



ENGAGING ECONOMIES OF CHANGE

Canadian Society for Ecological Economics
12th Biennial Conference | May 22 - 25, 2019

Call for Abstracts

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Scholars, activists, educators, civil servants, business leaders and change-makers alike: We invite you to *Engage with Economies of Change!*

Canadian Society for Ecological Economics 12th Biennial Conference
Wednesday May 22 - Saturday May 25, 2019
Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Ontario

Submission Details

Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2018

Acceptance Criteria: Submissions will be accepted under the six sub-themes and four presentation/intervention formats, listed below. Abstracts will demonstrate significance, originality and relevance to the overall theme; clarity, concision and focus; and, capability to directly enhance the discourse within one specific sub-theme at an either theoretical or practical level.

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Conference and Theme Overview

The need for change in a world of environmental decline, economic instability and social conflict is well recognized. Despite perceived tradeoffs between economic prosperity and environmental protection, the interdependencies and intersections are well-established: Our economy is embedded and completely dependent on the health of the environment. Strong interdisciplinary research and practice that informs and is informed by present-day realities is crucial. The 12th biennial CANSEE conference theme, Engaging Economies of Change, recognizes that many solutions to these challenges already exist and must therefore be understood and replicated.

This conference aims to facilitate and enhance the exchange of knowledge on the economy- environment nexus by strengthening the agency of all relevant stakeholders to explore alternative modes of 'economy'. To accomplish this, partnerships between academics and front-line practitioners will be emphasized, catalyzing a public conversation that links deep theoretical approaches with active community practice. We warmly welcome participation from activist groups, non-profit organizations, industry representatives and government agencies to enhance the conference content with real-world challenges and applications. We care about representing diverse voices, and encourage submissions from minorities and marginalized groups. Academics are expected to contribute original research that augments the core of the debate.

Subthemes

Biophysical and Social Systems

Economies are physical and social systems. This research investigates both current and future society-nature relationships through classic tools like material and energy accounting, environmental taxation and payment for ecosystem services, modeling methodologies, and scenario formation.



Defining Political and Ethical Relationships

Situating Ecological Economics as a political practice, we acknowledge that socio-ecological problems are not merely technical, but involve differential power relations between humans, species, and generations. Seeking adaptive ethical and political frameworks, we look to collaborate with history, anthropology, psychology, sociology, and political ecology.



Allies & Partnerships Outside the Academy

This sub-theme sparks a dialogue between academics and the organization and communities whose thinking and doing relates to the empirical findings, theoretical frameworks, and philosophical underpinnings of the discipline. These can include non-profit leaders, elected officials, industry representatives, indigenous groups, activists, and labour movements.



Complexities of Change

We will explore the spatial and temporal dynamics of a low-carbon transition through systems science. How does a constant material throughput impact extending empathic circles, equality, and social justice? We seek to explore cascading effects, and unintended consequences in the coevolution of social, political, and biophysical systems.



Currency, Markets & Value(s)

Money, exchange and investment plays a critical role in contemporary economic institutions and will be a driving force for the low-carbon transition. This sub-theme analyzes financial institutions, money creation, alternative currencies, ontological understandings of money and how an ecological economy might handle pluralist conceptualizations of 'value'.



Communities of Care Beyond Markets and States

Exploring the diverse extra-market economies and non-market logics that persist outside of relations of capital, we return economic study to the original meaning of oikonomia – management and care of the common home – and escape from the modern economics of market exchange outside the household. We highlight care, commoning, and decolonizing.





Presentation Formats & Submission Details

Flash Talks

Condense your work into a 5-minute pitch to the entire conference audience, followed by 30-minute moderated break-out sessions where you and interested peers can discuss and debate details further. This session allows the **most amount of time** for presenters to disseminate their work at the conference. [Here are resources on how to create a strong 5 min presentation.](#)

To Submit: Prepare a **250-word abstract** detailing your pitch and a **100-word summary** for the program. Identify the sub-theme(s) your work fits under.

Traditional Parallel Presentations

Speak on your expertise for 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of Q&A on a panel of 4-5 presenters in traditional parallel presentation sessions. Your audience will be limited to those who choose to attend your session in a set of 4-8 parallel sessions.

To Submit: Prepare a **400-word abstract** detailing your pitch and a **100-word summary** for the program. Identify the sub-theme(s) your work fits under.

Special Sessions

Workshops, master classes, roundtables, symposiums and demonstrations dedicated to specific topics that are fully designed and organized by the submitting participants. Special sessions can run for 60, 90, or 120-minute segments.

To Submit: Prepare a **600-word abstract** detailing your session including your preferred time frame, full list of leading participants, and expected outcomes. Identify the sub-theme(s) your work fits under, and a **100-word summary** for the program.

Creative Interventions

Artwork or other creative presentations and interventions related to ecological economics and community-building are welcome. Expressions can be presented in one of the above structures, incorporated into a keynote session or mealtime, or any other novel process. Specify in the proposal how you imagine the intervention being integrated into the conference.

To Submit: Prepare a **400-word abstract** detailing your intervention including the kind of space, technology, time, and other logistics you require. Clearly identify the intended goals of the intervention and expected outcomes.
