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Cooperatives in Times of Polycrisis: Laboratories of Hope and Democracy for Human Development
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Guidelines for Paper Abstracts

General Considerations

- Submission period for paper abstracts: **May 15 to 31, 2026**
- Abstract language: Spanish or Portuguese (English and French will be accepted, but the document must include a Spanish translation).
- The submitted abstract must have a title that reflects the content of the paper.
- It must specify: Thematic Axis, paper title, surname and name of the author(s), affiliated organization, and email address.
- Submission of abstracts: The abstract must be sent to all email addresses of the members of the Academic Committee of the corresponding Thematic Axis.
- Evaluation of paper abstracts: The members of the Academic Committee of each Thematic Axis are the evaluators of the paper abstracts, and they are the ones who issue the verdict.
- Number of abstracts: Each person may submit more than one paper abstract, but authors will not be allowed to alter the presentation schedule during the EILAC. For example, if the author(s) submit three paper abstracts and two of them are accepted and scheduled for presentation at 11:00 a.m., there will be no right to reschedule the presentations within the EILAC program.

Criteria for Paper Abstract Submission

- Maximum length: 400 words.
- The abstract must include: the problem and/or solution to the problem, the main theoretical categories, description of the results of data analysis (qualitative, quantitative, pictorial, photographic, audiovisual, comic, drawings, digital platforms, visual or other types), main conclusions, proposals for public or private economic policies, or for opening research programs.
- The abstract file must be named with the number of the thematic axis and the surname of the authors.
- The abstract must be sent to the email addresses of the coordinators of the Working Axis that the author(s) have identified as relevant to their topic. This submission must be in Word format (.doc or .docx). Do not use PDF format.

(Regarding virtual or digital participation: It is recommended not to submit abstracts considering this option, since there will be a limited quota of 16 papers for virtual presentations. This limitation is due to the restricted infrastructure capacity for hybrid meetings, as the XIV Latin American Meeting of Researchers in Cooperativism (EILAC) is designed for in-person participation).

Axes of the XIV EILAC

1. Cooperative Law: A Reference for Addressing the Polycrisis

- Updating local regulatory frameworks to respond to the transformations of cooperativism in different sectors: health, housing, labor, services, and agro-industrial production, among others.
- Tensions between existing regulation and new forms of cooperation proposed by social economy organizations (mutuals, associations, among others).
- How law promotes, in different countries, inter-cooperation, legal adaptability, and the effective recognition of cooperatives as actors of public interest.

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2. Historical Memory of the Political, Institutional, and Regulatory Frameworks of the Social and Solidarity Economy

- Comparative studies on legal and administrative systems for cooperatives.
- Implementation of public and social policies: public procurement, incentives for the creation of cooperatives and SSE.
- The Social and Solidarity Economy in Latin America: intersections, assemblages, and mismatches with classical currents of cooperativism.
- Perspectives and analysis of the historical development of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Latin America at the national, regional, and global levels.

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3. Cooperative Governance: Diversity and Adaptation in Times of Polycrisis

- Models and modalities of democratic governance in cooperatives: incorporation and management of cultural, generational, gender, functional, territorial, and other forms of diversity within decision-making bodies and organizational structures.
- Systems, practices, and challenges related to the effective participation of members in contexts marked by crises that affect traditional forms of deliberation and management.

- Theoretical advances regarding cooperative governance and its capacity to adapt to complex environments characterized by uncertainty, institutional fragmentation, and pressure for results.
- Innovative proposals for inclusive governance that promote equity in decision-making, strengthen internal legitimacy, and enhance organizational sustainability.
- Studies on second- and third-level associativity: federations, confederations, and/or international networks.

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4. Methodologies and Evaluation in the Social and Solidarity Economy

- Innovative methodological approaches and tools to measure impact in cooperatives and other Social and Solidarity Economy organizations.
- The use of multimodal, digital, and situated ethnography in studies of the Social and Solidarity Economy.
- Experiences and challenges in the use of explanatory, mixed, and quasi-experimental designs in cooperativism.
- Measurements of impact in the Cooperative and Solidarity Economy.

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5. Work, Subjectivities, and Social Relations in the Social and Solidarity Economy

- Work in social life and in the cooperative economy: precarization, stressful experiences, and social imaginaries.
- Gender and the Social and Solidarity Economy.
- Cooperatives dedicated to the inclusion of people with functional diversity, disabilities, and reduced mobility.
- Political spaces that channel community problems and produce rationalities that coexist with the State and the market.

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6. Innovation, Technology, and Digitalization in the Social and Solidarity Economy

- Processes of technological innovation and their impact on cooperative practices.
- Digital innovation in cooperatives and their networks.
- Innovation and Social Technologies based on cooperatives and other Social and Solidarity Economy organizations.
- Emerging cooperatives and social innovation.

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7. Territory, Sustainability, and Social Transformation in Times of Polycrisis

- Indigenous economy, territorial justice, and the construction of the commons.
- Self-management, reciprocity, and cooperation as sustainable economic practices.
- The role of cooperatives in the ecological transition.
- Consumer cooperatives: collaborative, critical, and transformative spaces

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