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Governance and general interest / Gobernanza y interés general

Board Processes, Board Strategic Involvement, and Organizational Performance in For-profit and Non-profit Organizations

Hongjin Zhu, Pengji Wang and Chris Bart. Journal of Business Ethics, volume 136, issue 2, pages 311-328, June 2016.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10551-014-2512-1>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “Although corporate governance researchers have devoted considerable attention to the role of boards of directors in monitoring management and providing resources, less attention has been paid to whether and how they affect the strategic actions of firms in response to changing environments. Taking a process-based perspective, we examine how several prevalent board processes (i.e., board meetings, outside-board-meeting reviews and information utilization) affect the involvement of boards in strategic decision-making and how such involvement shapes organizational performance. Moreover, we offer an initial attempt to compare the strategic role of boards in for-profit and non-profit organizations. An investigation of 217 for-profit and 156 non-profit organizations in Canada indicates that different processes lead boards to different levels of strategic involvement, and that such effects are contingent on the types of organizations concerned. Moreover, boards that are active in strategic decision-making enhance the performance of their organizations. Our findings have implications for board research and practice.”

MODES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ET DE FINANCEMENT

Modes of development and financing / Modos de desarrollo y de financiamiento

Credit Cooperative Institutions in European Countries

Simeon Karafolas (Ed.). Springer, 1st edition, 444 pages, June 2016.

<http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319287836>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “This book offers a comparative analysis of credit cooperative systems across 23 European countries. Cooperative banking has an important place in the financial, economic and social life of most European countries, and while cooperative banks, credit mutuals, credit cooperatives and credit unions share the spirit of cooperation and mutuality, they often have very different features, history and development. The book examines the evolution and current model of each credit cooperative system, its importance for the national and local banking markets, as well as the impact of the financial crisis on cooperative banking, and also presents the sharp contrasts between these systems throughout the EU. It is of significant scientific and practical interest and enables policymakers, practitioners and academics at European and national levels to deepen their understanding of the evolution of the system and its governance.”

Social Capital, Household Income, and Community Development in Bhutan: a Case Study of a Dairy Cooperative

Galey Tenzin and Kaoru Natsuda. Development in Practice, volume 26, issue 4, pages 467-480, July 2016.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09614524.2016.1161731>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “Using a case of a dairy cooperative in Bhutan, this study investigates how social capital enhances individual household income and community development in rural areas. It also examines the influence of cooperatives in social capital formation. The study finds that social capital facilitates households that are resource-constrained by working together to reduce costs through economies of scale, enhancing information accessibility, building confidence, and strengthening teamwork. It fosters not only an improvement in the livelihoods of cooperative members, but also provides a positive influence for non-members and the community as a whole. The study also reveals that cooperatives influence formation of three forms of bonding, bridging, and linking social capitals. While bonding social capital facilitates strong teamwork among the members, bridging and linking social capitals connect the cooperatives with the outside networks and provides them more opportunities and services for its sustainability.”

Fundraising Policy Reform and its Impact on Nonprofits in China: A View from the Trenches

Ming Hu and Chao Guo. *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, volume 7, issue 2, pages 213-236, June 2016.

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf.2016.7.issue-2/npf-2016-0003/npf-2016-0003.xml>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “After decades of strict charitable solicitation regulation, the Chinese government has recently begun to experiment with fundraising policy reforms in some local jurisdictions. In this comparative study of two metropolitan cities, Shanghai and Guangzhou, we examine the nature, content, and scope of the reform and its impact on nonprofit organizations. Our archival analysis indicates that the new policies in both cities helped create a more supportive regulatory environment for the nonprofit sector, though they differed in the extent to which policy change departed from the status quo. Yet somewhat surprisingly, the reform elicited a lukewarm reaction from the nonprofit sector: only a very small fraction of nonprofit organizations actually fundraised under the new policies, and their performance varied remarkably. Our field work further reveals that many nonprofit leaders had reservations about the policy initiatives. Possible reasons for such reservations include fragmented policies on nonprofit registration and taxation, discretionary authorization system, and the weak fundraising capacity of nonprofits.”

The Contributions of Short Food Supply Chains to Territorial Development: A Study of Three Quebec Territories

Patrick Mundler and Sophie Laughrea. *Journal of Rural Studies*, volume 45, pages 218-229, April 2016.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0743016716300547>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “Short food supply chains (SFSCs) have undergone significant developments for roughly a decade, spurring the interest of producers, consumers and governments. A thorough review of the literature shows the various economic, social and environmental benefits associated with SFSCs across much of Europe and North America. However, these benefits have generally been analyzed in isolation from each other, with very few studies attempting to characterize them as a whole in a systemic fashion. This article aims to evaluate the contributions of SFSCs to territorial development in three contrasting Quebec territories. For this, we developed a model that is organized around four dimensions that are interlinked through systemic relations: farmers' welfare, local development, welfare of the community, and environmental protection. For each of these dimensions, we determined criteria and indicators in order to compare, whenever possible, the results obtained in this research with the available provincial data. Overall, our results show that, when considering the indicators chosen for this research, SFSCs mostly have a positive effect on the three territories targeted by our research. The most positive aspects of these systems are job creation, skills development for farmers, job satisfaction, and the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices. The most neutral elements relate to revenues for farmers engaged in SFSCs, the economic weight of SFSCs within the local economy, the influence of SFSCs on the access to fresh and healthy food, and their effects on social cohesion.”

Iniciativas sociales, económicas y ambientales: su impacto en la opinión de la base asociativa de una Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito de Costa Rica

Paul Masís Solano, Irune Gómez Pescador Y Paula Arzadun. *CIRIEC-España, revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa*, número, el 86, junio 2016.

http://ciriec-revistaeconomia.es/index.php?id_pagina=7&id_revista=96&ci=esp

Resumen proveniente del artículo: “Los inicios del cooperativismo costarricense se remontan al siglo XIX, con unas primeras expresiones que perseguían la satisfacción de necesidades de productores y trabajadores agrícolas. En el año 1943, ya existiendo 23 empresas cooperativas, surgió la primera legislación a favor del sector. Actualmente existen 594 cooperativas de adultos y escolares, y 887.335 personas asociadas a ellas. De acuerdo con el último Censo Nacional Cooperativo (Instituto Nacional de Fomento Cooperativo – INFOCOOP, 2012), el 22,2% de las cooperativas costarricenses pertenece al sector de finanzas y seguros, ocupando el primer lugar en el ranking de principal actividad económica de las cooperativas. Entre ellas se encuentra CoopeAnde N°1 R.L, foco de análisis de la presente investigación. Se trata de una entidad que surgió en el año 1965 con el propósito de brindar una solución financiera a personas del sector educación. Actualmente cuenta con 57.000 asociados en todo el país. A partir de un trabajo de campo realizado a nivel nacional entre los meses de diciembre de 2013 y febrero de 2014, con una muestra total de 2.223 casos, se pretende medir el impacto de una serie de iniciativas sociales, ambientales y económicas en la opinión de la base asociativa, así como su percepción y valoración respecto a temáticas socioeconómicas y ambientales.”

ÉVALUATION

Evaluation methods / Métodos de evaluación

Factors Affecting Performance of Co-operatives in Malaysia

Hafizah Hammad Ahmad Khan, Mahazril Aini Yaacob, Hussin Abdullah and Siti Hajar Abu Bakar Ah. International Journal of Productivity and Performance Management, volume 65, issue 5, pages 641-671, May 2016.

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/IJPPM-05-2014-0077>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "The purpose of this study is to investigate the factors affecting co-operatives performance by focusing on the roles of its intangible assets which are in the form of intellectual capital and members' participation. Questionnaires have been distributed among co-operatives board of members of the 100 best co-operatives in Malaysia. This study used Pearson correlation and Multiple Regression Analysis to examine the impact of intellectual capital and members' participation on the co-operatives performance and determine the most influencing factors that affect the performance. Results showed that there is a positive relationship between structural capital, relational capital and members' participation with the co-operatives performance while human capital has been found to have a negative relationship. This is further supported by the findings based on the Multiple Regression Analysis whereby all the independent variables were found to be significant except for structural capital. Based on the findings, this study proposed a model for co-operatives' performance which is based on its intangible assets. Findings of this study would provide guidance for the co-operatives sector to improve its performance and indirectly help the government in realizing the nation economic goals. This study provided a better understanding on the performance of the co-operatives by focusing on the roles of its intangible assets. Apparently, there are very limited studies on intellectual capital which is based on co-operative framework and thereby this present study would fill in the gap. In addition, due to the objective of the co-operatives which differs from other types of organization, findings of this study might provide significant contribution on the study of intellectual capital."

GESTION

Management / Gestión

Social Value as a Marketing Strategy in a Brazilian Credit Union

Edson Roberto Scharf, Germano Gehrke and Richard Perassi Luiz de Sousa. Revista Perspectivas Contemporâneas, volume 11, issue 1, pages 17-33, July 2016.

<http://revista.grupointegrado.br/revista/index.php/perspectivascontemporaneas/article/download/1984/774>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "The purpose is to examine the strategic Marketing direction of Brazil's largest credit union adopted in order to enhance the social value of its brand. For this, a qualitative exploratory research, carried out by a triangulation of data from three in-depth interviews within a central credit union and an official published document was made. It is a single case study, with an expository rating, according to Yin (2003). The results indicated that engaging and relationship building actions can be efficient tools for the dissemination of cooperative principles and can be achieved at a lower cost than traditional banking marketing tools. This is the first study exploring the social value theme as a marketing strategy within credit unions in Brazil."

The Tactical Mimicry of Social Enterprise Strategies: Acting 'as if' in the Everyday Life of Third Sector Organizations

Pascal Dey and Simon Teasdale. Organization, volume 23, issue 4, pages 485-504, July 2016.

<https://www.scopus.com/record/display.uri?eid=2-s2.0-84973369136&origin=SingleRecordEmailAlert&txGid=0>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "Using England as a paradigmatic case of the 'enterprising up' of the third sector through social enterprise policies and programs, this article sheds light on practitioners' resistance as enacted through dramaturgical identification with government strategies. Drawing from a longitudinal qualitative research study, which is interpreted via Michel de Certeau's theory of the prosaic of the everyday, we present the case study of Teak, a charitable regeneration company, to illustrate how its Chief Executive Liam 'acted as' a social entrepreneur in order to gain access to important resources. Specifically, we establish 'tactical mimicry' as a sensitizing concept to suggest that third sector practitioners' public identification with the normative premises of 'social enterprise' is part of a parasitical engagement with governmental power geared toward appropriating public money. While tactical mimicry conforms to governmental strategies only in order to exploit them, its ultimate aim is to increase potential for collective agency outside the direct influence of power. The contribution

we make is threefold: first, we extend the recent debate on ‘productive resistance’ by highlighting how ‘playing the game’ without changing existing relations of power can nevertheless produce largely favorable outcomes. Second, we suggest that recognition of the potentiality of tactical mimicry requires methodologies that pay attention to the spatial and temporal dynamics of resistance. Finally, we argue that explaining the normalizing power of ‘social enterprise’ without consideration of the non-discursive, mainly financial resources made available to those who identify with it, necessarily risks overlooking a crucial element of the dramaturgical dynamic of discourse.”

Formes et fondements de la créativité dans l'économie sociale et solidaire

Monique Combes-Joret, Laëtitia Lethielleux (sous-direction). *ÉPURE - Éditions et Presses universitaires de Reims*, 330 pages, juin 2016.

<http://www.lcdpu.fr/livre/?GCOI=27000100287750>

Résumé issu de l'URL ci-haut : « Issu de la XV^e rencontre du RIUESS qui s'est déroulée à Reims du 25 au 29 mai 2015, cet ouvrage témoigne de l'ampleur et du renouveau de la recherche contemporaine sur l'Économie sociale et solidaire (ESS), qui accompagnent l'ampleur et le renouveau de l'ESS elle-même: explosion du nombre de créations des Scop et des Scic, multiplication des monnaies complémentaires, ouverture des frontières de l'ESS à de nouvelles composantes entrepreneuriales, transformation rapide politiques des collectivités territoriales, évolution des formes de gestion et de management, figures inédites d'ancrages et de partenariats locaux... Ces mouvements rapides et profonds définissent des nouveaux enjeux et suscitent de nouvelles problématiques. La recherche sur l'ESS se complexifie et se démultiplie dans toutes les disciplines selon des objets de plus en plus différenciés et dans des cadres théoriques toujours plus riches. Les deux coordinatrices de cet ouvrage ont regroupé les contributions en trois parties centrées sur l'entreprise, le territoire et les problématiques transverses, trois parties placées sous le titre « Les créativités des entreprises de l'ESS ». Le terme de créativité n'est pas d'un usage si fréquent dans l'ESS qui, comme on sait, est associée depuis quarante ans à l'innovation. Il nous invite à déplacer sensiblement notre cadre d'analyse. »

Dinámicas de regeneración en las cooperativas multinacionales de Mondragón: la reproducción del modelo cooperativo en las filiales capitalistas

Ignacio Bretos Fernández y Anjel Errasti Amozarrain. *CIRIEC-España, revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa, número, el 86, junio 2016.*

http://ciriec-revistaeconomia.es/index.php?id_pagina=7&id_revista=96&ci=esp

Resumen proveniente del artículo: “Tras dos décadas inmersas en dinámicas de internacionalización que han fortalecido su competitividad y capacidad de generación de empleo y riqueza pero que, a su vez, han cuestionado su naturaleza democrática tradicional, las cooperativas multinacionales de la División Industrial de Mondragón Corporación vienen asumiendo desde hace unos años un discurso centrado en fomentar la participación de los trabajadores en sus filiales capitalistas. Sin embargo, hasta ahora las iniciativas adoptadas en esta dirección son escasas y sus resultados no parecen excesivamente relevantes. El presente trabajo se centra en esta disociación, profundizando en la problemática y las posibles soluciones para extender y reproducir el modelo cooperativo en las filiales mercantiles. Analizamos el caso de Fagor Ederlan, focalizando nuestro estudio empírico en la “cooperativización” de su filial de Tafalla, así como investigaremos la casuística más relevante que se concentra en sus filiales extranjeras.”

Clusters in the Solidarity Economy: the Strategy of Participating in Networks of Enterprises in Brazil

Maria de Nazaré Moraes Soares, Bruno Souza Lessa, Italo Cavalcante Aguiar, Aurio Lucio Leocadi, Silvia Maria Dias Y Pedro Rebouças. *CIRIEC-España, revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa, número, el 86, junio 2016.*

http://ciriec-revistaeconomia.es/index.php?id_pagina=7&id_revista=96&ci=esp

Resumen proveniente del artículo: “la economía es siempre una construcción social y no puede separarse de la sociedad (Polanyi 2011, Laville, 2014). La Economía Solidaria prioriza el desarrollo local y humano a través de las prácticas de cooperación y autogestión. El debate actual sobre la Economía Solidaria hace hincapié en la necesidad de estrategias para fortalecer las empresas mediante la formación de redes de cooperación, debido a la dificultad de acceso al mercado, lo que se pueden identificar también en el contexto internacional (Spear, 2000, 2004, Borzaga 2005 Young, 2007 Grassl, 2012). El objetivo del estudio fue investigar, mediante un enfoque cuantitativo multivariado, si la organización en redes de cooperación fortalece las empresas. Para ello, se analizó la base de datos nacional de la encuesta realizada en Brasil durante el período 2010 a 2013, que comprende una muestra de 9.897 empresas. Los resultados corroboraron con la literatura de referencia, lo que demuestra que la formación de redes, de hecho difiere positivamente esos emprendimientos.”

Les organisations hybrides

Chantal Hervieux, Jean-Mathieu Fallu et Marie-France Turcotte. *Canadian journal of nonprofit and social economy research*, volume 7, issue 1, pages 5-21, Spring 2016.

<http://www.anserj.ca/anser/index.php/cjnser/article/view/203>

Résumé issu de l'URL ci-haut: « Dans cet article, nous étudions les organisations hybrides, c'est-à-dire celles de l'entrepreneuriat social et de l'entrepreneuriat durable. Ces organisations, plutôt que de choisir entre les exigences contradictoires posées par les objectifs doubles (social et économique) ou triples (social, économique et environnemental) qu'elles s'efforcent d'atteindre, choisissent d'accepter les tensions créées par la poursuite d'objectifs contradictoires. L'étude permet, à partir d'une analyse de regroupement réalisée auprès de 244 PME, d'identifier et de distinguer trois principaux types d'organisation, soit les PME commerciales, les PME d'entrepreneuriat social et les PME d'entrepreneuriat durable. En outre, ces types de PME, dont les caractéristiques structurelles (taille, âge, revenus) ne sont pas différentes, diffèrent en ce qui concerne l'actualisation de l'orientation entrepreneuriale et de l'orientation envers le marché. »

INNOVATION SOCIALE

Social innovation / Innovación social

Innovation sociale et innovation radicale sont-elles contradictoires ? L'enjeu de formuler une mission sociale commune et générative

Kevin Levillain, Marine Agogué et Elsa T. Berthet. *Revue française de gestion*, volume 42 issue 255, pages 41-55, mars 2016.

<http://rfg.revuesonline.com/articles/lvrfg/abs/2016/02/rfg00021/rfg00021.html>

Résumé issu de l'URL ci-haut: « Rejetant l'idée selon laquelle les entrepreneurs sociaux sont intrinsèquement innovants, cet article explore en quoi la formulation de la mission sociale peut être un levier pour l'innovation radicale. Par l'étude longitudinale d'une PME spécialisée dans le traitement de la malnutrition, il montre l'enjeu pour cette entreprise de renouveler régulièrement sa mission de façon à impliquer les partenaires pertinents et stimuler l'exploration de voies conceptuelles nouvelles. Formuler une mission commune et générative semble être une condition pour l'innovation sociale radicale. »

Quand une innovation sociale produit de l'innovation responsable. Une analyse par les capacités dynamiques appliquée aux petites organisations touristiques

Corinne Van der Yeught et Véronique Bon. *Revue française de gestion*, volume 42 issue 255, pages 27-40, mars 2016.

<http://rfg.revuesonline.com/articles/lvrfg/abs/2016/02/rfg00030/rfg00030.html>

Résumé issu de l'URL ci-haut: « Cet article examine comment une démarche expérimentale initiée par une organisation de l'économie sociale et solidaire stimule les capacités d'innovation responsable de petites organisations artisanales et touristiques mises en réseau dans le Sud de la France en développant leur capital social et en favorisant les apprentissages grâce à diverses expérimentations. Fondée sur une étude de cas longitudinale avec design enchâssé, la recherche opérationnalise le concept de capacités dynamiques afin de révéler les processus à l'origine des innovations responsables observées. »

POLITIQUES PUBLIQUES

Public Policies / Políticas Publicas

Government and the Nonprofit Sector in Latin America

Appe Susan M. Layton and Michael Dennis. Nonprofit Policy Forum, volume 7, issue 2, pages 117–135, June 2016.

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf.2016.7.issue-2/npf-2014-0028/npf-2014-0028.xml>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “In Latin America, policy debates about civil society legal frameworks are occurring in a context of democratic transition in which the parameters of the public sphere are contested, with governments, political parties, and nonprofits seeking to carve out territory. It is important to underline that this area of law is often contested, with civil society advocating for a more favorable enabling environment and the government often seeking to place restrictions on the activities and legal status of civil society organizations, which it often perceives as a rival. Policy toward civil society and nonprofit organizations can also be part of greater shifts to the logics of development, for example, by producing symbolic links to national value and belief systems (Appe 2013). The question emerges, what conceptual lenses and explanatory factors can best illuminate these variations? The cases presented here highlight a mixed bag of regulatory environments. On the one hand, countries have outdated and/or hostile legal frameworks and lingering distrust, misunderstanding and even animosity between government and the nonprofit sector. On the other, they feature constitutional or legal recognition of freedom of association and the importance of an independent sector. In this article we will draw upon the extant literature to illuminate a complex relationship between Latin American governments and their nonprofit sectors.”

Policy Initiatives towards the Nonprofit Sector: Insights from the Israeli Case

Michal Almog-Bar. Nonprofit Policy Forum, volume 7, issue 2, pages 237–256, June 2016.

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf.2016.7.issue-2/npf-2016-0005/npf-2016-0005.xml>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “The article aims to describe and analyze the main processes of policy initiatives towards the nonprofit sector in Israel since 2000, and their implications for the nonprofit sector and civil society. The process started with a review of policies regarding the sector, its roles and relationship with the government conducted by an ad hoc Review Committee established in February 2000. This then developed into few policy initiatives: in the Ministry of Social Welfare; by a governmental committee to review allocations to the nonprofit sector and another project by the Prime Minister’s Office that attempted to change the relations between nonprofit organizations and the government. These initiatives are analyzed, focusing on the actors and the politics of the process, as well as subsequent changes and their impact on the government and civil society in Israel. The analysis reveals that, while the policy initiatives have created new forms and forums for dialogue and joint work between main-stream nonprofit organizations and the government, it has neither developed nor strengthened such organizations and civil society as an alternative public sphere. The insights obtained from the Israeli case of policy development towards the nonprofit sector points to a need for a more nuanced consideration of partnership policies between the government and the nonprofit sector, and their implications for nonprofit organizations and civil society.”

Understanding the Implications of Government Ties for Nonprofit Operations and Functions

Xueyong Zhan and Shui-Yan Tang. Public Administration Review, volume 76, issue 4, pages 589-600, July/August 2016.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/puar.12515/abstract?campaign=woletoc>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: “This research explores the implications of nonprofit leaders’ government ties for nonprofit operations and functions. Based on 81 survey questionnaires completed by civic environmental NGOs (eNGOs) in China and interviews with executives from 33 eNGOs, the authors examine the personal backgrounds of eNGO leaders and find that most Chinese civic eNGOs are connected with the government in one or more of three ways: political ties, service organization ties, or personal ties. Personal ties, or good guanxi with government officials, are positively associated with a higher level of funding stability and a more developed management system. Environmental NGOs with leaders who are current government officials or legislative body members are more likely to be engaged in policy advocacy. Service organization ties facilitate eNGOs’ efforts to be engaged in legal services and to scale up to work on environmental issues at the national level. Moreover, an eNGO’s policy advocacy engagement is associated with its ties with the nonprofit community.”

CONCEPTS ET DÉFINITIONS

Concepts and definitions / Conceptos y definiciones

The Third Sector Delivering Public Services: Developments, Innovations and Challenges

James Rees and David Mullins. Policy Press, University of Bristol, 300 pages, July 2016.

<http://policypress.co.uk/the-third-sector-delivering-public-services>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "This important book is the first edited collection to provide an up to date and comprehensive overview of the third sector's role in public service delivery. Exploring areas such as social enterprise, capacity building, volunteering and social value, the authors provide a platform for academic and policy debates on the topic. Drawing on research carried out at the ESRC funded Third Sector Research Centre, the book charts the historical development of the state-third sector relationship, and reviews the major debates and controversies accompanying recent shifts in that relationship. It is a valuable resource for social science academics and postgraduate students as well as policymakers and practitioners in the public and third sectors in fields such as criminal justice, health, housing and social care."

Bottom-up Social Enterprises in Romania. Case Study – Retirees' Mutual Aid Association

Mihaela Lambru and Claudia Petrescu Claudia. International Review of Sociology, article in press, June 2016

<https://www.scopus.com/record/display.uri?eid=2-s2.0-84975230901&origin=SingleRecordEmailAlert&txGid=0>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "The purpose of this article is to present and analyze the organizational profile and distinctive development pattern of a successful bottom-up social enterprise in Romania, namely, the Retirees' Mutual Aid Association (RMAA). Romania has recently rediscovered the world of social economy which brings together various organizations, from associations and foundations to cooperatives and commons, sharing a common interest in developing entrepreneurial activities to support social goals. In an ideological and public policy context which holds back the opening of the public market to the third sector and social economy actors, setting and running up such organizations remains a challenge. On the other hand, the isomorphic pressure exerted by the EU has resulted in a type of legislation targeted at social enterprises which focuses almost exclusively on work integration social enterprises. Nonetheless, Romania also features social enterprises that are not externally driven but developed bottom-up, starting from the needs of their members and of the communities in which they are established and developed. Using the data of extensive research conducted on social economy entities in Romania, we will present an organizational case study of a successful bottom-up social enterprise, namely RMAA. »

AUTRES

Other / Otros

Knowledge, Knowledge Mobilisation and the Third Sector

Lang Iain A. and Rebecca Hardwick . Voluntary Sector Review, volume 7, issue 2, pages 209-218, July 2016.

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/vsr/2016/00000007/00000002/art00005>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "This paper is about third sector organisations (TSOs) and how they use knowledge. Drawing from the emerging field of knowledge mobilisation, we argue that current policy and thinking about knowledge and TSOs too often employ a simplistic set of assumptions. We propose that there are many benefits to be had from taking an approach that acknowledges complexity and engages TSOs more deeply in knowledge production and use."

The Road Home: An Examination of the Successes and Challenges of Housing Non-profits in New Orleans since Katrina

Lisa Berglund and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris. Journal of Civil Society, volume 12, issue 2, pages 121-140, June 2016.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17448689.2016.1161278>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "Hurricane Katrina claimed the lives of nearly 1000 Louisiana residents and damaged about 80% of the building stock in New Orleans. Unequal protection from the hurricane and uneven recovery patterns have left some communities (predominantly low-income and black) with few options to rebuild their homes. These factors have created a high demand for housing non-profits specializing in new construction as well as low-cost home repairs. Drawing from interviews with a number of stakeholders including non-profits completing home repairs and new construction for low-income residents, this article identifies the type, amount and target areas for work done by housing non-profits in post-Katrina New Orleans. Additionally, it identifies the challenges for future work and limitations in the non-profits' ability to address housing inequity in New Orleans."

Are We Drawing the Correct Conclusions? Regression Analysis in the Nonprofit Literature

Robert Shearer and Truman Clark. Canadian journal of nonprofit and social economy research, volume 7, issue 1, pages 22-28, Spring 2016.

<http://www.anserj.ca/anser/index.php/cjnsr/article/view/213>

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "Linear models are the most commonly used analytical tools in the nonprofit literature. Academics and practitioners utilize these models to test different hypotheses in support of their research efforts, seeking to find significant results that substantiate their theories. And yet the authors of this article have discovered a surprisingly large number of insignificant results in articles from established nonprofit journals. Insignificant hypotheses and Type II errors surely account for a number of these results, but the authors believe the majority of these results are due to a different cause, one that is detectable and preventable: multicollinearity."

NUMÉRO SPÉCIAL

Special Issues / Ediciones especiales

Policy towards Nonprofits in International Perspective: Current Trends and Their Implications for Theory and Practice

Special issue of Nonprofit Policy Forum, volume 7, issue 2, June 2016.

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Innovación social, tecnología y Trabajo Social

Spécial issue of Cuadernos de Trabajo Social, volumen 29, issue 2, June 2016.

<http://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/CUTS/issue/current>

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Guide définissant les conditions d'amélioration continue des bonnes pratiques des entreprises de l'économie sociale et solidaire

Conseil Supérieur de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (France), juin 2016

<http://www.esspace.fr/gouvernance.html>

Résumé issu de l'URL ci-haut : « L'objet de ce guide « de convictions » est d'engager l'ensemble des acteurs de l'ESS dans une dynamique d'amélioration individuelle et de convergence collective sur des principes au cœur de l'identité de l'ESS. Par la mise en œuvre de réflexions collectives, il doit favoriser l'examen du quotidien de l'entreprise et de ses relations avec ses environnements, et la confrontation des valeurs aux pratiques. Comme l'a souhaité le législateur, par le dialogue, ce guide doit aider la mise en mouvement des entreprises et l'amélioration continue des bonnes pratiques. »

Accelerating Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Canada: A Review of Experiences and lessons

Judith Lipp, Derya Tarhan and Alice Dixon. Prepared by TREC renewable energy co-operative for Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada, March 2016.

http://canada.coop/sites/canada.coop/files/files/documents/en/2016_coop-arecc_report_final_screen.pdf

Abstract excerpted from the URL cited above: "This report will start with a quick overview of renewable energy, community energy and RE co-ops and their potential impacts, before outlining the global trends of the sector. This is followed by a scan of Canada and then Ontario. Given the level of co-op activity and hence experience in Ontario, the report will focus more attention on this province and draw lessons for other jurisdictions. In Section 3 we will discuss effective tools for successful RE co-ops development based on on-the-ground experiences from various jurisdictions. Finally, we conclude the report with specific policy recommendations for the provincial and federal level."

APPELS À CONTRIBUTIONS

Calls for contributions / Convocatorias de artículos

- **Solidarity Economy and Social Enterprises.** 1 International Conference RILESS-EMES. This event is organized by the Post Graduate Program in Social Sciences at Unisinos, together with the international networks RILESS and EMES. December 12th -14th. Unisinos University, Brazil. Deadline for submission: **August 10th, 2016.**
- **Nonprofits in Public Policy: Challenges and Opportunities.** 2016 symposium on public policy organized by the Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). November 15th, 2016. Washington, USA. Deadline for submission: **September 1st, 2016.**
- **Improving the Management and Effectiveness of Cooperatively Owned Business Organizations.** NCERA-210 Annual Meeting. November 2nd, 2016. Radisson downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Deadline for submission: **September 2nd, 2016.**
- **Des émergences à la reconnaissance. Trajectoires d'innovation.** 5^e édition du Colloque international du CRISES. 6 et 7 avril 2017. Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montréal, Québec, Canada. Date limite de soumission: **9 septembre 2016.** (*Rappel*)
- **Vers un écosystème territorial d'innovation sociale propice au développement local durable?** 3^{ème} colloque « Innovation sociale et territoires » organisé par le Centre de Recherche Appliquée de la SCIC TETRIS avec la collaboration de la Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays de Grasse et de l'Institut Jean-Baptiste Godin. 9 et 10 novembre 2016. Pays de Grasse, France. Date limite de soumission: **21 septembre 2016.**
- **El Trabajo Social como gobierno de lo social en contextos de desigualdad.** un número monográfico Desde la revista de la Universidad Complutense Cuadernos de Trabajo Social. La fecha límite para el envío: **noviembre 30th, 2016.** (*RECALL*)
- **Enterprise Before and Beyond Benefit: A Transdisciplinary Research Agenda for Prosocial Organizing.** Special issue of the Journal of Business Venturing. Deadline for submission: **December 1st, 2016.** (*RECALL*)
- **Social enterprise for sustainable societies.** 6th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise organized in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Research Center on Work, State and Society (CIRTES, Université catholique de Louvain) and the Social Enterprise Belgian Interuniversity

Attraction Pole (IAP). July 3rd - 6th, 2017. Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve), Belgium. Deadline for submission: **January 9th, 2017**.

- ***Organizing for social innovation: tensions and paradoxes of managing social and collective enterprises***. Special issue of *Management Decision*. Deadline for submission: **January 31st, 2017**. (RECALL)

ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR

Events / Eventos

- ***Un autre monde est nécessaire, ensemble il devient possible!*** (Another word is needed. Together, it is possible!). Forum social mondial 2016. **9 au 14 août 2016. Montréal, Québec (Canada)**. (Rappel)
- ***L'innovation sociale : le défi de la transformation sociale***. Atelier du Comité innovation sociale au Forum sociale mondial. **10 et 11 août 2016. Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montréal, Québec (Canada)**.
- ***Social innovation in the 21st Century: Beyond Welfare Capitalism?*** The 8th International Social Innovation Research Conference organized by the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health at Glasgow Caledonian University, EMES institutional member. **September 5th - 7th, 2016. Glasgow, United Kingdom**. (RECALL)
- ***Gouvernements locaux et acteurs de l'économie sociale. Alliés du développement intelligent et durable des villes*** (Local Government and Social Economy Stakeholders. Allies for the intelligent and Sustainable development of Cities). 3^{ème} édition du Forum mondial de l'économie sociale - GSEF2016 coorganisé par la Ville de Montréal et le Chantier de l'économie sociale. **7 au 9 septembre 2016. Montréal, QC, Canada**. (Rappel)
- ***11th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship***. This conference ECIE 2016 is being held co-hosted by JAMK University of Applied Science and Jyväskylän University School of Business and Economics in Finland. **September 15th - 16th, 2016. Jyväskylä, Finland**. (RECALL)
- ***Cooperative Societies***. Mini Track in the 11th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ECIE). **September 15th - 16th, 2016. Jyväskylä, Finland**. (RECALL)
- ***La gouvernance multiniveaux au carrefour des disciplines***. Colloque international « L'Interdisciplinarité dans les études de politique » IDEP 2016 organisé par LIPHA de l'Université Paris Est Marne-la-Vallée avec la collaboration de LISIS. **15 et 16 septembre 2016. Paris, France**. (Rappel)
- ***Les politiques publiques face aux enjeux sociaux et démocratiques de la mondialisation : quels projets pour l'économie publique, sociale et coopérative ?*** (Public policies and the social and democratic issues of globalisation: what challenges for the public, social and cooperative economy?). 31^{ème} édition du congrès international du CIRIEC organisée par CIRIEC France. **22 et 23 septembre 2016. Reims, France**. (Rappel)
- ***La contribución de las cooperativas al desarrollo sostenible***. IX Encuentro de Investigadores Latinoamericanos en Cooperativismo organizado por la Red Latinoamericana de Investigadores en Cooperativismo. **13 - 14 Octubre 2016. Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito – Ecuador**. (RECALL)

- **Cooperatives: Impacts and Power to Act.** Scientific conference in International Summit of Cooperatives organised by Desjardins and International co-operative alliance. **October 11th–13th, 2016. Québec, QC, Canada.** (RECALL)
- **3^{ème} Sommet international des coopératives.** Organisé par Desjardins et l'Alliance Coopérative Internationale. **11 – 13 octobre 2016. Québec, QC, Canada.** (RAPPEL)
- **El XVI Congreso de Investigadores en Economía Social de CIRIEC-España.** organizado por CIRIEC-España. **19 a 21 octubre 2016. Valencia, España.** (RECALL)
- **Économie sociale et solidaire dans les territoires : Initiatives, enjeux et perspectives.** XVe Conférence Annuelle Internationale du Réseau International d'Intelligence Territoriale (INTI). **23 - 25 novembre 2016. Charleroi et Liège, Belgique.** (RAPPEL)
- **Gestion des entreprises sociales et solidaires (GESS).** 4emes Journées Internationales de Recherche organisées par la Chaire ESS, Laboratoire Gains-Argumans (Université du Maine) en partenariat avec le Projet ICSEM International Comparative Social Enterprise Model. **5 décembre 2016. Le Mans, France.** (RECALL) <http://www.gdr3720.fr/>
- **Mesures d'impact (social) et impacts des mesures.** Workshop international financée par le GDR « Policy Analytics » en lien avec la ChairESS de la région Hauts-de-France et avec le PEPS-INSHS AGLOS et l'ANR Clean. **6 et 7 décembre 2016. Lille, France.**

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