



# 2009 Symposium

**November 24-25 – Mount Royal University, Calgary**

**VENUE:** The symposium will take place in the Roderick Mah Centre for Continuous Learning at Mount Royal University. All plenary sessions and most meetings, unless indicated otherwise, will take place in Room EC1040. Some workshops on Day 1 will take place in Room EC2065.

## **Day ONE – Tuesday, November 24**

**8:15-8:30** Gathering – Coffee/tea/croissants/etc. and informal visiting (Room EC1040)

**8:30-8:45** Welcome and Introduction to the Symposium Program (Room EC1040)  
Mike Lewis, BALTA Lead Investigator  
Dr. Peter Elson, Mount Royal University

**8:45-9:45** Mapping (Room EC1040)  
**Moderator:** Mike Gismondi  
General Mapping Program (Dr. Mike Gismondi & Dr. Lynda Ross)  
Project E3 – Mapping the Social Economy from the Ground Up: A Neighbourhood Case Study in Calgary (Celia Lee & Dr. Noel Keough)

**9:55-12:00** Research Presentations – Concurrent Workshops  
Combination of presentations (45 mins.), Moderated questions and discussion (40 mins. – discussion questions to be determined) and synthesis in preparation for plenary. (15 mins.)

**10:40-11:00 – Workshops to take a break – coffee, tea, etc.**

**Workshop 1 – Strengthening the Social Economy Infrastructure and Scaling up its Impacts (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Lena Soots  
Project C7 – Analysis of Application of Nova Scotia Co-op Development System Findings to BC and Alberta (John Restakis)  
Project C17 – SERC 3 Research Synthesis related to Social Enterprise (Dr. Jorge Sousa)  
A Perspective from Manitoba (Brendan Reimer)

**Day ONE – Tuesday, November 24 cont.**

**Workshop 2 – Building a Supportive Environment for Social Enterprise  
(Room EC2065)**

**Moderator:** Martin Garber-Conrad

Projects A3 & A8 – Finance (Rebecca Pearson)

Research and Action on Supporting Social Enterprise in Calgary – Co-Sponsored  
by United Way of Calgary and Area, The City of Calgary – Family and  
Community Support Services, and The Calgary Foundation  
(Brian Hoffart & Sharilyn Amy presenting)

Project C18 – Procurement (David LePage & Amanda Polak)

**12:00-1:15 LUNCH (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Mary Beckie

**Presentation – The Social Economy and Sustainable Development**

(Dr. Mike Gismondi & Lena Soots; Dr. Mark Roseland & Dr. Sean  
Markey) (15 minutes)

**Presentation – Co-operative Models of Social Care**

(John Restakis) (15 minutes)

**Presentation – Project B4 – Rural Alberta Case Studies (Dr. Karsten Mundel)**

(Brief intro, then we would have project podcasts showing during breaks  
and lunch over the two days for people to view at their leisure)

**1:15-1:55 Welcome from Dean Dr. Wendelin Fraser, Mount Royal University**

**Workshop debriefing and plenary discussion (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Jorge Sousa

8 minute presentation from each workshop and then draw out discussion on  
key learning.

**2:00-4:00 Research Presentations – Concurrent Workshops**

Combination of presentations (45 mins.), Moderated questions and  
discussion (40 mins. – discussion questions to be determined) and  
synthesis in preparation for plenary. (15 mins.)

**3:10-3:30 – Workshops to take a break – coffee, tea, etc.**

**Workshop 3 – Food and the Social Economy (Room EC2065)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Sean Markey

Case Study – Westlock Grain Terminal – Producers Co-op (Paul Cabaj)

Projects B5 & B7 – Farmers' Markets as a Leverage Point for Reconstructing  
Local Food Systems (Dr. Mary Beckie, Paul Cabaj, Emily Huddart

Kennedy, Chris Hergesheimer, Dr. Hannah Wittman, Melisa Zapisocky)

Project B8 – Post-Doctoral Research – Seikatsu Case Study (Dr. Sean Connelly)

## **Day ONE – Tuesday, November 24 cont.**

### **Workshop 4 – Municipal Government Support of the Social Economy (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** George Penfold

Project C10 – Municipal Government Support of the Social Economy  
(Jenny Kain & Emma Sharkey)

Engagement of the City of Edmonton in Development of the Edmonton  
Social Enterprise Fund (Martin Garber-Conrad & Jenny Kain)

The Greater Edmonton Alliance's Model for Engaging Citizens to Influence  
Municipal Policy and Planning (Paul Cabaj)

### **4:05-4:40 Workshop debriefing and plenary discussion, then wrap-up for Day 1 (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Mark Roseland

8 minute presentation from each workshop and 19 minutes to draw out  
discussion on key learning.

### **4:45-5:45 CCEDNet hosted session on the 2010 National Summit on a People Centred Economy for those who are interested (Room EC1040)**

## **Day TWO – Wednesday, November 25**

### **8:15-8:30 Gathering – Coffee/tea/croissants/etc. and informal visiting (Room EC1040)**

### **8:30-8:40 Welcome, Introduction and Review of the Agenda (Room EC1040)**

### **8:40-09:30 Cracker Barrel Session (Average 6 minutes each followed by a few minutes for questions & answers) (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Peter Elson

Projects D3 & D7 – Land Tenure (Dr. Mark Roseland and/or Dr. Mike Gismondi)

Land Tenure Part 2 – Conservation Trusts (Dr. Lorelei Hanson & Dr Sean Ryan)

Project B6 – Renewable Energy (Dr. Noel Keough and/or Julie MacArthur  
and/or Paul Cabaj))

Projects A4 & A10 – Role of Faith Based Organizations in the Social  
Economy (Bob McKeon)

Project A7 – Coop Housing Futures: A Spatial Design Research Approach  
(Dr. Noel Keough)

### **09:30-10:15 Presentation by Mike Lewis, BALTA Lead Investigator (Room EC1040)**

The presentation will focus on the work that Mike and Pat Conaty are doing  
as part of Project D6 – Foundations for the Social Economy – whose  
objective is to define strategic pathways relevant to reconfiguring CED and  
social economy approaches to address our current economic and ecological  
crises. This presentation will be a variation on work presented at the  
CIRIEC International Research Conference in Sweden in October.

**Day TWO – Wednesday, November 25 cont.**

**10:15-10:30 Initial Questions and Comments (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Paul Cabaj

**10:30-10:50 BREAK**

**10:50-11:30 Buzz Groups (Room EC1040)**

Small groups of 6-8 discuss implications for strengthening the social economy in B.C. and Alberta

**11:30–12:00 Reports and Discussion (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Michelle Colussi

**12:00-1:15 LUNCH – SERCs meet over lunch (Room EC1040) to discuss:**

1. Assessing their research program to date and identifying likely priorities in their work for BALTA's remaining 1.5 years to maximize BALTA's legacy (including whether some restructuring of BALTA or the SERCs would be relevant to enhance cross-research analysis and synthesis)
2. Strategies for strengthening publishing and dissemination

**1:15-1:45 Cracker Barrel Session** (Average 6 minutes each followed by a few minutes for questions & answers) **(Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** David LePage

Projects D5 & D8 – Credit Unions as a Financing Source & Rural Community Reinvestment (Dr. Stewart Perry – Dr. Sean Markey also a co-lead)  
Project D4 – Cluster Based Social Enterprise Models (Lena Soots)  
Comparison of Policy Frameworks for Social Enterprises and Non-Profits in Ontario and Quebec (Dr. Peter Elson)

**1:45-2:45 Session on Possible BALTA Facilitated Social Economy Course Development** (Lena Soots) **(Room EC1040)**

Presentation by Lena followed by feedback and discussion.

**2:45-3:15 New Housing Research (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** George Penfold

Project A6 – The Fraser Valley Social Economy with Reference to Affordable Housing Provision and Related Support Services (Dr. Ron Van Wyk)

Project A9 – Sustainable Management of Affordable Housing by Not-for-Profits and Co-ops (George Penfold)

**3:15-3:35 Presentation on Project D10 – Networks Research and Exploring Models for Continuing BALTA's Legacy Beyond the Current SSHRC Funding** (Freya Kristensen) **(Room EC1040)**

**3:35-4:00 BREAK**

**Day TWO – Wednesday, November 25 cont.**

**4:00-4:50 Final Panel and Discussion focusing on How to Maximize BALTA's Legacy Potential Through How we Focus and Structure Our Work During the Remaining 1.5 Years (Room EC1040)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Stewart Perry

**Panelists:** SERC 1 Co-Chairs – Carol Murray & George Penfold  
SERC 2 Co-Chairs – Paul Cabaj & Dr. Mark Roseland  
SERC 3 Co-Chairs – David LePage & Dr. Jorge Sousa

**4:50-5:00 Final remarks by Mike Lewis and Closing (Room EC1040)**