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The three SE pillars:
Social Entrepreneurship, Social Economy and Solidarity Economy
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After three successful editions of the EMES PhD Summer School, at the University of Corsica (France) in 2008, Roskilde University (Denmark) in 2010, and the University of Trento (Italy) in 2012, this year’s Summer School will be held in Timișoara (Romania) in July 2014. With over 120 students from over 30 countries taking part in the summer schools, the biennial EMES Summer School has been an outstanding success, leading to the publication of a PhD Reader, the launch of an EMES PhD Student Network in 2008 and the creation of a dedicated blog (EMES Junior Experts’ Blog, EJEB) in 2011. Moreover, at the beginning of 2013 EMES became a global network of researchers interested in social enterprise, with a dedicated membership category for PhD students.

At a time of profound transformation in the way research and policy are conceived, organized and implemented, the fourth EMES PhD Summer School will introduce innovative approaches to the study of social enterprise. To do so, the three “SE pillars”, which include social enterprise and social entrepreneurship, social economy and solidarity economy as termed by EMES researchers in the first EMES PhD Reader, will continue to function as conceptual anchors for the theoretical and practical discussions and workshops to be held during these four days. In addition, social innovation will be incorporated into the Summer School as a key notion currently driving numerous research and policy initiatives related to social enterprise. Interesting ongoing or recently completed research projects will be presented as valuable resource into the Summer School to illustrate the most innovative research on the SE pillars, social innovation and the third sector.

The EMES International Research Network (EMES) has thrived on exploring the similarities and differences - as well as the inter-relational dynamics - between the various SE flags, as well as on dialogues with approaches like social innovation. As interest continues to grow in specific forms, contexts and emergence of SE initiatives, approaches from around the world are taken into account in order to grasp the complexity of this phenomenon.
In this context, EMES and Western University Timișoara (WUT) jointly organise the fourth EMES PhD Summer School for young researchers at PhD and advanced Masters levels who are conducting research in the wide fields of social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, social economy and solidarity economy.

With this event, EMES and WUT aim to:

- Maintain a strong focus on participants learning about disciplinary evolutions, including major theoretical approaches and debates in the field (social economy and solidarity economy, NPO theories, social entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurship and social enterprise);
- Strengthen the training of PhD students by means of methodological and theoretical lectures, debates, and professional and social media workshops;
- Emphasize the research design and methodology involved in any research project, specifically in a doctoral path;
- Provide personalised feedback and support via well-supported small group discussion sessions on participants’ research projects, their research questions, approaches and theoretical understandings; in addition to various opportunities for informal discussion, at least a full hour will be devoted to every research project within group sessions (for presentation by the student, feedback by professors and other group’s members, discussion and synthesis of recommendations);
- Provide space for social and intellectual discussion so that doctoral students will have ample opportunity to establish and expand their own peer networks and benefit from contacts and feedback from established scholars;
- Stimulate the international dimension of study and participation, since exchanges with researchers from different countries and continents can encourage fertile reflections on research approaches.
Sunday, June 29, 2014

**PROGRAMME**

**THE THREE SE PILLARS:**
Social Entrepreneurship, Social Economy and Solidarity Economy

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**Afternoon**

**Since 14:00**

**16:00 – 16:15**
Plenary room (P02 + P03)
Arrival and greeting of participants
Lars Hulgård, Nicolae Bibu, Marthe Nyssens

**16:15 – 16:30**
Plenary room (P02 + P03)
Presentation of the dynamics of the Summer School
Rocío Nogales

**16:30 – 17:30**
Plenary room (P02 + P03)
Introduction round – All

**17:30 – 18:30**
Plenary room (P02 + P03)
PLENARY CONFERENCE 1
The SE field in a multidimensional perspective
Speakers: Silvia Ferreira, Lars Hulgård, Simon Teasdale
Facilitator: Marthe Nyssens
General debate

**19:00**
Welcome cocktail and dinner
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| 09:00 – 10:00| PLENARY CONFERENCE 3                    | Plenary room (P02+P03) | Researching SE-related topics: Some qualitative and quantitative approaches
|              |                                         |                  | Speakers: Andrea Bassi, Carmen Marcuello    |
|              |                                         |                  | General debate                               |
| 10:00 – 10:30| Coffee break                            | Meeting rooms   |                                             |
| 10:30 – 13:00| Parallel discussion groups (III)         | Meeting rooms   |                                             |
| 13:00 – 14:30| Lunch                                   |                 |                                             |
| 14:30 – 16:30| WORKSHOP                                | Plenary room (P02+P03) | Social media for academics
|              |                                         |                  | Speaker: Andrés del Toro                    |
| 16:30 – 17:00| Break                                   |                 |                                             |
| 17:00 – 18:15| Parallel discussion groups (IV)          | Meeting rooms   |                                             |

**Evening, 19:30**

Cultural event and social dinner
Wednesday, July 02, 2014

09:00 – 10:00
PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP
Surviving the PhD: Defining your post-PhD academic career path
Speakers: Anaïs Perrilleux, Benjamin Huybrechts

10:00 – 10:30
Coffee break

10:30 – 13:00
PLENARY CONFERENCE 4
SE across disciplines: Reflections on future research avenues
Panel: Adalbert Evers, Benjamin Huybrechts, Victor Pestoff
Moderator: Nicolae Bibu
General debate
Diploma ceremony and evaluation of the Summer School

13:00
End of the Summer School activities
Lunch provided

💡 Notes and ideas?
Faculty body

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  University of Bologna, Italy
- Nicolae Bibu *(chair)*  
  Western University Timisoara, Romania
- Taco Brandsen  
  Radboud Nijmegen University, The Netherlands
- Andrés del Toro  
  Loyola Andalucía University, Spain
- Melinda Dinca  
  Western University Timisoara, Romania
- Bernard Enjolras  
  Institute for Social Research, Norway
- Adalbert Evers  
  Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany
- Silvia Ferreira  
  University of Coimbra, Portugal
- Giulia Galera  
  European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises, Italy
- Lars Hulgård  
  Roskilde University, Denmark
- Benjamin Huybrechts  
  University of Liege, Belgium
- Carmen Marcuello  
  University of Zaragoza, Spain
- Marthe Nyssens *(chair)*  
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- Pekka Pattiniëmi  
  Finnish Social Enterprise Research Network (FinSERN)
- Anaïs Perilleux  
  Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
- Victor Pestoff  
  Ersta Sköndal högskola, Sweden
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He has also 10 years of experience as Manager of nonprofit institutions in Italy, associations, social cooperatives, voluntary organizations and foundations, both at the local and national level. He has been Director of the research unit of FIVOL - Italian Foundation for Volunteers in Rome (1995-96), and Director of IREF – Institute of Research on Education and Training in Rome (1997-99); under his supervision several national research programs has been carried out at the country level, (voluntary organizations - 10.000 units and National Social associations - 2.000 units). He is the director of ESSE – European Summer School on Social Economy – Bologna University. He is author of more than thirty articles published on Italian and International Scientific Journals and Reviews and of five books on the topic of Third Sector, Civil Society, Nonprofit Organizations.

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Giulia Galera holds a multidisciplinary Doctoral Degree in International Studies obtained from the University of Trento (Italy) and a Master’s Degree in Management of Non-profit Organizations and Social Cooperatives. Giulia Galera is currently senior researcher at the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse). She is scientific coordinator of two EU Marie Curie IRSES Projects funded by the European Commission and is in charge of coordinating various research projects, research actions and publishing initiatives focused on social and cooperative enterprises. Her main fields of research interest include the concept and practice of social enterprise from a comparative and international perspective; the role of social enterprises in the welfare systems; social and cooperative enterprises in post-transition contexts; the impact of social enterprises and socio-economic development; the legal evolution of social enterprises. Her knowledge and experience in the non-profit, social enterprise, and cooperative sectors is testified by the scientific contributions she has published. These include publications on the role of social enterprises and social economy organizations in different geographical contexts, including Europe, former Soviet Union Countries, and Africa. Giulia has also collaborated with several international and national institutions, including the European Commission, ILO, UNDP, OECD, and the European Parliament.

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Simon Teasdale is Senior Lecturer in Social Business at Glasgow Caledonian University. Prior to this he worked at the ESRC Third Sector Research Centre at the University of Birmingham and has had visiting fellowships at the Universities of New South Wales and Georgia State. He has a BA in Economics and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Manchester. His research draws upon a range of qualitative and quantitative methods. His quantitative work with Steve Mckay, Domenico Moro, Dennis Young and Janelle Kerlin explores the relationship between different organisational revenue sources over time. In his qualitative work with Pascal Dey he focuses on the intersection between policy discourses of social enterprise and the day to day realities faced by practitioners. His article “What’s in a name” won the best paper award at the 2010 Public Administration Committee conference and since publication in Public Policy and Administration has been among the most cited articles in the world on social enterprise. In 2013 Simon won the best paper award at the EMES Social Enterprise Research Conference for “Playing with numbers: A methodological critique of the social enterprise growth myth. Simon is Associate Editor of Social Enterprise Journal. He has sat on a number of government committees at national and European level. He is a reviewer for the ESRC and various academic journals and his research has been funded by bodies such as the ESRC and OECD. He has published in a wide range of academic journals, including Economy and Society, Housing Studies, Public Money and Management, Voluntary Sector Review and the Journal of Social Entrepreneurship.
Rocío Nogales has been the Managing Director of EMES since 2004. Among other things, she is in charge of coordinating international research projects and organizing biannual international research conferences and PhD Summer Schools. Two of her ambitions are to make the results of EMES projects widely known and to engage relevant groups of stakeholders in the activities of EMES, including PhDs. She has the invaluable help of a small but devoted team supporting her, namely Sabine Spada for this Summer School. This is Rocío’s 4th EMES PhD Summer School and counting…

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Mihai Lisetchi is the key on-site person from WUT for this Summer School. He is currently completing his PhD at WUT on social enterprise and he is a senior fellow in philanthropy with Johns Hopkins University, Institute for Policy Studies (Baltimore, USA). He has coordinated national projects and conducted consultancy on NGOs and launched an Internet-based initiative to gather Romanian-speaking research community of social enterprise.

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We will be asking PhD participants to fill out an evaluation survey during the closing ceremony at the end of the event. However, if you have additional comments about the Summer School please send them to 4summerschool@emes.net
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Social Entrepreneurship in the Economically Disadvantaged Communities: Merit of NGO-MFI Guided Community Based Organizations in Reinforcing Social Objectives.

The research advances an idea that community based organizations (CBOs) can be turned into social enterprises (SE) by integrating ecosystem services management objectives with microcredit in the poor communities in developing countries. It diagnoses CBOs and establishes policy-guidelines as to how they can transform to SE. NGO-MFIs facilitate the process of creation and organization of CBOs in the local communities to expand livelihoods and income generating micro-entrepreneurial operation. Within the present ensemble of NGO-MFI-CBO discourse, the CBO members act mainly toward economic objectives. Though the characteristics and organization of these CBOs are akin to grass-root social organization – but the potential societal roles of such organizations are largely unexplored.

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Understanding social enterprise growth: the case of Bangladesh

The main aim of the doctoral study titled "Understanding Social Enterprise Growth: The Case of Bangladesh" is to understand how social enterprises in Bangladesh grow and manage their barriers to growth by adopting different growth paths. In doing so, it first investigates how the social enterprises in Bangladesh grow by acquiring external resources and developing and nurturing internal resources. It then examines the extent to which the institutional context of Bangladesh influences the growth of country’s social enterprises by shaping their external and internal resource acquisition process. Finally, the thesis investigates the extent to which these social enterprises use their entrepreneurial capabilities to respond to these institutional influences and thus determining their growth path/s.

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Social Innovation

Malaysia is still in the infancy stage of developing and promoting social innovation initiative. We have yet to have specific public policies that encourage the development of social innovation in the country. From the academic perspective, there is a lack of literature and empirical evidence in this field of research. It is now timely that more research is needed to explore theories, concepts and empirical evidence in order to advance this field of research. Specifically, the proposed research wishes to answer the following questions:

1. What does the social innovation landscape look like in Malaysia? How has it evolve over time?
2. Why is social innovation important to a developing country like Malaysia?
3. What is the current status of social innovation in Malaysia in comparison with other developing countries?
4. What are the roles played by various parties especially government in developing and promoting social innovation?
My PhD research shall investigate social entrepreneurship education in developing and emerging countries. In the literature review, different social entrepreneurship education approaches will be analyzed, focusing on barriers to social entrepreneurship education and the role of support systems in addressing such barriers. Primary data will be gathered through field research and interviews with different stakeholders.

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External and internal barriers to third sector development in Croatia

The thesis will rely on the research that we will undertake within WPS in EU FP7 project The Contribution of the Third Sector to Europe’s Socio-economic Development in which I am included as Junior Researcher. The problem of the thesis will be to identify which of the external and internal barriers impose the limitations to the effectiveness of third-sector organizations and volunteering in Croatia. Regarding that thesis would aim to identify possible ways, following best practices, to reduce or overcome those barriers. Some broad research questions that will lead the thesis will be:

1. What are external and internal barriers that impose the limitations to the effectiveness of third-sector organizations and volunteering in Croatia?
2. What are possible ways to overcome external and internal barriers that impose the limitations to the effectiveness of third-sector organizations and volunteering in Croatia?

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Contributions to the development strategies of social enterprises

Social organizations are part of social economy, which at these times is an important point of focus in national, European and worldwide development strategies. Social organizations are registered entities, with or without patrimonial purpose, which develop economic activities in order to solve social problems, as the exclusion of vulnerable groups from the labour market. Even if different interpretations of the term “social organizations” have developed from the 1970s, more than 40 years later we are facing the fact that we still don’t have the necessary knowledge in order to use at maximum the potential of social organizations in order to bring a significant impact in the society. This happens, among other reasons, because there have not been proposed enough development strategies for the social organizations, from the economic point of view. Within my research I intend to create and test a set of development strategies of social organizations, which should have a real economic and social impact in the communities. My research questions are:

1. Which are the top 3 development strategies for social organizations from Europe and how can these be applied in the actual legislative, economic and social environment?
2. Which top two theories explain better the relationship between social development and the development of social organizations, while controlling the economic and legislative environment?

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Comparative analysis of the development of social enterprise in two European health care systems

One of the sectors in which social enterprises are heavily involved is health care. Social enterprise can be seen as one of the key players in providing a different and innovative response to health inequalities (Dees, 1998; Donaldson et al., 2011; Fiorentini, 2006). Consequently, the following questions are particularly important for researchers, practitioners and policy-makers: How are social enterprises defined? What challenges are faced by (health focussed) social enterprises in terms of governance and ability to raise finance and other barriers (and facilitators) to their success and development? How can such organisations measure and demonstrate their social impact and then, their success? Due to different

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Observing social enterprises and their interactions in business incubation

A pilot project to explore the interactions of pre-start and start-up social enterprises was undertaken in a university business incubation facility. With a focus on exploring the type of incubation environment and how and why a social entrepreneur interacts with other entrepreneurs and enterprises in the business incubator, the study also examined how the design, ethos and culture of the incubator space affected the interaction of individuals and groups within the facility.

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Social entrepreneurship education in developing and emerging countries

The thesis will be to identify which of the external and internal barriers impose the limitations to the effectiveness of third-sector organizations and volunteering in Croatia. Regarding that thesis would aim to identify possible ways, following best practices, to reduce or overcome those barriers. Some broad research questions that will lead the thesis will be:

1. Which are top 3 development strategies for social organizations from Europe and how can these be applied in the actual legislative, economic and social environment?
2. Which top two theories explain better the relationship between social development and the development of social organizations, while controlling the economic and legislative environment?
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The management of European projects from the perspective of the impact on social economy organizations

“The management of European projects from the perspective of the impact on social economy organizations” is a theme that completes the growing interest of researchers in the last three years on European projects and social economy, with the launch of call sites dedicated to the development of the social economy in Romania - only in terms of its contribution to social inclusion. Theme proposes tools and methods to analyze the specific management of European projects aiming at the development of social economy, taking into account the impact that these have on the social economy organizations (establishment, development etc).

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Nonprofit organizations in time of crisis: dealing with ambiguity and uncertainty

The project analyses organizational processes of third sector organizations that have suffered internal changes as a result of the crisis. It involves a comparison between two contexts of southern Europe, the Spanish one and the Italian one. The research consists in the analysis of specific case studies of organizations that are experiencing fusion or merging processes. From these specific cases I identify the emotional dimensions, which may affect the internal dynamics and the final outcomes.

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Emergence and structure of the social and solidarity economy in Romania. The case of western region.

The aim of our thesis is to understand the role and the place of the social and solidarity economy as a developer (at social, economic, organizational or relational level) and as an actor (in link with the public and private sectors) in Romania’s Western Region, at different territorial scales.

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Social economy, solidarity economy and value creation in social enterprises

Based on an ethnographic approach, part of this project aims to understand the various positions, identifications and counter-identifications engaged in the constructions of ‘the new social economy’. Since most definitions put emphasis on the term ‘social value’ in distinguishing social enterprises from commercial, profit-seeking companies, the question of how social values are constructed and practiced in concrete social economic organisations constitutes the second part of this project.

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An organizational model for the analysis of social enterprises

His PhD aims to develop an organizational model to help social-oriented ventures to identify organizational challenges and to improve their performance. The model is complemented with a diagnosis tool consisting of an online questionnaire. This framework helps social-driven organizations in two objectives: monitoring the foundational principles and of social enterprise and detecting improvement areas.

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Exploring the creation of value for stakeholders when businesses hold both social and commercial goals: the case of work integration social enterprises (WISEs)

This study will examine how and why different approaches to operating work integration social enterprises (WISEs) influence the value of participation for the stakeholders they exist to help. By investigating ideological influences on three key internal processes (governance, management and interpersonal relationships (Bassi, 2011)) the study aims to use social enterprises as a test-bed for better understanding the creation of social value (rather than shareholder profit-maximisation).
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Success factors of indigenous social economy business models in Quebec  
With this thesis, the intention is to explore the role of the context on the business model success factors through the decisions taken by social entrepreneurs, the justification logics at play, the role of the networks and of beneficiaries (Mair et al., 2012). To do so, the framework developed by Soparnot and Grandval (2008) will be adjusted to SE. This framework suggests a way to analyse an organization’s business model through its components, the dynamic between them and the way they interact through the agreements and conventions built between the actors (Mair et al., 2012).

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Women-Centred Social Enterprise in Canada: Weaving Women’s Economic and Social Needs under one Strategy  
Research Objective. To describe how women-centred social enterprises function as a poverty reduction strategy for marginalized women in Canada. Methodology. Using a collective case study methodology this study aims to critically examine 3-5 social enterprises specifically targeting women. Multiple types of data will be collected including interview, observation and documentation data. Data analysis will involve description of the bounded cases, within-case analysis and cross-case analysis.

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Understanding how Public Service Users and Communities contribute to the Achievement of Local Public Service Outcomes.  
This research project aims to understand the contributions of service users and communities through co-produced initiatives to specific outcomes within a context of outcome-focused partnership working in Early Years children’s services. Specifically, the study will take as its setting the work of Early Years Collaborative (EYC) teams working in 3 local authorities in Scotland, and community groups engaging in co-productive efforts linked to the EYC’s stated outcomes. Drawing on theories of co-production and using the framework of Complex Adaptive Systems theory, the study will address two linked research questions:  
1. How are meaningful outcomes achieved in complex public sector environments?  
2. How well-placed are citizens and communities to contribute to such outcomes through forms of ‘co-production’?

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A change in the third sector? – The relevance of social entrepreneurship in Hungary  
Like in other European countries, social entrepreneurship can primarily be linked to the nonprofit sector in Hungary. Therefore the main focus of my research is the examination of how and why social enterprises operated by NGOs can provide innovative, adequate, sustainable solutions to the problems of NGOs; under what circumstances can they operate in a truly efficient way, and what factors can ensure success or cause the failure at their establishment and operation in the Hungarian context.

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Appropriations process of Savings groups model: a case study on Mutuelles de Solidarité in South Kivu, DR CONGO  
As providing access to basic financial services for the poor remains a challenge, development NGOs have increasingly started to assist the emergence of Sav-
Social enterprises, social entrepreneur development, community development, focusing on elements from community youth economy in Mexico and Quebec, draw on the experiences of youth entrepreneurship in the social economy. This research aims to perform a comparative study using a multidisciplinary approach, this research will develop recommendations for policy makers and other stakeholders related to social enterprises. The main objective is to provide a model of successful youth entrepreneurship in the social economy. Overall, the proposed research aims to contribute to the understanding of future public policies to support youth social enterprises creation.

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Youth Entrepreneurship in the Social Economy (with special focus on marginalized youth)

Youth are the group most affected by unemployment. On this matter, entrepreneurship has been identified as a viable alternative to integrate youth into the labour market and break self-reinforcing cycles of poverty. Similarly, the social economy has been recognized for its capacity to integrate marginalized populations. In this sense, I argue that youth entrepreneurship in the social economy could be a tool for youth and community development since social economy initiatives have the twofold dimension of serving member’s needs and community’s needs. However, not much is known about social enterprises’ entrepreneurial processes when carried out by young people. Thus, taking a multidisciplinary approach, this research aims to perform a comparative study of youth entrepreneurship in the social economy in Mexico and Quebec, drawing on elements from community youth development, community development, social enterprises, social entrepreneurship and youth entrepreneurship. The main objective is to provide a model of successful youth entrepreneurship in the social economy. Overall, the proposed research aims to contribute to the outline of future public policies to support youth social enterprises creation.

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Enabling the flourishing and evolution of social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies

The aims of this study are two-fold: firstly, it will exist within a larger framework of operational European research, my own contributions will make up the Scottish state of affairs, and when cumulated will explore the specifics of European policies grounded in social inclusion, innovation and enterprise; secondly, delineating their interactions with member states’ home policies, whilst crucially highlighting any implications that social entrepreneurship can take, or has the potential to take in its path towards policy or legal enshrinement. When combined the wider EFSEIS project offers scope to critically compare the relationship between social entrepreneurship and social innovation; and social inclusion policies historically over ten European countries, drawing comparisons and divergences among these experiences. Concurrent to growing knowledge, this study will also develop recommendations for policy makers, and other organizations such as: chambers of commerce, associations of entrepreneurs, local development agencies and so on. It is therefore the intention that every stakeholder will be provided with advice on how to draft policies and services to foster social entrepreneurship and social innovation at European and local level, building upon previous knowledge and best practice in this area, such as that developed during the WILCO Project.

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Construction model of collaborative system towards developmental sustainability of social enterprises

The thesis aims to indicate a construction model of collaborative system towards developmental sustainability of social enterprises. The thesis has a look at sustainability of social enterprises not only from productivity, efficiency, and feasibility but also from participation of those with social risks, which is a new method of doing so. Based on practices, the thesis tries to examine how participation and collaboration between multi stakeholders related to social enterprises can be evolved to a system. The objectives of the thesis are:

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The third sector and co-production of social services: A comparative study of England and France

My PhD research investigates the phenomenon of co-production of social services by third sector organisations and service users. Whilst increasing attention is being paid to the role of third sector organisations as part of the welfare mix in Europe, and the potential contributions that service users can make, there have been relatively few comparative studies of co-production and the variations between countries. I will be conducting comparative case studies of third sector organisations and co-production in England and France.
1. to clarify social enterprise concept,
2. to set up the indicators to analyze practices,
3. to indicate possible reaching points of support to those affected by social enterprises, and
4. to indicate a construction model of collaborative system which can lead to developmental sustainability of social enterprises.

as a result of the failure of governments constraints facing new social ventures revealed, particularly due to resource based view, its weaknesses are and the market. In view of that, the research is to identify and investigate the critical factors that contribute to the implementation of earned-income strategies in resource poor environment. New markets are to be created through the process of exploration (experimentation, affordable loss, flexibility, innovation etc.), instead of the causation approach to venture creation.

use of actors’ moral competencies in collective decision-making situations at work. The propositions of Social and Solidarity Economy literature allows for the formulation of an original research question, that is, the influence of the organizational context on the actors’ ability to make sense of professional situations from both axiological and instrumental rationalities while, collectively, making decisions.

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Can social innovation foster empowerment without a supportive political context? The case of youth employment in Glasgow.
The research explores the capacity of social innovations to support young people in exercising exit and voice within increasingly precarious labour markets and assesses the impact that the political context may have upon such objectives. Furthermore, the research will examine the broader potential of social innovation to support alternative trajectories for mobilising young workers.

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Managing The Intersect: Social Entrepreneurship And Mission-tied Earned Income Opportunities In Africa
Explanations of how social ventures are established in resource poor environment in Africa has received less attention. Despite the strength of the resource based view, its weaknesses are revealed, particularly due to resource constraints facing new social ventures as a result of the failure of governments and the market. In view of that, the research is to identify and investigate the critical factors that contribute to the implementation of earned-income strategies in resource poor environment. New markets are to be created through the process of exploration (experimentation, affordable loss, flexibility, innovation etc.), instead of the causation approach to venture creation.

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What Is the Experience of Nonprofit Human Service Organizations in High-Poverty Neighborhoods? A Case Study of Social Entrepreneurship in Watts
While no uniform definition for the term social entrepreneurship exists, nonprofit human service organizations (NPOs) are regarded as a particular type of social entrepreneurship. Although the objective of NPOs is to serve clientele in need of social services, there is a dearth of these organizations in high-poverty neighborhoods. My research examines factors that enable NPOs in such neighborhoods to survive using an institutional theoretical framework focusing on social capital and legitimacy.

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My work focuses on the moral experiences and decision-making. Taking an empirical stance, this project is the opportunity to understand the practical implications of Zeisel & Street’s theory of moral intensity and moral dissonance in relation to social enterprises in the Belgian food industry.

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Conceptualising social enterprise as a health and well-being ‘intervention’. Despite having world-class health services and world class public health research in the UK, health inequalities (the unfair gap between the health of the richest and poorest people in society) have been widening – in line with inequalities generally – to the extent that the gap is as large now as it was in the 19th Century. This is what Dorling calls ‘The Scandal of our Times’ and is possibly the most pernicious of manifestations of inequality, because life itself is at stake. While we know that there is a firm link between income and health, we are less sure about the ‘causes of causes’ or ‘fundamental causes’ of health inequalities, which have been largely explained by macroeconomic forces, and the social order. Health is, of course, largely dependent upon the quality of healthcare systems available and individual health behaviours, however, access to such are influenced by ‘factors in the social environment’ that largely influence people’s life choices and circumstances (e.g. income, social capital and so on). I argue that social enterprises, which work to impact upon some symptom or manifestation of poverty and vulnerability at the local level, thus impact upon the symptoms of inequality, whether it is their primary intention to do so or not. Through exercise collecting action, associative democracy and working as, or in connection with, emancipatory/social movements, I argue that social enterprises can also potential effect systemic change or causes of health inequalities too. The aim of the thesis is to develop a theoretically and empirically informed conceptual framework upon which future studies may rest.
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Social entrepreneurship education in Universities: competences, teaching and learning methodologies, and assessment and evaluation systems. Case studies in 3 European universities.

In a world of constant change, continuous evolution and economic uncertainty, it is necessary to develop a range of skills, tools and attitudes to meet the demands of the new society. Thus, international agencies focus on lifelong learning and entrepreneurial competences development, particularly through education programs (European Higher Education Area, EHEA, 2012). UNESCO also calls upon higher education institutions to promote students’ entrepreneurship profiles so they can be prepared to anticipate and respond to social needs and transformations (UNESCO, 2009).

Objectives:
1. Analyze the competences, teaching and learning methodologies and evaluation and assessment systems of three social entrepreneurship training programs that are being carried out by three universities in Europe.
2. Understand the factors that help or hinder the social entrepreneurship education in different contexts.

Research Question: Within the European level, what kind of competences, teaching-learning methodologies and evaluation and assessment systems should contemplate any higher education training program to promote social entrepreneurship as part of the profile of their students?

Methodology: Case studies will be carried out in order to describe, explore and explain the way different social entrepreneurship training programs are unfolded in different European contexts. Within this approach, a number of techniques and methods will be applied:
- Documentary analysis: of information about each of the educational programs considering course description and structure, subjects, competences, planning, assessment, qualification rates, dropout rates and success rates...
- In-depth interviews: In-depth interviews will be held at each university: 2 people organizing the program, 4 lecturers who provide training and 6 students, future entrepreneurs; in total: 6 organisers, 12 lecturers and 18 students.
- Satisfaction questionnaires: in order to check the level of satisfaction of the participants of each training programme, a questionnaire will be carried out to all the students.

Triangulation will be achieved by acquiring information from different agents of each program, using several methods to record information, considering quantitative and qualitative data and making comparisons from the three university contexts. Thus, the most relevant aspects of the development of each program will be possible.

Analysis: First, a literature review will help to understand in depth the factors to be considered within higher education programs, particularly aiming to foster social entrepreneurship. Thus, competences, teaching and learning methodologies and assessment and evaluation systems will be addressed. In order to achieve it, theoretical approaches and empirical studies will be reviewed. Second, a qualitative analysis of documents and interviews will be carried out. Documents and transcriptions will be coded, and categorized, so that patterns of the way social entrepreneurship education in universities will arise. Quantitative analysis of questionnaires will provide further information about the perception of students satisfaction. Ethical considerations: When carrying out the collection, analysis and publication of information through the different techniques, ethical protocols will be established to ensure confidentiality and guarantee anonymity.

Practical implications: The results achieved and lessons learned are aimed to contribute to understand the major aspects that any training program should contemplate in order to promote social entrepreneurship among students, particularly in higher education. The opportunity, in turn, to analyze it in different countries allows that conclusions generated can respond to different situations and contexts, especially considering European countries. This study tries to meet the new demands in social entrepreneurial education. This is one of the challenges that the European Commission wants to address through the Renewed Social Agenda in 2008, as a response to the result of the evaluation of the Lisbon Strategy.
1. How the user participation, the user influence and co-production are effective in social services for children and their families?

2. What can be described as the institutional framework to promote the co-production in child welfare services?

Providing the child care services should be discussed from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives. In qualitative perspective, child care services have a lot of functions to support families. Practices as social enterprises do, will promote the collaboration with families and the other actors in the community.

I will analyse the co-production in social services for children and families including the families with special needs. Collaboration is considered important in terms of promoting early intervention for the families at risk, for example children facing the risk to be removed from the parents due to their mental, economic, or abusing problems.

The initial motivation for this project is derived from various problems of the situation surrounding families and children in Japan. These days the reformation of child care service is in progress since there’s a shortage of the number of the child day-care especially in the city area. It is said to be necessary to expand the number of child care facilities for promoting woman’s labour force participation. However it is also necessary to establish the foundation of institutional framework to provide more stable child care services. The concept of co-production must be crucial when they try to enrich social services.

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**Financial Theory of Social Enterprises**

My PhD project explores the financial management theory of social enterprises and develops models which explain the functioning of these entities in the economy. This research contributes to the understanding of why social enterprises should be more recognisable on the market with respect to their nature, which is a combination of the social mission and the business activities. The goal of this research is to explore effective financial management processes in social enterprises.

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**Social cooperatives in healthcare sector**

The crisis of welfare system, in terms of budget, efficiency and legitimacy, has resulted in public authorities increasing looking to private initiative to provide solutions. Contextually, the role played by the increased demand for participation and democratization that emerged in the workplace, and within society, has given rise to new solidarity perimeters. In some countries, these two drives caused a spectacular growth in the social economy, in particular in the form of cooperatives.

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**Determinants of functioning and development of social enterprises in Poland**

Despite growing interest in social entrepreneurship and social economy, the research in this topic in Poland is still fragmented. Most of the conducted researches are being undertaken in the paradigm of the social economy or the dilemmas and directions of development of the so-called “third sector”. Especially little discussion has been done on the critical success factors of social enterprises, as well as on leadership (being actually one of CSFs), entrepreneurial orientation and success of social enterprises (which certainly differs from the success of commercial ventures).

Before presenting the research and proposing various hypotheses, I have conducted literature studies in order to describe the fours main elements included in the model. Critical success factors, leadership style, entrepreneurial orientation and success are all very broad constructs with many different viewpoints as to definitions and classifications. Conducted literature review has allowed me to conclude that there is a clearly noticeable knowledge gap, which I attempt to fill in with my dissertation. Therefore, the goal of my research was to identify critical success factors of social enterprises and to determine and explain the nature of the relationship between leadership style, entrepreneurial orientation and success of these organizations.

This research was carried out in Poland among 141 social enterprises, which is 17% of the general population (identified on the basis of EMES criteria). My research has identified critical success factors and examined in depth at the role of leadership style and entrepreneurial orientation in the success of social enterprises in Poland. The assumption behind social entrepreneurship is that more entrepreneurial social enterprises are more likely to be successful. This research suggests that social enterprises that are entrepreneurial indeed have a higher likelihood of being financially stable. Furthermore, integrated leadership style has a positive influence on the overall effectiveness and ability to accomplish the organizational mission. This research has broadened the literature on social entrepreneurship by further refining the relationships between leadership style, entrepreneurial orientation and success of social enterprises. It also provides a basis for further research into key variables influencing the performance of social enterprises.
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- building a corpus of theoretical and empirical knowledge around our “SE” concepts (social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social economy, solidarity economy), as well as social innovation and the third sector;
- providing critical evidence for the evolution of an integrated Europe with a significant impact of social enterprise and active citizenship;
- positioning EMES globally and increase the cooperation with centers of excellence on all continents.

EMES has existed since 1996, when an international group of scholars formed a research network that had been sponsored by the European Union. Having reached an unusual level of mutual understanding, trust and a common perspective of working together, a community of researchers sprang off from this working experience. Formally established as a non-profit association (ASBL under Belgian law) in 2002 and named after its first research program, on “the emergence of social enterprises in Europe” (1996-2000), EMES was originally composed of European university research centers and individual researchers. In 2013 EMES opened its membership to researchers and PhD students from around the world.

Since its inception, EMES has conducted over 14 international comparative research projects and organized five bi-annual conferences and four PhD summer schools. In addition, EMES collaborates with international organizations and governments at all levels to advance the understanding and support evidence-based policy-making around the world. EMES publishes regularly the results of its research project in various formats including the EMES Working Papers series.

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West University of Timișoara (WUT)

WUT is one of the four major research universities in Romania. It is located in Timișoara, the most thriving city in the western region. WUT is a major catalyst of cultural and educational activities for the four larger ethnic groups that live and work here harmoniously (Romanian, Hungarian, German, and Serbian). The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEBA) is one of the university’s most important departments, with successful alumni.

Successfully strengthening its scientific, philological, business administration and economics departments, West University of Timișoara operates on a suitable model structure with classic European universities. WUT is a modern university with an increasingly strong community orientation, an important center of education, science and culture both in Romanian and in the European context. Strategically, WUT defines itself as an education and scientific research type of university that aims to enhance further its position as a strong academic institution in the family of European universities. A strategic goal is to increase social responsibility towards society, regional and local community and to act, as a major contributor to their social, cultural and economical development. During the past 12 years, the university has actively responded to changes in European and national educational policy, major demographic changes, requirements of market economy, local and regional needs and new technologies, perceived by the WUT Senate as new opportunities for students, academic and administrative staff.

WUT provides students with the necessary knowledge, skills and values to make a significant contribution to society. 11 faculties are offering a wide range of initial training (bachelor) and postgraduate (master and PhD) courses. Entrepreneurial and managerial skills are a major focus of education for bachelor and master students. Teaching and research interest in NGOs and third sector organizations is increasing among academics and students of WUT. NGOs management, including measurement of NGO performance, constitutes an important research area of the Management department: three professors are coordinating PhD research in the field of organizational evaluation. Organizational performance evaluation and its measurement also teaching subjects in several master programs of WUT, such as Management of Business Organization, Entrepreneurship, Management for Regionals sustainable development, Audit and Accounting of Public Institutions, Social economy, Real estate Management and evaluation.

There is growing interest and research activities in the field of Social Economy Organizations, social entrepreneurship and social innovation by academics and students from FEBA, Faculty of Sociology and The Department of Political Studies. In this respect, WUT is interested in the management and governance of nongovernmental organizations, as tools to develop their community impact. A multidisciplinary working group in the field of Social Enterprise, including academics from several departments of WUT, PhD students and managers of NGO’s, such as Nesst, or the Resource Center for Ethical and Solidar Initiatives (CRIES), provides an excellent research and organizational building and development expertise and experience.

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The EFSEEIS project aims to produce new knowledge enabling Member States, non-Member States and the European Union to fully understand the conditions under which social entrepreneurship starts, develops and can contribute effectively and efficiently to solving societal challenges in a sustainable way. The proposal responds to the challenges identified in Europe 2020 Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and HORIZON 2020, in particular to societal challenges to create inclusive, innovative and secure societies. Geographically, the project is intended to directly enable the flourishing and evolution of social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies in Albania, Austria, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, United Kingdom. The project has four main objectives

1) To construct an Evolutionary Theory of Social Entrepreneurship

Social Entrepreneurship has developed in different ways across Europe. This objective aims to construct a theory which explains these differences, taking into account the history and trends of Social Entrepreneurship, the different operational and organisational forms, the role of communities, cultures and tradition, the role of social innovation, the role of the dialogue between the State and Citizens on Social Inclusion and how social entrepreneurship and institutions co-evolved during time.

2) To identify the features of an "Enabling Eco-System for Social Entrepreneurship"

The research will identify the conditions under which Social Enterprises can contribute effectively and efficiently to build an inclusive and innovative society and will lead to a database of good practices.

3) To identify the “New Generation” of Social Entrepreneurs

In the last three years or so, Social Entrepreneurs have faced unprecedented conditions. The economic crisis and the increasing attention being placed on Social Entrepreneurship by citizens and institutions such as governments, banks etc. are affecting the New Generation of Social Entrepreneurs. This New Generation requires a greater understanding in terms of its features, the needs and constraints as well as its contribution to Social Innovation. This will allow social entrepreneurs the ability to greater success in the policy-making arena as well as increased benefits with regards to stakeholders, financial institutions and other support organizations.

4) To provide advice to stakeholders

The project targets policymakers both at the European, national and local level, banks, and other organizations such as: chambers of commerce, associations of entrepreneurs, local development agencies and so on. Every stakeholder will be provided with advice on how to draft policies and services to foster Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation based on the data collected and on the country analysis performed.

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You can use bus, tram or trolleybus. Tickets can be bought from any kiosk (the price is about 0.5 euro one way). More details at the Public Transportation Autonomous Administration: [www.ratt.ro](http://www.ratt.ro)

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**Academic activities**

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EMES PhD International Summer Schools aim to provide future scholars with important analytical frameworks and academic support. The goal is to strengthen the training of graduate students by means of in-depth and varied theoretical lectures, debates, workshops and presentations by the students themselves.

In a similar vein, numerous Ph.D. and Masters theses on topics related to the extensive field referred to as the "third sector" are currently being prepared, both in traditional university schools - such as political science, sociology, economics, anthropology, etc. - and in business schools. Regardless of the approach used – non-profit studies, social economy, solidarity-based economy, social enterprise, etc. – the academic recognition of this field is being mirrored by the existence or creation of a number of specialized university programs and research centers that attract an increasing number of young researchers.

Nevertheless, specific doctoral training programs for young scholars on the third sector, addressing theoretical and hands-on research issues, do not abound, and the existing programs favor either a socio-political or a non-profit perspective.

From a content standpoint, the specificity of EMES PhD Summer Schools consists of:

- Innovative cross-analysis of the major theoretical trends in the field (social economy and solidarity-based economy, and NPO theories), with an eye on providing new analytical tools to undertake research in the sector;
- Sharing solid and pioneering experience of the professors involved in fields of research related to social enterprise and social entrepreneurship, with an eye on creating dialogue with other conceptions.

So far, over one hundred PhD students from over 40 countries have participated in the following EMES PhD Summer Schools:

- 1st EMES PhD Summer School: University of Corsica (France) - July 2008.
- 2nd EMES PhD Summer School: Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, Roskilde University (Denmark) - July 2010.
- 3rd EMES PhD Summer School: EURICSE and University of Trento (Italy) – July 2012.
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 participated in the EMES PhD Summer Schools as well as individual Graduate Members are members of the EMES PhD Student Network. A steering committee was created to work hand-in-hand with the EMES coordination unit in terms of planning and implementation of activities.

The members of the EMES PhD Student Network play a role in future editions of the summer school. Firstly, graduated PhD students could be involved as faculty members while those alumni who are still pursuing their PhD work will be encouraged to participate to provide a sense of continuity. Additionally, PhDs will have a prominent role in EMES-organized events, such as the EMES International Conference on Social Enterprise.

The Network also manages the EMES Junior Expert Blog (EJEB) offering a window for PhD students and early-stage researchers from around the world to share their views on issues related to social enterprise, social entrepreneurship and the third sector. EJEB features different perspectives, different topics and different geographical regions as explored in your own research projects. EJEB aims to provide an opportunity for junior scholars to connect their area of research and expertise with topics that are relevant to various audiences, including other young researchers and the general public. EJEB contributions should be written in a language accessible for people of all educational and cultural backgrounds.

The EMES PhD Student Network has a Facebook group to exchange information and news.

EMES Alumni Network

The EMES Alumni Network was founded in 2014 and it gathers scholars who have had their PhD on a topic related to social enterprise and who participated in one of the EMES PhD Summer Schools. The Alumni hold different types of positions in academia (research and/or teaching) or outside. They share their experience and networks with PhD candidates, thereby forming a bridge between these students and senior scholars in the field of social enterprise; they participate in the consolidation and diffusion of the EMES network across geographical and disciplinary boundaries; and they more broadly contribute to promoting research and networking in the field of social enterprise.

The founding members of this network are:

- Benjamin Huybrechts (Centre for Social Economy, HEC Management School, University of Liege, Belgium);
- Jennifer Eschweiler (Coordination Unit, EMES Network, Belgium/Germany);
- Michela Giovannini (Euricse, European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises, Trento, Italy);
- María Granados (University of Westminster, United Kingdom);
- Carmen Guzmán, Department of Economics, University of Huelva (Spain);
- Millán Diaz-Foncea, GESES Research Group, Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain);
- Julie Rijpens, Social Entrepreneurs Academy (Belgium).

The EMES Alumni Network is supported by the EMES Coordination Unit and has a LinkedIn group named EMES Alumni Network.

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www.emesphdnetwork.wordpress.com

EMES PhD Network (Facebook Group)
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