI-EcoSol) da UFSCar, além dos seguintes programas de pós-graduação em sociologia dessa mesma universidade: Sociologia (PPGS), Terapia Ocupacional (PPGTO) e Ciência, Tecnologia e Sociedade (PPGCTS). Entre os autores, estão alguns dos principais pesquisadores dessa temática e que atuam na Argentina, no Brasil, na França, em Portugal e no Uruguai. Os textos foram selecionados do conjunto de trabalhos elaborados para o congresso. Seus temas abrangem cooperativismo, autogestão, políticas públicas, relações de gênero, desenvolvimento territorial e formação de empreendimentos econômicos solidários. Trata-se de um rico painel de experiências e análises.

Économie sociale et solidaire - Socioéconomie du 3e secteur

2017, Deboeck Supérieur

Author present for signing: **Jacques Defourny and Marthe Nyssens**

Summary (in French):

Économie sociale, économie solidaire, entreprise sociale... : autant de concepts et d'approches qui permettent d'appréhender une partie de plus en plus importante, et pourtant méconnue, de nos économies. Représentant jusqu'à 15 % de l'emploi salarié et des millions de volontaires, ce « troisième secteur » se distingue du secteur privé de type capitaliste comme du secteur public et apparaît comme une réponse, partielle mais pertinente, à de nombreux défis d'aujourd'hui: lutte contre le chômage et l'exclusion sociale, services de proximité, développement durable, etc. Par ses dynamiques entrepreneuriales, l'ESS défriche de nouvelles activités porteuses d'emploi. Par ses valeurs – finalité de service, gestion démocratique, autonomie, solidarité –, elle inspire confiance aux citoyens comme aux pouvoirs publics, qui lui confient des missions d'intérêt général. En offrant une analyse rigoureuse de l'économie sociale et solidaire et des entreprises sociales qui se multiplient dans le monde entier, cet ouvrage poursuit une grande ambition : fournir les outils d'une compréhension en profondeur de ces formes d'entreprise

différentes et prouver à quel point nos sociétés ont besoin d'une économie plurielle. Confiés aux meilleurs spécialistes du monde francophone, les chapitres de cet ouvrage se présentent tous comme des synthèses des connaissances actuelles, d'une part sur les fondements et les acteurs majeurs de l'ESS, d'autre part sur l'ensemble de ses enjeux contemporains. Combinant des éclairages théoriques multiples, il s'adresse en premier lieu aux enseignants, aux étudiants et aux chercheurs, mais aussi aux professionnels qui ont besoin de se ressourcer ou d'affiner leurs grilles d'analyse.

Financing Nonprofits and Other Social Enterprises: A Benefits Approach

2017, Edward Elgar Publishing

Author present for signing:
Dennis Young

Summary: This book applies benefits theory to the financing of nonprofit and other social purpose organizations. Individual chapters are devoted to organizations primarily reliant on earned income, gifts, government support and investment income, respectively, as well as organizations that are highly diversified in their sources of operating support. The book is intended to guide managers and leaders towards finding the best mix of income sources for their organizations, to help educate future managers about resource

development and to stimulate additional research on the financing of nonprofits and other forms of social enterprise.

Shaping Social Enterprise: Understanding Institutional Context and Influence

2017, Emerald Group Publishing
Author present for signing:
Emre Coskun

Summary: 'Shaping Social Enterprise' offers the first tested framework that helps identify institutional influences affecting social enterprise. For well over a decade, scholars and practitioners have known that social enterprise looks different in different contexts but few have attempted to understand why. Kerlin's work in this area is the first to consider the influence of large institutions such as government, economy, civil society, and culture on the development of social enterprise. This book provides an in-depth assessment of Kerlin's

theoretically-based framework for understanding these institutional and other influences by means of quantitative analysis as well as qualitative critiques from eight countries that help validate and refine it. The concluding chapter offers a revision of the framework based on the critiques. New features include more attention to culture and micro- and meso-level forces as well as the introduction of optional framework components that address rarely occurring country situations. Two new social enterprise country models are also added and new applications of the framework are detailed.

El tercer sector en España y en Europa. Crisis y resiliencia

2017, Universitat de Valencia
Author present for signing:
Rafael Chaves

Summary (in Spanish): ¿Qué impacto ha tenido la crisis en el tercer sector europeo y en el tercer sector español en particular?

¿Las políticas de austeridad han destruido realmente tejido asociativo y de ONGs? ¿Las crecientes necesidades sociales derivadas de la crisis han recibido mayor atención por parte del tercer sector? ¿Ha habido diferencias entre el tercer sector de los diferentes países europeos? ¿Qué políticas públicas se pueden proponer para dar un nuevo impulso al tercer sector? Estas han sido las principales cuestiones que han sido abordadas por un equipo de investigación interdisciplinar de ocho países y varias universidades europeas, a través de un proyecto de investigación financiado por el 7º Programa Marco de la UE entre 2014 y 2016. Esta obra recoge una síntesis de los principales resultados, especialmente aquellos relativos al caso español.

GENERAL ICSEM MEETING

The 3rd [General ICSEM Meeting](#) took place right after the 6th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise. The meeting brought together close to 60 participants from 35 countries and all continents.



The meeting started with an overview of the Project's achievements during its second phase (from July 2015 to July 2017). New publications (ICSEM Working Papers and transversal publications) as well as the ICSEM international database were presented. The second day was devoted to focus group discussions about future publication projects, i.e. three books about SE models (respectively in Asia, Europe and Latin America) and special issues of the Social Enterprise Journal and the Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics.

The program of the day is available on the [ICSEM website](#).

BEST PAPER AWARD & BEST PHD PRESENTATION

Best Conference Paper

For the third edition of this Award, the winners of the **"Best Conference Paper"** are Brett Fairbairn from University of Saskatchewan (Canada), and Markus Hanisch from Humboldt University (Germany) for their paper **"Social Innovation, Conflict and the Institutionalization of German Energy Co-operatives"**.

"My first reaction was surprise," says Brett Fairbairn after he received the notification about the award. "I have not attended EMES before, and I went to the conference to learn from other researchers. I hope additional exposure means that people will send us comments and suggestions."

In their paper, which draws lessons from the example of energy system transformation for the theory of innovation, the authors argue that the German transformation of renewables was triggered by innovative state policies and cognitive dissonance. Afterwards it was driven by both economic incentives and citizen collective action. Because the cooperative is a proven form for collective finance and participatory multi-stakeholder organization, there was a widespread adaptation and rapid diffusion of renewable energy cooperatives in the period covered in the article.

Brett further highlights his expectations about contribution of the paper to the future research *"I hope our paper will draw further attention to the idea of social innovation. Properly defined and theorized (as we tried to do in the paper), social innovation is a powerful way to understand what successful social enterprises do."*

Best PhD Paper Category

Given the commitment of EMES with emerging scholars, the Award specifically distinguishes a PhD category but it also aims to emphasize the work of researchers who are in the initial phases of their careers. This year we were happy to have on board the Bernheim Foundation, which kindly agreed to sponsor an award in the PhD category. The winner of this year **"Best PhD Paper Award"** is Konstantina Zoehrer with her comparative paper

"Social entrepreneurship in southeastern Europe – Comparative analysis of the case of Croatia, Serbia and Greece".

Konstantina, PhD student from University of Vienna, explains that the paper is an update on her master thesis pursued during her studies on Southeastern European Studies at the University of Athens. She clarifies her motives for a very unusual choice of countries: *"Given the fact that I was looking also into the influence of international actors, I focused on the status/ relation of each country with the EU: A longtime member (Greece), a new member (Croatia) and a candidate country (Serbia). The interest in the region is also because the region is "in between" Austria and Greece, and has a very interesting interconnected past, presence and future as my involvement with The Balkan Forum teaches me every day."*

More concretely, besides the analysis and comparison of the legal and institutional frameworks in Croatia, Greece and Serbia, her paper focuses specifically on how international, European and national actors are shaping the development of social enterprises in these countries. The paper attempts to identify the stages of development, similarities, differences and challenges of this emerging sector. Further she adds some observations about particularities and challenges of this region: *"When we speak about the development of the sector, we often tend to take examples from countries and regions where access to financial and human capital are advanced and taken for granted in many ways. In the region, you can see the notion that this is not the case and that it takes cooperation, mindfulness with the use of resources and consciousness that different models are possible."*

As Konstantina says *"The EMES research conference was my first international academic conference where I presented and therefore the honour of getting awarded was even more intense. As practitioners we are in between spaces like activism, policy, academia and we understand the significance that we create bridges so that understanding and knowledge from all of them are connected and thrive."*

6TH EMES SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Following the Conference, a series of papers were selected based on the evaluation of the session chairs and published on the conference page. [They are available to download to all visitors to the EMES network website.](#)

Please note that these papers were not reviewed as for a publication process and they may be at different stages of the research process. For more information about the papers, we encourage you to contact the author(s) directly. The list below includes a first selection but others will be added in the future.

- Brett Fairbairn, and Markus Hanisch (2017) [“Social Innovation, Conflict and the Institutionalization of German Energy Co-operatives”](#), Canada and Germany
- Konstantina Zoehrer (2017) [“Social entrepreneurship in southeastern Europe – Comparative analysis of the case of Croatia, Serbia and Greece”](#), Greece
- Tetsuya Morita (2017) [“Toward a conceptual framework for religious logics on institutional complexity: a lesson from ‘mission drift’ in Evangelical Christian social entrepreneurs in Ethiopia”](#), Japan
- Marie J. Bouchard, Maude Léonard, Damien Rousselière, Sonia Tello-Rozas (2017) [“Impacting social economy ecosystem through solidarity financing: the case of a solidarity finance institution”](#), Canada
- Philip Marcel Karré and Valérie Mossel (2017) [“Between a rock and a hard place: the hybrid character of social enterprises”](#), The Netherlands
- Patrick Reichert, Marek Hudon, Marc Labie (2017) [“What is an Acceptable Level of Profit for a Hybrid Organization? Insights from microfinance”](#), Belgium
- Cris Bravo Monge (2017) [“Identifying cross-country key drivers of social entrepreneurial activity”](#), United States
- Luiz Inacio Gaiger (2017) [“The Informal Economy: theoretical and conceptual issues”](#), Brazil
- Rene Mendoza Vidaurre, Nicaragua and Johan Bastiaensen (2017) [“Toward the re-invention of fair trade. The case of Central America”](#), Belgium
- Yoobin Lee, Sanghoon Lee and Yena Lee (2017) [“A Study on the Ethical Consumption Gap”](#), South Korea





PROMOTIONAL POSTERS

Following the experience of previous years, a conference poster and a Forum poster were produced in electronic and paper version. They were distributed via email to interested members and stakeholders to promote the event in their respective institutions.



CONFERENCE UPDATES

News about the Conference were included regularly on the EMES News Alert, which is distributed to over **1,440 subscribers**. In addition, they were also posted on the social media, mainly Twitter and Facebook.

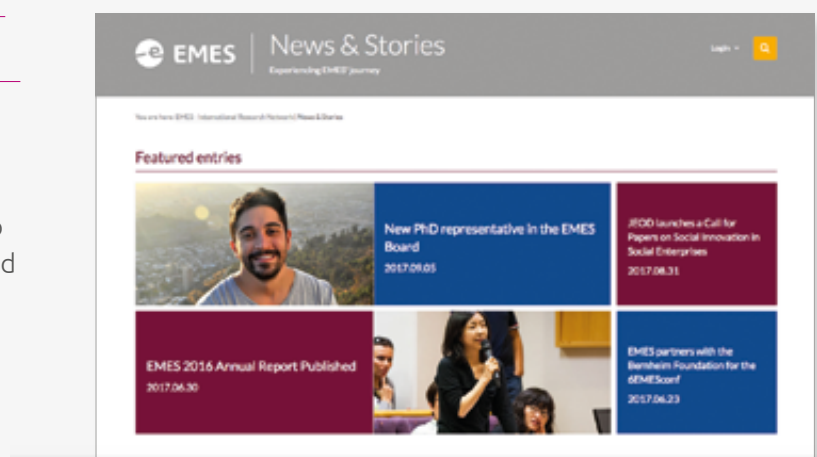
[The news alerts archive can be accessed here.](#)



EMES NEWS & STORIES

In preparation of the Conference, we added a new section to emes.net: **EMES News & Stories**. The aim of this blog-type of page is to bring EMES' activities closer to its members and visitors of our website.

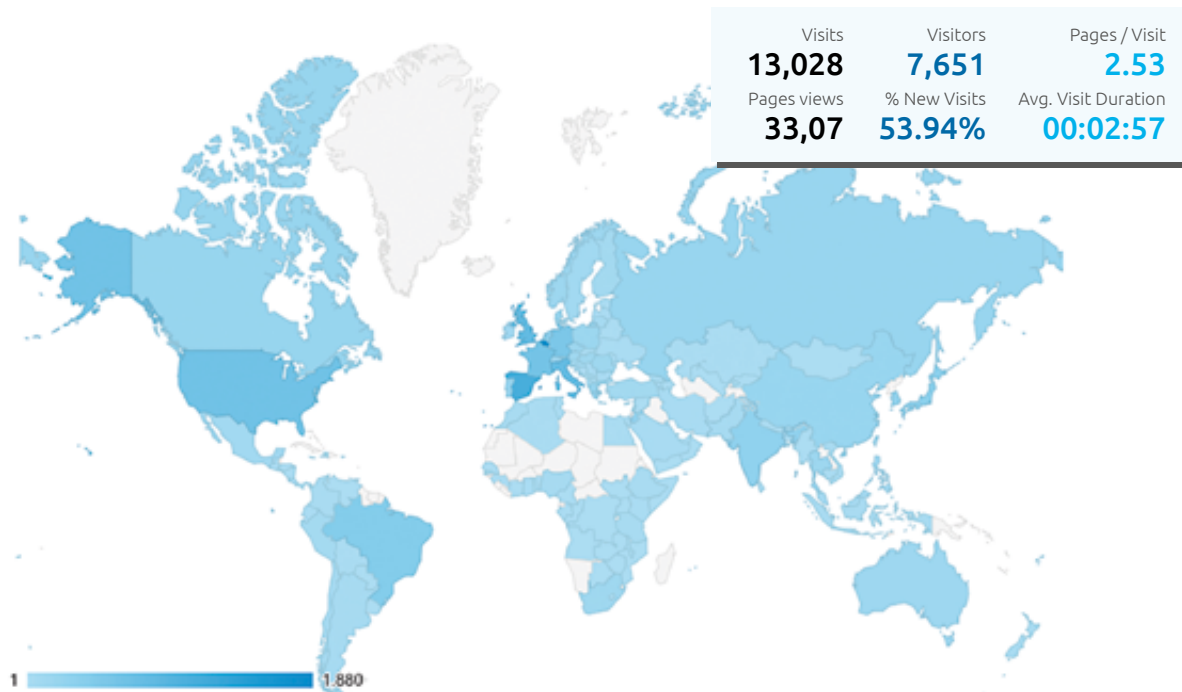
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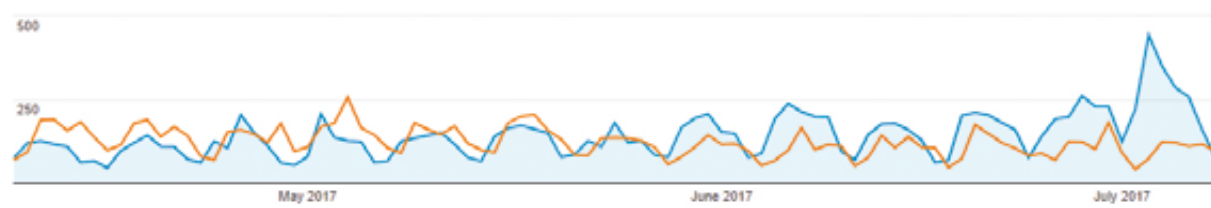


Sessions on emes.net

13K vs 12K same period: 3 months to conference.

Especially during the conference, there was an intensive increase of sessions, even though this year new articles weren't available at the time.

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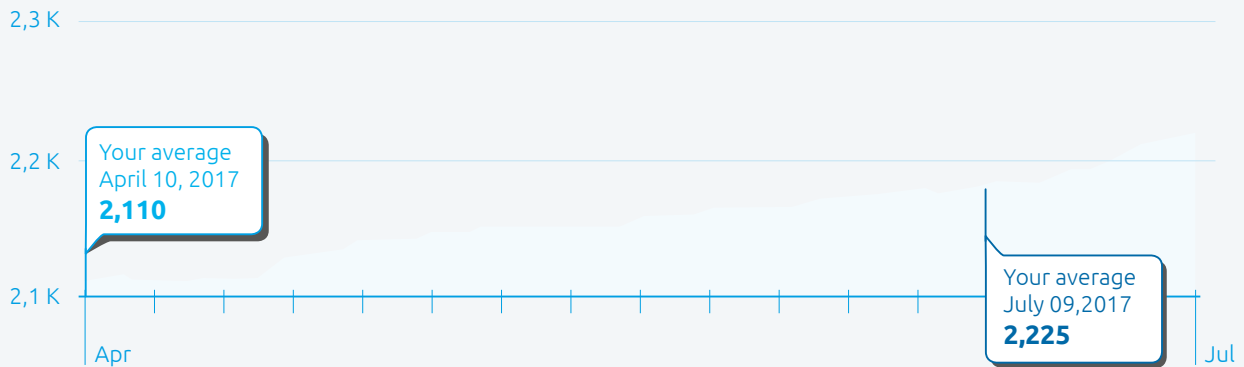


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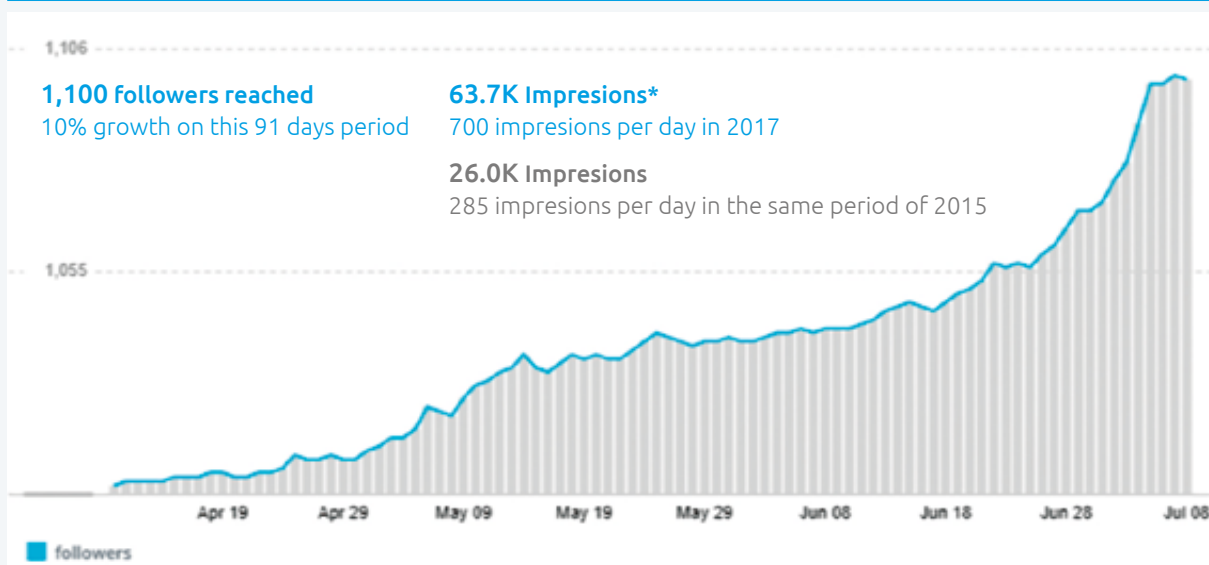
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At #6EMESconf we'll interact with prominent scholars on #SocEnt, expand community networks and have fun!... <https://t.co/BbVSPdjuja>

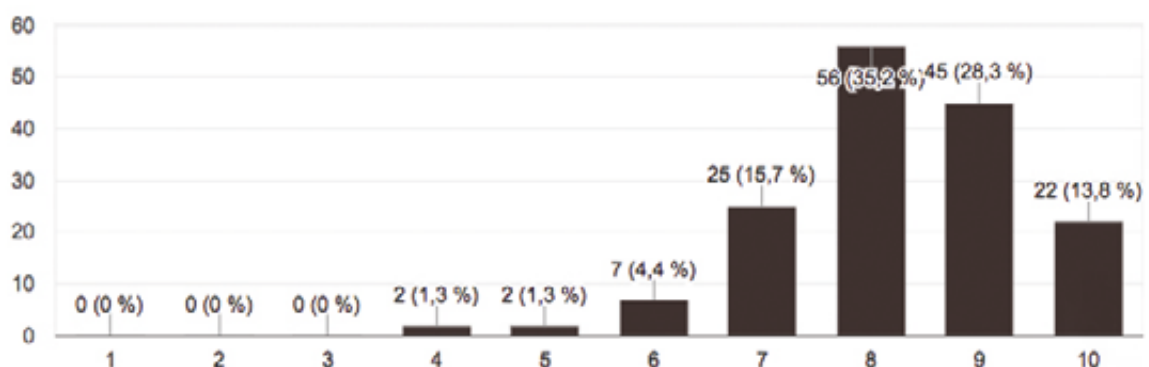
17 interactions on May 24th, 2017

* Impressions are how many times your tweet has been seen. It goes much further than that because if a tweet it shared or commented on, their followers see it, which makes impressions go up. If someone searches the hashtag that is in your tweet, then they will add an impression.

Participants' evaluation

As always, every new event offers an opportunity for EMES to learn in order to improve future editions. In this context, it is of utmost importance to enable formal and informal channels for participants to offer them. On the one hand, EMES prepared an evaluation survey that was delivered to all 380 registered conference participants and reached a response rate of over 55% (159).

In a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent), the **overall quality of the conference** was ranked over 7 by 93% of the respondents; out of which 14% rated it as excellent.





In addition, it is very important to capture more in-depth thoughts and testimonies that some of the participants shared with us. Particularly, we wanted to share the testimonials of three researchers from three corners of the world: **HyungSik Eum from Korea; Catalina Quiroz from Peru, and Lauren Jankelowitz from South Africa.**

HyungSik Eum, Korea | Belgium

"I have participated in the EMES international research conferences since the joint-conference of ISTR and EMES held in Barcelona, 2008. For a sociologist, EMES conferences have been excellent fields for observing how the concept of social enterprise has evolved in interaction with other concepts and diverse practices in the field. During these conferences, as a participatory observer, I could see dynamic changes in the contents of the conferences. I don't know if my impression would be my own personal one or if it could be considered a common feeling shared by other participants... Anyway... At the initial conferences, I remember how the enthusiasm of discovering and understanding diverse entities which might be called social enterprises across the world prevailed. However, after certain moments, I could observe that various concepts such as social entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurship, social innovation and social business etc. appearing among the many discussed topics. It was very interesting to see how dialogues among various concepts occurred and reached certain common understanding. But, on the other hand, I felt not only curiosity concerning different concepts but also some concern and worry about them. As new concepts, the lack of commonly agreed definitions, methods and empirical data were often stated as problematic. Even, I wondered, if we were saying roughly the same things while using same terms.

During this 6th conference, by chance or not, I could find interesting advancements in the contents and debates, at least in the sessions I attended. Beyond enthusiasm and concern facing new social phenomenon and concepts, I could hear more introspective perspectives on the phenomenon relying on more solid theoretical foundation, well-elaborated data and appropriate methodologies, including comparative

approaches. If what happened in previous conferences was more mutual learning among different theoretical approaches and different regional and national contexts, in this conference, participants seemed not to avoid making critical comments and questions during discussions with colleagues from different disciplines and different countries. I think that this was possible thanks to more common ground for understanding and, in turn, it allowed participants to propose bolder ideas rather than just being passive learners. For me, it seemed like a process of constructing a collective intelligence community different from just a conference in which individual researchers want to take their part.

Research and researchers are not outside the phenomenon that they are studying. They are also part of, even important part of the phenomenon, which tries to make sense of the phenomenon in relying on the voice of field as well as more systematic reflections. In this sense, the EMES network and its conferences have been important part of the phenomenon around the development of social enterprise concept. I believe that the advances in research field observed in this conference are not only result of and for academic community, but also a proof that shows that the emerging field of social enterprise is becoming mature.

Now, I'm feeling that we are more organic part of a collective intelligence which makes sense of a phenomenon in which brave people are trying to change the society. Someday, A.I. might dominate various fields of knowledge, but I'm sure that it can not dominate the field of knowledge on social enterprises, because it will never be able to dance for sharing a sense of collectivity with colleagues like we do..."



Catalina Quiroz, Peru | United Kingdom

"At the organizational level, I felt that I was very well informed in order to organise my trip and lodging well in advance. Details were clear, useful and practical. As for the Conference itself, meeting with like-minded and committed people within the field enabled delegates to have in-depth discussions about relevant issues and how to face new challenges to tackle in order to keep and guard the ethos and values of the social and solidarity economy model. All exchanges were very refreshing and energized. I did appreciate the different spaces opened to specific sectors and research interests from different geographical regions. It made the conference inclusive and relevant in terms of gaining updated knowledge.

I had the opportunity to present a paper within line 3 (Governance, employment and human resource management) and I appreciated the time given and most importantly the time for discussion among peers.

As for what I would like to see in next EMES events, I'd say to bring in relevant private sector stakeholders, from SMEs to multinationals from different economic sectors to be able to share insights about social innovation towards aiming the SDGs. Also, to discuss controversial issues surrounding different approaches to creating value within society."



Lauren Jankelowitz, South Africa

"Firstly, many thanks again for accepting me into this network and always welcoming me so warmly to participate, even from so far away. EMES has helped me feel less isolated, and allowed me to see myself as a (beginning) serious academic. My school has embraced the support I've received and is keen now to pursue greater collaboration. The conference was a great opportunity to network and meet and make friends who think in a similar way and also feel passionately about similar issues, who embrace rather than dismiss a practice perspective, who are engaging and interested in even new scholars. To meet people like Dennis Young, who I have been reading for so many years as a social worker; to be able to debate adapting/extending the SE ideal types triangle with the people who developed it and whom I respect and admire greatly, to be immersed in thinking through the social and the economic, to be spoilt with PhD-focused learning (and play) opportunities, to find many potential collaborators, and to have many knowledgeable engagements on strategy-as-practice was so thrilling and stimulating. As exhausting as conferences are, I feel energised and exhilarated. I look forward to continuing to be part of this network. Congratulations for pulling together such an impressive lineup of people talking on relevant and timely issues, and for providing space for inexperienced academics to present papers alongside experienced ones. Thanks also for an excellent poster session and the opportunity to present. That was where I made my most important contacts."

As organizers of the EMES International Research Conferences, we are every time deeply moved and thankful for the expressions of gratitude and support that we receive in the course and after the event actually takes place. We have no qualm admitting that these personal testimonies constitute the fuel that keeps us moving as motivated and enthusiastic individuals working to consolidate social enterprise as a research field and to create a vibrant community.

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