



Action 16206 "Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars" (EMPOWER-SE)

REJIES - COST International PhD Seminar

SOCIAL ECONOMY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE RESEARCH: KEYS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Seville (Spain), April 4th-5th, 2019

Description of the event

Social economy and social enterprise research, taken into account as approaches that help us to understand the challenges that our societies are facing, and the role that citizens have on them, has increased during recent decades. International and national research projects, publications on different languages, and formal training programs at the university level, has contributed to develop a new generation of researchers. These researchers, that come from several disciplines and using different methodologies, are reformulating the topics and procedures in areas related with social economy and social enterprises. Nevertheless, the precariousness of the opportunities to develop a professional career and the isolation in which this new generation carries out research, represents challenges that PhD students and young graduates have to face every day in these areas.

With this background, we are pleased to announce that CIRIEC's **Network of Young Researchers in Social Economy (REJIES)** and the **EMES International Research Network** through its EMPOWER-SE Action from the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) program, have joined forces to co-organize an International PhD Seminar that will take place on **April 4th and 5th at the University of Seville (Spain)**. The Seminar is held on the occasion of the V REJIES' Meeting in Seville, with the aim of connecting different PhD networks such as EMES PhD Network, to foster synergies and international collaborations among the participants.

The activities for this REJIES - COST International PhD Seminar will consist of round tables with professionals from the social economy and social enterprises with an international perspective; seminars on methodology; and parallel sessions (oral communications and posters) in order to receive feedback from PhD students who also work in the area, as well as from senior researchers.



Targeted participants

PhDs and Early Career Researchers (ECI)¹ currently involved in the topics described above are welcome to apply. Around 30 papers will be selected to allow for in-depth discussion and networking.

Scientific Committee

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Submission guidelines

- The abstract of the oral communication or poster can be sent in **Spanish and/or English**.
- The **maximum length** of the abstract cannot exceed **250 words**, specifying the aim, methodology and results obtained or expected (it can contain references that will not be taken into account of these 250 words).
- It will contain the full contact information and the **PhD' year** (in the case of a finished PhD, specify the defense year).
- If the poster consists of a **doctoral thesis summary** (even if it is finished after December 2017 or in process), it must be specified.
- To participate in these workshops, it is necessary to **send an abstract before March 1st, 2019**.
- If the indicated format is a **poster**, this must be printed in a **70x100 format** to be exposed, being the authors' responsibility the exhibition and custody.
- The official language for the REJIES-COST International PhD Seminar is English although some sessions may be held in Spanish.

Evaluation and acceptance

The abstracts, that should be originals, will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the meeting, who will assess its relationship with the Economic and Social Entrepreneurship, its scientific quality and the research goals addressed. The results of

¹ Early Career Investigators (ECI) are researchers with PhD plus a maximum of 8 years of experience.



the possible **acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be communicated on March 7. The scientific committee will indicate if the work will be presented through oral communication or poster.**

At least one of the authors must be registered in the REJIES-COST International PhD Seminar and be present at the session to receive feedback from the rest of the participants. The corresponding certificates will be given to all the assistants, as well as to those who make the presentation.

COST Financial support

A limited number of grants (contributing to accommodation and travel expenses) are available under the EMPOWER-SE COST Action for PhDs and Early Career Researchers (ECI) with an accepted abstract. If you are interested in applying for this support, please note that in addition to the scientific excellence criterion (evaluation score), abstracts must address the specific objectives described in the proposal description of the EMPOWER-SE COST Action (see [Memorandum of Understanding](#), page 3-4). Moreover, the following specific COST criteria apply: gender balance, ITC² origin and ECI stage. **If you are interested in being considered for this grant scheme, please indicate so when submitting your abstract.**

Organizers

REJIES. With the aim of collecting young researches from the Social Economy field and constituting a continuous forum of dialogue, share experiences and promoting the dissemination and promotion of knowledge, it was constituted in 2014, in the core of CIREC, the Network of Young Researchers in Social Economy (REJIES). Its main activity consists of the organization of annual meetings which have taken place in different places of Spain: Zaragoza (I meeting, 2014), Madrid (II meeting, 2015), Valencia (III meeting 2016) y Santiago de Compostela (IV meeting 2017). These meetings have always been focused in three action points: (a) the dissemination of obtained results in the research processes, (b) the specific training in quantitative and methodology methods and (c) the strengthen of the network as a tool for the research in the Social Economy. Along these years, the meetings have been increasing their size not only in terms of participants, but also in terms of origins of these participants.

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a pan-European intergovernmental framework. Its mission is to enable break-through scientific and technological developments leading to new concepts and products and thereby contribute to strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacities. The specific Action 16206 supporting this event is "Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars" (EMPOWER-SE).

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

² Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.



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 2020 in Cork, Ireland). 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 350 individual members and 14 institutional members from over 50 countries.

Important dates

February 13th, 2019 – Call launch

March 1st, 2019 – Abstract submission deadline

March 7th, 2019 – Communication of acceptance

April 4th-5th, 2019 – Celebration of the REJIES-COST International PhD Seminar



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