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*Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER)*

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **ANSER/ARES 2020 CONFERENCE**

Nonprofits and the Social Economy: Bridging Divides

Thirteenth Annual Conference & Celebration

June 3 to 5, 2020

Western University, London, Ontario

**Proposal Submission Deadline: January 20, 2020**

ANSER/ARES is a dynamic growing association that is organizing its thirteenth annual conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. ANSER brings together leading academic researchers, students, practitioner, consultants, policymakers and community organizations from Canada and internationally to discuss current and emergent issues, debates and challenges in the fields of civil society, social economy, and nonprofit research and practice. Join us for what promises to be an engaging and provocative conference. The theme for the thirteenth conference at Western University is *Bridging Divides*, a theme that aims to connect researchers with community and to support partnerships for shared knowledge exchange.

The conference is an opportunity to welcome and explore the power of ideas to connect people and communities, encourage discussions and debates and to create knowledge and change. Within this context, nonprofits and other social economy organizations are well poised to lead these discussions.

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We invite you to submit proposals for individual research papers, panels of research papers, or roundtable discussions that thought-provoking and that fit into one of the following areas, broadly defined:

- Conference theme: Bridging Divides
- Nonprofits and Volunteer Organizations
- Social Economy
- Management and Leadership Education
- Co-operatives and Credit Unions
- Social Enterprises, Social Entrepreneurship, & Social Innovation
- Community Economic Development & Community Organizing
- Volunteering & Citizen Engagement
- Advocacy & Social Movements
- Collaborations, Partnerships & Mergers
- Communication, Networking & Digital Media
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Finance, Governance & Accountability
- Indigenous Perspectives in the Nonprofit Sector and Social Economy
- Leadership & Management
- Research Methodologies
- Community-University Engagement
- Public Policy, Government Relations & Contracting
- Theoretical Perspectives
- Knowledge Transfer & Mobilization
- Other

We also accept proposals of wider relevance, which may not fit the categories listed above. We welcome papers, panels and roundtables involving collaboration between academics and practitioners.

## **Proposal Guidelines**

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Three types of proposals will be considered: individual papers, panels, and roundtables, all of which are subject to peer review.

### 1) Paper Proposals

Paper proposals normally present research findings with some link to or reflection on theory, but they could also be “think pieces,” discussions of research-in-progress, including theses or

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dissertations, or reflections on practice. They could also be case studies, research results, or learning arising from work done by nonprofit workers, consultants, or other community practitioners. Each paper is provided 15-20 minutes for a presentation.

A paper proposal should include:

- 1) a title;
- 2) the ANSER conference theme being addressed;
- 3) a 100-word summary of the presentation for publication in the program if accepted;
- 4) a 250-word summary of the paper proposal with attention to the following elements:
  - Research question(s) the paper addresses
  - Research problem and purpose
  - Review of the relevant literature, citing key works
  - Research methodology
  - Research findings or preliminary findings, if appropriate
  - Implications for theory and practice, if applicable
- 5) name, institutional affiliation and email address for each of the authors.

## 2) Panel Proposals

Panels are collections of three or four papers on a related theme. Ideally, these papers build upon each other, thereby adding to the coherence of the panel. For panels comprising 3 presenters, each individual will be expected to speak for no longer than 20 minutes; for panels of 4 presenters, each participant will be expected to speak for no longer than 15 minutes. To allow adequate time for questions and discussion, the panel chair should ensure that presenters do not exceed the time limit.

A proposal for a panel should include:

- 1) a title;
- 2) the ANSER conference theme being addressed;
- 3) 250-word overview of the panel as a whole, including the coherence of the individual papers around this focus;
- 4) for each paper, a 100-word summary for publication in the program if accepted;
- 5) for each paper, a 250-word summary with attention to the following elements:
  - Research question(s) the paper addresses
  - Research problem and purpose
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  - Research methodology
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- 6) name, institutional affiliation and email address for each of the authors. Please indicate which author is the panel chair.

## 3) Roundtables

Roundtables are well suited to: the discussion of the implications of an issue for practice; the discussion of research needs or research in progress around specific topics; or the presentation of contrasting perspectives on an issue with a designated facilitator. Roundtable presenters are not expected to provide written papers. It is expected that a roundtable will have 3 or more participants.

A proposal for a roundtable should include:

- 1) a title;
- 2) the ANSER conference theme being addressed;
- 3) a 100-word summary of the roundtable for publication in the program if accepted;
- 4) Insert a 250-word summary of the topic/question/problem the roundtable addresses, participant contributions (up to four), and relevance to research and/or practice in the areas of interest to ANSER/ARES and/or theme of the conference.
- 5) name, institutional affiliation and email address for each of the participants. Please indicate which participant is the roundtable chair.

## Submission and Decision of Proposals

Proposal abstracts, in either official language, should be submitted by Survey Monkey link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANSER-ARES2020> by January 20, 2020. If you have any problems, please send an email to [anser.ares.conference@gmail.com](mailto:anser.ares.conference@gmail.com). Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about drafting a proposal, or what might be appropriate, please contact one of the ANSER-ARES Conference Co-Chairs, Yvonne Harrison or Laurie Mook at [anser.ares.conference@gmail.com](mailto:anser.ares.conference@gmail.com).

All proposals will go through peer review and notification of acceptance will be provided by February 28, 2020. Presenters will be required to confirm their participation by submitting their conference registration fee no later than April 15, 2020.

## Conference Information

Participants in the ANSER/ARES 2020 Conference must register through the website of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (<https://www.congress2020.ca>). There are two fees to be paid, one for the Congress registration AND one for a one-year membership in

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ANSER/ARES. There is a discount for early registrations received by March 31, 2020. When registering, you also have the option of purchasing tickets for the annual banquet in the evening of June 4, 2020 for an additional fee.

The Congress website (<https://www.congress2020.ca>) includes information on accommodation, discounts for travel, and local information. More information about ANSER-ARES and the conference will be made available on the ANSER-ARES website ([www.anser-ares.ca](http://www.anser-ares.ca)).

For more information, you can email us at [anser.ares.conference@gmail.com](mailto:anser.ares.conference@gmail.com) or check the ANSER/ARES conference website. Follow @ANSERARES and #anser2020 on Twitter for updates about keynote speakers, plenary panels, banquet details and the other exciting events we have organized for your visit.

## **2020 ANSER/ARES Program and Conference Committee**

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