

C7 Project Follow Up

- Stakeholders Special Session - Oct.16
- BCCA Board Strategic Planning Session
- BC Co-op Development Strategy
 - Financing
 - Sector development
 - Public policy
 - Public awareness
 - Role of BCCA
- Member engagement and mobilization

Social Co-ops & Social Care

BALTA Research Project

Chapters

- The Grand Delusion
- The Materialization of Dreams
- The Italian Way
- Social Co-ops and Social Care
- Japan's Consumer Revolution
- Sri Lanka - Fair Trade and the Empire of Tea
- Kolkata - The Daughters of Kali
- Argentina - Occupy, Resist, Produce
- The Crisis of Community - Reciprocity and Renewal
- Co-operation in the Age of Capital - Humanizing the Economy

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- Decline of Social Care over last 30 years
 - Response of Civil Society & Co-op Movement
 - The rise of social care systems & their relation to democracy
 - Role of democracy in humanizing social care

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- The commodification of care & the rise of individualism
 - Material prosperity and social poverty
 - Two responses
 - Privatization - neo-liberalism
 - Socialization - social economy
 - The nature of social care
 - Reciprocity
 - Relational goods

- Definition and history of Civil Society
- Social co-operatives
 - History
 - Examples
- Case for a co-operative approach to social care
 - Relational goods
 - Organizational design and service delivery
 - Humanization of care & democratization


- Critique of privatization
- Critique of state delivery
 - What's the Alternative?
- Beyond defensiveness; beyond dependence
- Maturation of the social economy
- Articulating new modes of social care
 - Embodying attributes of reciprocity, accessibility, accountability
 - Civic solutions to social care and social poverty

■ Creating a Social Market


- Case example of senior care in Bologna

■ Key factors

- Shifting production of care from state to civic institutions
- Public funding to social care recipients - not only to social care providers
- Ability of social care organizations to access capital through a social investment market
- Surpluses from social investments as social assets; placed in indivisible reserves; reinvested in care and social infrastructure

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- Role of government: to flow public funds; fix the rules of the game
 - Locus of service design and designation of service needs at community and regional levels where services are delivered.

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- All this entails de-linking public goods from exclusive government control.
 - Need new vision of civil society as the guardian of those social and civic values that humanize our relations as citizens.
 - Essential to the reclamation of social value in the political and economic institutions of a new age.

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- Italy: the network phenomenon
 - Dangers of state integration
 - Japan and the movement for co-operative health care; home care; elder care.
 - Integration with consumer co-op movement