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## Jürgen Schwettmann - Session 1

Jürgen Schwettmann began working with the ILO in 1988 as Regional Advisor on Cooperatives for Eastern, Central and Southern Africa, before joining the COOP Branch in Geneva in 1994 as Senior Technical Advisor and was appointed as Chief of the Branch in 2001. After leaving the COOP Branch in 2006, he took on positions as Director of the ILO Office for East Africa (Dar es Salaam), Deputy Regional Director for Africa (Addis Ababa), and Director of the Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department (Geneva). Since his retirement in 2015, he has been working as an independent consultant on a range of issues including rural and cooperative development, informal and social and solidarity economy.



## Ana Biondi - Session 2

Ana Biondi is the Deputy Director of the Bureau for Workers' Activities at the ILO since 2009. She also serves as a member of the Steering Committee at the School of International Studies of the Trento University in Italy and is a fellow at World Academy of Arts and Science (WAAS). Between 2004 and 2008 she was the Director of the International Trade Union Confederation's Geneva Office and served as the Secretary of the Workers' Group at the ILO Governing Body and International Conference in Geneva. Prior to this position, she was the Assistant Director of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Geneva.



## Stefania Marcone - Session 3

Stefania Marcone is Alternate Member at the European Economic and Social Committee. In November 2017 she was elected member of the ICA Gender Equality Executive. In April 2017, representing the Alliance of Italian Cooperatives, she was elected Board member of Cooperatives Europe. In June 2017 she was appointed Vice President. During 2012 International Year of Cooperatives, she was appointed to the UN Committee. She is a member of the Management Committee of Legacoop, of the Legacoop National Commission for Equal Opportunities and of the Italian Alliance Commission "Women and Equality".



## Mustafa Hakki Ozel - Session 4

Mustafa Hakki Ozel is the Head of Statistical Coordination and Special Topics Unit of the ILO's Department of Statistics (STATISTICS). Mr. Ozel joined the ILO as Senior Statistician in 2001, after having worked around 22 years on labour statistics in the Turkish Statistical Institute. He worked on different aspects of child labour statistics, including development of methodologies, survey questionnaires and training tools, and analyzing survey results.



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## Simel Esim - Session 5

Simel Esim is the Manager of the Cooperatives Unit (COOP) at the Enterprises Department of the ILO. In that capacity, she leads the ILO's work on cooperatives and the wider social and solidarity economy. Earlier, she was Senior Gender Specialist at the Regional Office for Arab States, where she led the work on gender equality, transition from the informal to the formal economy, and decent work for domestic workers. Before joining the ILO, Ms. Esim was an economist at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), and worked with Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), and the World Bank.



## Hyungsik Eum - Session 6

Hyungsik Eum is the Strategy and Statistics coordinator at the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). He was a member of COPAC Technical Working Group on cooperative statistics during the development of "the Guidelines concerning Statistics of Cooperatives" adopted by the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians. He has worked on several issues concerning cooperatives and the social economy, particularly comparative studies on worker and social cooperatives, statistics on cooperatives, cooperative employment, and institutionalization of the social economy. Recently, he started working on the role and contribution of cooperatives to the SDGs.



## Marieke Louis - Session 7

Marieke Louis is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Sciences Po Grenoble. She works on international organizations and global governance in a socio-historical perspective. Her PhD dealt with the issue of representativeness and the International Labour Organization from 1919 onwards.



## Vic van Vuuren - Session 8

Vic van Vuuren is the Director of the Enterprise Department at the ILO, Geneva. As Director of the Department, he oversees a large portfolio of programs that aim to create decent work in supply chains. He joined the ILO in 2009 as the Director of the ILO Decent Work Team for Southern and Eastern Africa. Prior to joining the ILO, he was the Chief Operations Officer at Business Unity South Africa and representative for business at the South African Economic, Development and Labour Council (Nedlac). Mr van Vuuren is currently the chairman of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) and the United Nations Task Force on the Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTF SSE).



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## Launch of publications

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Publication 1 - introduced by [Vic Van Vuuren](#)

### [Rafael Diez de Medina](#)



Rafael Diez de Medina is the Chief Statistician and Director of the Department of Statistics at the ILO since 2009. A national of Uruguay, he joined the ILO in Geneva in 2003. He was appointed Senior Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Office of the Director General in 2007. Prior to joining the ILO, he worked at the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) as Regional Advisor in Labour Markets, then as Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary, Technical Coordinator and Director of the ECLAC's Montevideo office. In Uruguay, he worked for many years in the INE, National Statistical Office as head of the Household Surveys Division.

### [Barbara Sak](#)



Barbara Sak is Senior economic researcher and Managing Director of International Centre of Information and Research on Public, Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC). She has contributed to and co-directed several international inter-disciplinary research projects in the field of services of general and collective interest, be they of economic or non-economic nature, e.g. transport, energy, local public services, housing, health, social services. Her main field of expertise consists of public policy issues regarding regulation, provision and organization modes, financing and evaluation of such services, notably with respect to the various types of providers, including public enterprises and the social economy sector (i.e. cooperatives, mutual associations, foundations, not-for-profit organizations).

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Publication 2 - introduced by [Simel Esim](#)

### [Bernard Thiry](#)



Bernard Thiry is Director General of CIRIEC International since 1990 and Professor of Economics at the University of Liège. Graduated from Stanford University, he holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Liège. He has been Director of the Belgian energy regulator gas-electricity regulation commission (CREG), President of the management committee of Forem (the Walloon Office for Vocational Training and Employment), and President of the National Union of Socialist Mutual Insurance Companies (UNMS). From 2008 to 2016, he held the position of CEO of Ethias (mutual insurance company). He is also the author of numerous articles and books in various fields, such as public economics and social economy. He is a board member in several regional and local public companies in Belgium and Luxembourg.



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### Session 1



#### Karim Toumi

Karim Toumi has managed a number of ILO initiatives that promote cooperatives and other social and solidarity economy (SSE) institutions in Tunisia by creating a conducive ecosystem over the past seven years. Between 1998 and 2012, he held several technical and managerial positions both in private and public sectors mainly in designing and managing programs on vocational training, employment and entrepreneurship.



#### Kerry Krige

Kerry Krige is Chief Technical Adviser with the ILO, working with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, to develop a social economy policy in South Africa. She led the Network for Social Entrepreneurs at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), University of Pretoria from 2012 – 2017. She is deeply immersed in the field of social entrepreneurship and how it can be realized in South Africa. She chaired the advisory committee of the IDC's Social Enterprise Fund, and led the first mapping study of social enterprises in South Africa.



#### Eui-young Kim

Eui-young Kim is Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University. He is also Director of Center for Social Innovation Education and Research at SNU, and serves as a Commissioner of Seoul Democracy Commission. He received his BA in Political Science from Seoul National University in 1984 and his MA and Ph.D in political science from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1997. His research concentrates on Korean Politics, particularly focusing on citizen politics and governance issues. Professor Kim was President of Korean Political Science Association in 2018. He also served as Secretary General of World Civic Forum, a joint initiative of UN DESA and Kyung Hee University.



#### Hiroki Miura

Hiroki Miura is a Senior Researcher at the Center for Social Innovation Research and Education of Seoul National University in South Korea. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Kyung Hee University in 2009. His research topics include democratic governance, civic empowerment, social and solidarity economy, and political economy of co-evolution. As an academic, he has engaged in policy formation process of national and local governments in South Korea on these issues. He teaches NGO and Citizen Politics at Kyung Hee University and Civil Society and Global Governance at Kyung Hee Cyber University.



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#### Hagen Henry

Hagen Henry qualified as a German judge in 1981. Prior to working as Chief of the Cooperative Branch, Henry had worked at the universities of Geneva and Saarbrücken and as legal advisor to the German Federal Minister of Economy. Since 1994, Henry has consulted on cooperative policy and legislation in many countries for national, regional and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the ILO, FAO, World Bank, EU, OECD, International Trade Center (ITC) and the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). Since 2013, he has been coordinating the ICA Cooperative Law Committee.



#### John Emerson

John Emerson is a Research Officer at Cooperatives Europe, under the ICA-EU partnership for International Development. He joined Cooperatives Europe in February 2020, and currently implements a number of research initiatives on international cooperative development across Europe, including cooperative statistics, cooperative law and sustainable development. He studied Law and French at the University of Edinburgh (UK) and European Law at Leiden University (Netherlands).



#### Jeffrey Moxom

Jeffrey Moxom is a Research Coordinator at the International Cooperative Alliance, under the ICA-EU Partnership for International Development. Having joined the ICA in 2018, he currently coordinates a number of research initiatives on international cooperative development, including cooperative statistics, cooperative law and sustainable development. He studied Politics at the University of Leicester (UK) and Environment, Development and Policy at the University of Sussex (UK).



#### Gemma Fajardo García

Gemma Fajardo García has a Law Degree from the University of Valencia and a PhD in 1992 on “Economic Management of Cooperatives: Responsibility of its members”. She is a professor of Commercial Law and a researcher in Cooperative Law, at the University of Valencia. She is responsible for the field of law at CIRIEC-Spain. She has been a co-editor of its Social Economy Law Journal from 1990 to 2020. Her research focuses on the social and solidarity economy, mainly on the legal regime of cooperatives, labour societies, social enterprises and third sector, particularly from a comparative law perspective.



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#### Ottavia Cima

Ottavia Cima is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Geography and Spatial Planning of the University of Luxembourg. She is interested in agrarian transformation and in how traditional and/or innovative forms of collective organization among farmers can support sustainable agricultural practices. Her doctoral dissertation, written at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), investigated the promotion of agricultural cooperatives by international development agencies in Kyrgyzstan.



#### Nicola Coundourakis

Nicola Coundourakis is an experienced social researcher and entrepreneur focused on addressing some of the world's most pressing problems through community-centric and cooperative methodologies, integrating innovation with participation. Nicola has co-founded FEED, a project that brings together her passions for people and the planet through the lens of food. Having previously established Pledger Africa and been involved in local and global social projects over the past ten years, Nicola currently holds professional associations with UN SDSN Youth Local Pathways Fellowship Lucha Lunako, Simanye, LGiU, and Sustainability Institute.



#### Giorgia Trasciani

Giorgia Trasciani is a Communications Officer at Euro Coop since 2016. In 2020, she obtained a PhD in Economics and International Studies at the University of Aix-Marseille, France, and the University of Naples, l'Orientale, Italy. Her research focuses on aspects of the social and solidarity economy, particularly the role of associations, cooperatives, and social enterprises in developing social services. She has been a Visiting Researcher at the Glasgow Caledonian University supported by an EU fund for mobility COST, EMPOWER-SE. She has also worked as an external consultant and migration expert for the International Center for Migration Policy Development and UN-HABITAT.



#### Joana Marques

Joana Marques is a sociologist, with a MA in Social and Solidarity Economy (ISCTE-IUL) and a PhD in Sociology (University of Sao Paulo). Her trajectory has been built on the research of social transformation, through different fields and approaches such as public policies, work, culture, collective action, education, solidarity economy and mobilities. She conducted research in Europe, Africa and Latin America. She is a Marie-Curie fellow at association A3S and a collaborating researcher at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-ISCTE).



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### Session 4

#### Marie J. Bouchard



Marie J. Bouchard is a professor at Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada) and member of the Center for Research on Social Innovations (CRISES). Since 2015, she is President of the Scientific Commission on Social and Cooperative Economy of CIRIEC International. She presently acts as external coordinator of the project Opportunities and challenges of statistics on SSE, led by UNRISD for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE), after having chaired for the International Labour Organization, the COPAC technical working group on cooperative statistics. She co-authored many works, including the Conceptual Framework for the Purpose of Measurement of Cooperatives and its Operationalization, published by the ILO.

#### Hyungsik Eum



Hyungsik Eum is the Strategy and Statistics coordinator at the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). He was a member of COPAC Technical Working Group on cooperative statistics during the development of “the Guidelines concerning Statistics of Cooperatives” adopted by the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians. He has worked on several issues concerning cooperatives and the social economy, particularly comparative studies on worker and social cooperatives, statistics on cooperatives, cooperative employment, and institutionalisation of the social economy. Recently, he started working on the role and contribution of cooperatives to the SDGs.

#### Ilcheong Yi



Ilcheong Yi is Senior Research Coordinator at UNRISD. He is in charge of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Programme and UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub. He is currently supervising several projects directly related to SSE, such as Sustainable Development Performance Indicators, SSE Statistics, and Guidelines on public policy for SSE at the city and provincial levels. Prior to joining UNRISD, Ilcheong Yi was Associate Professor at Kyushu University, Japan (2004-2008), Korea Foundation Visiting Professor in the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia (2003-2004), and Visiting Research Fellow at the Stein Rokkan Centre, University of Bergen, Norway (2002-2003). He has fulfilled a number of consultancy, field research and project development roles for international and national organizations including the ILO, UNRISD, JBIC and KOICA.



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#### Francesca Martinelli



Francesca Martinelli is the Director of the Centro Studi Doc Foundation, Italy since 2018 where she is in charge of research and development and advocacy. She has a Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Ethics. She received her Ph.D. in Human Capital Formation and Labour Relations at the University of Bergamo in co-tutorship with Paris VIII Vincennes-St.-Denis in 2017. Currently, she oversees the institutional communication and international relations at the Italian cooperative Doc Servizi, and she is on the board of Doc Creativity.

#### Sarah de Heusch



Sarah de Heusch is a senior project officer in charge of Public Affairs for Smart. Addressing the issue of social protection and labour market evolutions (especially freelancers and so called “atypical workers”), she develops knowledge with academics and builds partnerships and collaborations with organizations and networks that share Smarts’ values and concerns. Prior, Sarah was Co-founder and Dancer of Transe-en-Dance and the Assistant to the Secretary General at UNICA.

#### Stéphane Veyer



Stéphane Veyer is a graduate in law and political science, working in the research and polling sector. In 2004, he took part in the creation of Coopaname, a workers' and multi-activity cooperative, of which he was General Manager until 2014. He is currently strategic Advisor for Smart, a partner of the Manufacture Coopérative and Bigre.

#### Anita Gurumurthy



Anita Gurumurthy is a founding member and executive director of IT for Change (ITfC) where she leads research on emerging issues in the digital context such as the platform economy, data and AI governance, democracy in the digital age and feminist frameworks on digital justice. She also directs ITfC's field resource centre that works with grassroots rural communities on 'technology for social change' models. Anita actively engages in national and international advocacy on digital rights, and contributes regularly to academic and media spaces.

#### Cynthia Srniec



Cynthia Srniec is a researcher at MGEN Foundation for Public Health, member of Innovations, Numérique, Économie Sociale et Solidaire (INESS) and associated researcher to the Laboratoire Innovation Technologies, Économie et Management (Université Paris-Saclay, Univ Evry, IMT-BS, LITEM). She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Lumière Lyon II and of the University of Buenos Aires (2018). She was a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre d'Économie de l'Université Paris-Nord and at Instituto Interdisciplinario de Economía Política de Buenos Aires-CONICET (Argentina). Her research focuses on governance, working conditions and networks on Social and Solidarity Economy and on platform economy and digital work.





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#### Nathalie Magne

Nathalie Magne is Assistant Professor at Montpellier 3 Paul Valéry University. Her research focuses on employment in workers' cooperatives using two methodologies. The first method is quantitative comparative analysis of employment flexibility, wage inequality and economic performance of worker cooperatives and conventional firms. The second one is qualitative research about working conditions in cooperatives.



#### Muthu Karthikeyan

Muthu Karthikeyan works in the Department of Cooperatives at Wollo University, Ethiopia. He has more than two decades of teaching, research and outreach experience in the field of management of cooperatives and social enterprises. Karthikeyan is a founding partner in the project, International Comparative Analysis of Social Enterprise Models (ICSEM) initiated by EMES Research Network, Belgium. He has carried out research projects funded by national and international agencies such as England Africa Partnership Project, ILO-CoopAfrica Health Cooperative Feasibility Project, and Kenya Training Needs Assessment Peer-Partnered Project (Ethiopia-Kenya) initiated by Lorna Young Foundation, UK.



#### David Prince Popoola

David Prince Popoola is a young researcher and academic. He specializes in applied economics, with a specialization in welfare economics. He is also interested in entrepreneurial development, and cooperative studies, and he has served as an entrepreneurial trainer, and facilitator. He is a Graduate of University of Ilorin, Nigeria (2014), and holds a MSc in Agricultural Economics, (2017). He is a fellow of the Young African Leaders Initiative (2018 to date).



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#### Leandro Morais



Leandro Morais is a professor and researcher at the Department of Economics at UNESP, a lead researcher at NEPESC and United Nations consultant on SSE issues and Member of United Nations Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSE) and UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He has been a technical consultant to ILO on Social and Solidarity Economy Academies, SDGs, among others. He has consulted in Brazil and abroad with several agencies and institutions linked to the SSE ecosystems. He is a Technical Advisor for Enterprises and Solidarity Economy Networks in Brazil, and a member of the International Scientific Committee of CIRIEC International.

#### Simon Godard



Simon Godard is Associate Professor in Contemporary European History and Head of Undergraduate Studies at Sciences Po Grenoble. He is a researcher at PACTE Laboratory (CNRS). He has studied transnational processes in Eastern European international organizations during the Cold War (COMECON), as well as their relationship with Western European or global international organizations such as the UN-ECE. His research interest now focuses on the participation of factory workers, cooperative members and communist parties in the shaping of economic knowledge in France and Germany between the 1920s and the 1970s.

#### Amélie Artis



Amélie Artis is Associate professor in Economics at Sciences Po Grenoble. She is researcher at PACTE Laboratory (CNRS). Her research focuses on issues related to collective organizations and solidarity and social-based economy in several perspectives. She analyses their role in social finance, in territorial development and in economic system history. She is the Chair of Social Economy in SciencesPo Grenoble and heads several projects. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Grenoble.

#### Daniel Francisco Nagao Menezes



Daniel Francisco Nagao Menezes is a Professor in the Postgraduate Program (master and doctorate) in Political and Economic Law at Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie, in São Paulo, Brazil. His area of research is in Economic Law, Economic Regulation, Technological Innovation and Social and Solidarity Economy. He is a member of CIRIEC-Brazil.



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### Session 8

#### Jürgen Schwettmann



Jürgen Schwettmann began working with the ILO in 1988 as Regional Advisor on Cooperatives for Eastern, Central and Southern Africa, before joining the COOP Branch in Geneva in 1994 as Senior Technical Advisor and was appointed as Chief of the Branch in 2001. After leaving the COOP Branch in 2006, he took on positions as Director of the ILO Office for East Africa (Dar es Salaam), Deputy Regional Director for Africa (Addis Ababa), and Director of the Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department (Geneva). Since his retirement in 2015, he has been working as an independent consultant on a range of issues including rural and cooperative development, informal and social and solidarity economy.

#### Rodrigo Gouveia



Rodrigo Gouveia is the Chief Executive Officer of PromoCoop and international consultant on cooperatives and sustainable development. He was Director of Policy at the International Cooperative Alliance (2014-2018), Secretary-General of the European Community of Consumer Co-operatives - Euro Coop (2006-2014), managed Consumer Cooperatives Worldwide (CCW), and was legal and policy advisor in the consumer cooperative sector in Portugal (1998-2006).

#### Rajesh Buch



Rajesh Buch is the Director of Sustainable Practice, International Development at Arizona State University. He drives Arizona State University's efforts to provide solutions to the complex sustainability challenges facing the developing world by linking ASU's world-class researchers to development funding agencies, and by fostering partnerships with NGOs, the public and private sectors, and foundations. He engages in applied research and solutions development work including developing systemic circular economy solutions at local and regional scales, building collaborative networks to advance circular economy, and building circular economy curricula for professional and academic classes, workshops and certifications.

#### Alicia Marseille



Alicia Marseille serves as the Interim Deputy Director and Director of Innovation working in collaboration with internal and external partners to advance innovative and entrepreneurial solutions for complex challenges related to sustainability. She successfully developed and led the RISN Incubator, the first U.S. based circular economy accelerator. Prior to joining ASU, Alicia was the director of Arizona Women's Education and Entrepreneur Center, an SBA funded Women's Business Center. Alicia's interest in entrepreneurship launched when she founded and operated an international business working with a large cooperative of farmers in the Caribbean to export/import raw green coffee and distributed it across the U.S.