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**COOPERATIVES AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF
BUSINESS AND SOCIETY**

ICA - CCR European Research Conference Berlin 2019

Cooperatives and the Transformation of Business and Society

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Final Call

Abstract submission deadline: **January 29, 2019**

Details and news: <https://www.ica-berlin2019.hu-berlin.de/de/i-c-a-konferenz-berlin-2019>

New technologies, global environmental hazards and increasingly integrated markets are transforming the pace and principles of social interaction. Modern cooperative businesses actively contribute to fundamental changes of political, business and cultural environments. In the process, cooperative principles and organisational concepts themselves become the subject of renovation and revitalisation. The ICA - CCR European Research Conference 2019 in Berlin will discuss the role of cooperative organisations in ongoing transformations. What could be the role of organisations based on voluntary membership, economic cooperation, and democratic rule in key areas such as business transformation, sustainable resource management, the democratisation of service infrastructures, or civil society activation? What are the new areas and spaces cooperative business models may occupy?

What contributions could cooperative networks and associations at different levels of aggregation make? At the level of single entities, conference participants will discuss how cooperatives manage changes as well as how cooperatives influence the speed by which members and communities are affected. Across societal and organisational levels, participants will discuss the role of cooperative networks and associations as potential knowledge brokers and co-designers of the process of transformation. Conference contributions may cover a wide range of connected research themes at different levels of social interaction. Empirical as well as conceptual work will be presented and discussed.

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Topics (your proposals welcome!)¹

System changes

Cooperatives and the Sustainable Development Agenda (1)
Cooperatives and the transformation of food, energy and knowledge systems (2).
Cooperatives and the transformation of financial and insurance systems (3)
Cooperatives and urban transformation processes (4)
Cooperatives in socialist and post socialist transformations (5)
Cooperatives, chain integration and the transformation of the market mechanism (6)

Managing business transformation

Managing change at the level of the business (7)
Optimal producers? Coping with increasing member heterogeneity (8)
Managing and assessing board structure changes in cooperatives (9)
Aligning incentive structures for managers, workers and honorary posts in cooperatives (10)
Leveraging business digitalization (11)

Policies and institutional environments

Enabling environments for healthy cooperative development (12).
Towards an International Cooperative Law (13)
The future treatment of cooperatives in antitrust and tax regulations (14)
Cooperatives and changing EU-policy agendas/EU-policy reform (15)
Transformation of ownership and property systems (16)
Platform cooperative economies (17)
Cooperatives, knowledge society, education (18)

Communities and natural resources:

Agricultural land, water and the biosphere (19)
Activating civil society: social movements, cognitive dissonance and the role of co-operatives (20)
Cooperatives and community cooperation (21)
The future of cooperative associations (22)
Forest and fisheries cooperatives ((23)
Urban/community supported agriculture (24)

Details for submission and organisation of conference and pre-conference events

- Abstracts will be peer reviewed. The submission deadline is January 29, 2019. Email address for submission: ica-berlin2019@hu-berlin.de
- Notification of acceptance: February 9, 2019.

Individual presentations, self-organised sessions, forums, workgroups

- Participants may present their work in the form of individual paper (poster) contributions of max. 20 min in one of the parallel sessions or poster sessions. Submissions of abstracts of presentations (500 words) will be reviewed and grouped in thematic areas.
- Participants may propose conference sub-themes and organise a parallel session collaboratively. Abstracts for self-organised sessions (1000 words) name contributors, describe contents and detail the number of presentations to be discussed.
- Forums discuss or announce an important event, anniversary or organized activity among cooperative scholars. Abstracts for forums (1000 words) name contributors, describe the activity or event and detail the number of presentations to be discussed.
- Participants may use the event as a platform for the organisation of project events and collaborative research meetings. Abstracts for organized events (max. 500 words) include detailed information about needed space, project title and time-schedule.

Scientific Committee

Markus Hanisch, Cynthia Giagnocavo, Jos Bijman, Mike Cook, Murray Fulton, Maryline Filippi, Hagen Henry, George Hendrikse, Jens Rommel, Hans Groeneveld, Tine de Moor, Brenth Hueth, Constantine Iliopoulos, Brett Fairbain, Jan Jonker, Roger Spear, Dominika Milczarek, Valentin Valentinov, Hans H. Münkner, Julian Sagebiel. Maria Antonova, and Giulia Galera (more information about research committee, preliminary program and keynotes see [our homepage!](#)).

¹ Themes are NOT exclusive and change with your submissions. Scheduling in the program is preliminary.

Draft program (illustration of conference organisation). Session numbers and rooms may be subject to changes, Keynote speakers will refine themes.

Day 1, Wednesday, Aug 21					
09.00 – 12.00	Young scholars event				
	HU-Senatssaal (Y1) and	Workgroup 1	Workgroup 2	Workgroup 3	Workgroup 4
13.00 – 15.00	Official conference launch (30 min)			HU-Senatssaal plenary room (Y1)	
Conference keynote (50 min): Cooperatives - fundamental transformations, sustainable development and new social contracts, Brett Fairbairn, President, Thompson Rivers University, Canada					
Panel (45 min)	Keynote panel				
15.00	Coffee break				
15.30 – 17.00	Parallel paper presentations themes 1 – 5				room
Theme 1 (4 inputs)	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	X1
Theme 2 (4 inputs)	Paper 5	Paper 6	Paper 7	Paper 8	X2
Theme 3 (4 inputs)	Paper 9	Paper 10	Paper 11	Paper 12	X3
Theme 4 (4 inputs)	Paper 13	Paper 14	Paper 15	Paper 16	X1
Theme 5 (4 inputs)	Paper 17	Paper 18	Paper 19	Paper 20	X2
18.30	Welcome reception: Reception speech: N.N. Research Foundation/ Coops Europe, N.N				(Y2)

Day 2, Thursday, Aug 22

09.00 – 10.30	Parallel paper presentations themes 6 - 8				room
Theme 6 (4 inputs)	Paper 21	Paper 22	Paper 23	Paper 24	X1
Theme 7 (4 inputs)	Paper 25	Paper 26	Paper 27	Paper 28	X2
Theme 8 (4 inputs)	Paper 29	Paper 30	Paper 31	Paper 32	X3
10.30	Coffee break				
11.00 - 12.30	Parallel paper presentations themes 9 – 12				room
Theme 9 (4 inputs)	Paper 33	Paper 34	Paper 35	Paper 36	X1
Theme 10 (4 inputs)	Paper 37	Paper 38	Paper 39	Paper 40	X2
Theme 11 (4 inputs)	Paper 41	Paper 42	Paper 43	Paper 44	X3
Theme 11 (4 inputs)	Paper 41	Paper 42	Paper 43	Paper 44	X3
Theme 12 (4 inputs)	Paper 45	Paper 46	Paper 47	Paper 48	X4
12.30	Lunch break				

14.00 – 16.00	Business meets science event					HU-Senatssaal plenary room (Y1)
14.00 – 14.15	Welcome: Research Foundation, Conference Chair Markus Hanisch, and Representative HU-Berlin.					
14.15 – 15.00	Keynote: Cooperative leadership at the limits of business integration, Michael Cook, Director, Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership, Missouri University.					
15.00 – 16.00	Transformation of the food system (IGM/DMK), Transformation of the banking system (VR-Bank N.N.), Transformation of cooperative knowledge systems (ADG-DRV N. N.), Transformation of the energy system (DGRV N.N.).					
	Panel Discussion: Food Systems: Bijman and N.N., Banking and Finance: NN, Knowledge System: Mike Cook and N.N. ADG/GV, Energy System: N.N. and Hanisch.					
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break					
16.30 – 18.00	Parallel paper presentations 13 - 17					room
Forum Cooperative	Paper 49	Paper 50	Paper 51	Paper 52	X1	
Law Theme 13 - 14...	Paper 53	Paper 54	Paper 55	Paper 56	X1	
Theme 15 (4 inputs)	Paper 57	Paper 58	Paper 59	Paper 60	X3	
Theme 16 (4 inputs)	Paper 61	Paper 62	Paper 63	Paper 64	X4	
Theme 17 (4 inputs)	Paper 65	Paper 66	Paper 67	Paper 68	X5	
18.30 – 22.00	Conference Dinner					HU-Palais
Day 3, Friday, Aug 23						
09.00 – 10.30						HU-Senatssaal plenary room (Y1)
Conference Keynote (50 min)						
Transformative business models; Jan Jonker, Nijmegen School of Management						
10.30	Coffee break					
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel paper presentations 18 – 23					room
Forum Cooperative Education Theme 18...	Paper 69	Paper 70	Paper 71	Paper 72	X3	
Theme 19 (4 inputs)	Paper 73	Paper 74	Paper 75	Paper 76	X3	
Theme 20 (4 inputs)	Paper 77	Paper 78	Paper 79	Paper 80	X3	
Theme 21 (4 inputs)	Paper 81	Paper 82	Paper 83	Paper 84	X4	
Theme 22 (4 inputs)	Paper 85	Paper 86	Paper 87	Paper 88	X5	
Theme 23 (4 inputs)	Paper 89	Paper 90	Paper 91	Paper n....	X6	
12.30 – 13.15	Results panel: Cooperatives and the transformation of business and society					HU-Senatssaal plenary room (Y1)
Announcements:	Locus and subject of the next ICA-CCR conference,					
	SLE-BMZ GIZ invitation to evening reception: Cooperatives and the transformation of policies for sustainable development					
13.15	Lunch adjourn					
18.15 Cooperatives & Development	Special evening panel and reception: Cooperatives and the transformation of policies for sustainable development					
	Seminar for Rural Development (SLE) and Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)					