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Call for Papers
**Social Entrepreneurship and Environmental Factors:
Strict and Broad Dimensions**

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Social entrepreneurship (SE) is gaining recognition as a key element of economic and social development. However, little is known about the contextual conditions that explain SE and the dynamics and processes through which it is introduced and developed.

The importance and need for this call for papers is justified by recent theoretical developments in this field, together with the fact that this field is very new and broad, without consensus in the definition of the social entrepreneurship phenomenon. Therefore, more theoretical framework and empirical studies are needed to increase our understanding of social entrepreneurial activities and to provide robust evidence of new social enterprise creation.

Traditionally, SE has belonged to the field of governments and non-profits, as well as voluntary, philanthropic and charitable organizations, however, it is increasingly appearing within or across other businesses as hybrid entities. In addition, new forms of SE are emerging that feature elements of both the non-profit and for-profit sectors, or which combine SE strategies with an interest in making a profit. Therefore, in general terms, SE considers processes to discover innovative opportunities to generate social change, embracing a wide set of situations addressing social performance and/or economic profitable performance which drives social aims. In this sense, strict and broad dimensions of SE appear. In the strict dimension of the phenomenon, SE corresponds to entrepreneurs whose main concern is to achieve social objectives rather than to obtain personal financial profits but in a broad dimension, which is also of interest in this call for papers, entrepreneurial activities that combine profit and social objectives may also be considered.

SUGGESTED TOPICS

Below we propose a set of topics for guidance, although they do not exclude other issues which may be of interest in the relationship between environmental factors and social entrepreneurship.

- Environmental conditions and social entrepreneurial activity in a cross-country study.
- Institutional influence on social entrepreneurship activity.
- Local traditions or local culture as explanatory variables of social entrepreneurship.
- The importance of cultural values in the social entrepreneurial phenomenon.
- Legal institutions and social entrepreneurs.
- Institutional change and social entrepreneurship.
- Social entrepreneurship in non-governmental organizations: Strategies and policies.
- Social and commercial entrepreneurship: Two sides of the same coin?
- Social and economic performance in the context of social entrepreneurship.
- Social entrepreneurship as a way of seeking profitable opportunities.
- The role of women in social entrepreneurial activity.

Submission guidelines:

Consideration will be given to both theoretical and empirical papers for this special issue, and it is not restricted to Canadian content or data. The format of papers should not exceed 40 pages including references, tables, and figures. All papers should conform to American Psychological Association (APA format) guidelines.

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