

ISIRC 2012

4th International Social Innovation Research Conference
University of Birmingham, 12-14 September 2012



Welcome to ISIRC 2012, the 4th International Social Innovation Research Conference. ISIRC has its roots in the Social Enterprise Research Conference first held at the Open University in 2004. This was one of the first conferences I presented at as a PhD student, and I was immediately made to feel welcome by more established academics in the field. Since then ISIRC has grown significantly following the merger with the International Social Entrepreneurship Research Conference in 2009. We are delighted that the Third Sector Research Centre at the University of Birmingham has been selected to host ISIRC 2012.

Thanks to the hard work of the different stream organisers, the sponsorship of Emerald and the Policy Press, and the support of our various partner organisations the conference this year has an exciting mix of international experts and early career researchers. I would like to welcome our plenary speakers, Dennis Young; Florentine Maier, Paul Tracey, Graham Smith, Pascal Dey and Alex Nicholls to Birmingham. I hope even as the conference grows and attracts an increasingly international audience, ISIRC is still able to offer a warm welcome to all of you, particularly PhD students presenting for the first time. Please approach myself or the different stream organisers if you have any questions about the conference. Third Sector Research Centre staff are available to answer any questions about the University or the work of the Research Centre. We hope that you all enjoy the conference and your time in Birmingham.

Best wishes,

Simon Teasdale, Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham.



Plenary speakers profiles



Pascal Dey is senior researcher at the University of St. Gallen and an Honorary Fellow at the Third Sector Research Centre . In his interdisciplinary research on social entrepreneurship, he has focused particularly on the interplay between discourse, power and subjectivity, thus inquiring both the limiting effects of discourse as well as how practitioners transgress, punctuate or openly oppose existing power relations. Pascal's most recent interest lies in the sociology of flows and how it can be used to conceptualize social innovation and change as the result of socio-material ordering practices.



Florentine Maier is assistant professor at the Nonprofit Management Group at WU Vienna University of Economics and Business. Her research areas are the managerialization of NPOs, social entrepreneurship, and alternative forms of organizing. She holds a doctoral degree in personnel management and organizational behavior and a master's degree in international business studies and Chinese language from WU. She also studied Chinese language and culture at Vienna University and Sun Yat-Sen University (PRC). In 2009 she served as Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Stanford University.

Her research has been published in 'Voluntas', 'Business Research', and numerous book chapters.



Dr Alex Nicholls MBA is the first tenured lecturer in social entrepreneurship appointed at the University of Oxford in 2004. To date Nicholls has published more than forty papers, chapters and articles and five books. Most appear in a wide range of peer reviewed journals and books, including four sole authored papers in Financial Times Top 30 journals (with another under review and resubmit). His 2009 paper on social investment won the Best Paper Award (Entrepreneurship) at the British Academy of Management. In 2010, Nicholls edited a Special Edition of *Entrepreneurship, Theory and Practice* on social entrepreneurship – the first time a top tier management journal had recognized the topic in this way. He is the General Editor of the Skoll Working Papers series and the Editor of the *Journal of Social Entrepreneurship*. Nicholls is also the co-author of a major research book on Fair Trade (with Charlotte Opal, Sage, 2005) and the editor of a collection of key papers on social entrepreneurship (Oxford University Press, 2006, 2008). Both represent the best selling and most cited academic books on their subjects globally. In 2011, Nicholls published a co-edited volume on social innovation. In 2012, he will publish a co-edited volume on social investment, a co-authored book on social impact measurement, and a monograph on the politics of social entrepreneurship.



Graham Smith is Professor of Politics at the University of Southampton (soon to move to Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster) and the Third Sector Research Centre (TSRC). He is author of *Democratic Innovations: Designing Institutions for Citizen Participation* (CUP, 2009) amongst a number of other books and essays on aspects of democratic theory and practice, the social economy and environmental politics.



Paul Tracey is Reader in Human Resources and Organizations at the University of Cambridge Judge Business School. He currently holds an Economic and Social Research Council Mid-career Fellowship. Much of Paul's research is concerned with the relationship between entrepreneurship and institutions, with a particular focus on social entrepreneurship. He has published widely, including papers in *Academy of Management Annals*, *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, and *Organization Science*. He also has extensive experience of teaching social entrepreneurship and social innovation on undergraduate, masters and MBA programmes.



Dennis R. Young is Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Professor of Private Enterprise and Director of the Nonprofit Studies Program at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. He is founding editor of the journal *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, and author of numerous research papers. His books include *Financing Nonprofits: Putting Theory into Practice* (2007) and *Handbook of Research on Nonprofit Economics and Management* (2010).

ISIRC 2012 Programme

Wednesday 12 September					
	Main lecture theatre	Room A - G07	Room B – G06	Room C - G13	Room D - 105
9-9.30am	Welcome and refreshments				
9.30-10am	Welcome to the University of Birmingham and ISIRC, Pete Alcock, Third Sector Research Centre; Alex Nicholls, University of Oxford; and Alex Murdock, London South Bank University.				
10-11.10am	Opening Plenary, <i>The State of Theory and Research on Social Enterprise</i> , Dennis Young, Georgia State University. Introduced by Pete Alcock.				
11.10-11.30am	Coffee Break				
	Starting and Scaling Up I (Chaired by Bob Doherty) SYMPOSIUM The Value of Values: First Lessons From the EU Selusi Project	Critical Perspectives I (Chaired by Pascal Dey)	Politics of Social Innovation I (Chaired by Alex Nicholls)	Governance I (Chaired by Jo Barraket)	Impact and Performance I (Chaired by Fergus Lyon)
11.30-1pm Parallel Sessions I	<i>What drives social entrepreneurship activities in Europe on a regional level? A multilevel analysis of socio-economic factors influencing social enterprise growth.</i> Hasse, S., Stephan, U. & Vujic, S.	<i>Everything is social entrepreneurship now.</i> David Di Zhang & Lee A. Swanson. Discussant: Hanna Schneider & Florentine Maier.	<i>Government's role in social innovation: Balancing unplanned exploration and planned exploitation.</i> Sharon Zivkovic.	<i>Non-Executive Director Succession and Recruitment in NPOs: Cases of social housing providers and universities.</i> Simon Parris.	<i>Meta-analysis of SROI studies – Exploring and assessing the practical scope of SROI.</i> Gorgi Krlev & Robert Muenscher.

	<p><i>Linking value based social identities of social entrepreneurs with social ventures features and outcomes.</i> Thomas Rimac.</p>	<p><i>Social Entrepreneurship as a contested institutional field: Understanding different meanings associated with social entrepreneurship.</i> Hanna Schneider & Florentine Maier.</p> <p>Discussant: Chris Mason</p>	<p><i>Mapping the various meanings of social innovation: Facilitating the differentiated understanding of an emerging concept.</i> Dominik Rüede & Kathrin Lurtz.</p>	<p><i>The psychological implications of stakeholder involvement in social enterprise governance.</i> Justin Larner.</p>	<p><i>How do we know if social enterprise works? Tools for assessing performance.</i> Kelly Hall & Malin Arvidson.</p>
	<p><i>Motivated opportunity recognition and value(s) of social entrepreneurs.</i> Stephan, U., Huysentruyt, M. & Van Looy, B.</p>	<p><i>Identifying shared identity constructs between social enterprises and third sector organisations: a UK study.</i> Chris Mason.</p> <p>Discussant: David Di Zhang & Lee A. Swanson.</p>	<p><i>Resistance to social entrepreneurship: how context shapes innovation.</i> Jamie Newth & Christine Woods.</p>	<p><i>The social innovation of social business in Japan: from the perspective of heterogeneous stakeholders.</i> Nobuyoshi Ohmuro.</p>	<p><i>Measuring Social Innovation.</i> Eva Bund, David Karl Hubrich & Björn Schmitz.</p>
1-1.50pm	Lunch				
1.50-3.40pm Parallel Sessions II	<p>Starting and Scaling Up II (Chaired by Bob Doherty)</p>	<p>Critical perspectives II (Chaired by Pascal Dey)</p>	<p>SYMPOSIUM: Housing Organisations, Hybridity and Social Enterprise (Chaired by David Mullins)</p>		<p>Impact and Performance II (Chaired by Fergus Lyon)</p>
	<p><i>Spot the difference in traditional and social entrepreneurial intention: highlighting the role of human and social capital.</i> D'Orazio, P., Tonelli, M. & Monaco, E.</p>	<p><i>Social Entrepreneurship: Solidarity, Personal Contact and the Importance of Trust.</i> Alex Murdock.</p> <p>Discussant: Sharon Zivkovic.</p>	<p><i>Supporting community housing: the importance of umbrella community land trusts and their applicability to the self-help housing sector.</i> Tom Moore & David Mullins.</p>		<p><i>Social Enterprise: A social entrepreneur leadership model used to enhance nonprofit performance: An exploratory study.</i> Darlene Pierre-Louis & Olivet Nazarene.</p>

	<p><i>The Dramaturgy of Social Ventures: A Case Study of Social Innovation Camps.</i> Elric Honore.</p>	<p><i>Pragmatic naturalism: Supporting the coexistence of social entrepreneurship's diverse forms.</i> Sharon Zivkovic.</p> <p>Discussant: Nguyen Chi Nghia.</p>	<p><i>Social Entrepreneurship and Hybridity in Social Housing in Ireland.</i> Mary Lee Rhodes & Gemma Donnelly-Cox.</p>	<p><i>How measurement can meet motivations: The interplay of impact measurement investor motivations in social investment.</i> Jarrod Ormiston & Richard Seymour.</p>
	<p><i>Legitimizing hybrid organizational models: The case of renewable energy source cooperatives in Europe.</i> Ben Huybrechts and Sybille Mertens.</p>	<p><i>Consideration of the process model of social problem-solving: Towards a behavioural approach in social entrepreneurship research.</i> Nguyen Chi Nghia.</p> <p>Discussant: Alex Murdock.</p>	<p><i>Social innovation – rethinking social services for homeless women.</i> Catharina Juul Kristensen.</p>	<p><i>Developing integrated performance improvement through research capabilities at Age UK London.</i> Charles Jardine & Ben Donovan.</p>
	<p><i>Social Enterprises and the Pursuit of Mission: Form Matters.</i> Ankur Sarin.</p>			<p><i>What have we done or where can we go? Measuring social impact amongst small social enterprises.</i> Jo Barraket & Nina Yousefpour.</p>
3.40-4pm	Coffee break			
4-5.30pm	<p>Closing Plenary, <i>Searching for a New Economic Order: 'Social Entrepreneurship' as the new Hegemony?</i> Florentine Maier, Vienna University of Economics and Business</p> <p>Introduced by Pascal Dey</p>			
6.30pm - Late	Awards Reception and Barbeque, Park House			

Thursday 13 September					
	Main lecture theatre	Room A - G07	Room B – G06	Room C - G13	Room D - 105
9.10– 10.30am	Opening Plenary: <i>Ethnography as Method for the Study of Social Entrepreneurship</i> . Paul Tracey, University of Cambridge. Introduced by Alex Nicholls				
10.30– 10.50am			Coffee Break		
10.50– 12.50pm Parallel Sessions III	Politics of Social Innovation II (Chaired by Alex Nicholls)	Critical Perspectives III (Chaired by Florentine Maier)	Starting and Scaling Up III (Chaired by Ute Stephan)	Social Innovation and Health (Chaired by Alex Murdock)	Impact and Performance III (Chaired by Alibeth Somers)
	<i>Social Entrepreneurship as Innovative Challengers or Adjustable Followers? Negotiating Emerging Social Enterprise Markets.</i> Malin Gawell.	<i>Critical appreciative processes: A methodology for studying the production of consciousness?</i> Rory Ridley-Duff & Graham Duncan. Discussant: Chi Maher.	<i>Scaling up: a quasi- experimental evaluation of the Big Venture Challenge.</i> Stephen Miller.	<i>The work of NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Public Health Research Programme.</i> Phil Taverner.	<i>Understanding Value, Plurality and Sustainability: Insights from assessing social enterprises in India.</i> Joseph Satish & C. Shambu Prasad.
	<i>Examining the link between an entrepreneur's social competence and their capacity to influence peers to engage in entrepreneurial actions in unfavourable situations.</i> Heather Douglas.	<i>Social Entrepreneurial Intention among Entrepreneurship Undergraduates: Evidence from an Emerging Economy.</i> Noorseha Ayob. Discussant: Graham Duncan & Rory Ridley- Duff.	<i>Financiers Perceptions of Barriers and Risks in Funding Social Entrepreneurs.</i> Sean Geobey.	<i>Italian Mutual Benefit Societies: an organisational social innovation in health and healthcare systems.</i> Sara Rago.	<i>Key measures for improving employment and economic performance of Finnish work integration social enterprises.</i> Hari Kostilainen & Ville Gronberg.

	<p><i>The politically motivated modification of 'truth': A methodological critique of the social enterprise growth myth.</i> Teasdale, S., Lyon, F. & Baldock, R.</p>	<p><i>Understanding managerial preferred career paths in small third sector enterprises.</i> Chi Maher.</p> <p>Discussant: Doug Foster</p>	<p><i>Creating Social Entrepreneurial Opportunity: Towards a Conceptual Framework.</i> Linda Piusa.</p>	<p><i>Dilemmas of Sustainable Social entrepreneurship based on competitive advantage. Lessons learned from health care business.</i> Jarmila Šebestová.</p>	<p><i>Challenges of impact assessment and sustainable development in social entrepreneurship: The case study of Sanaburi Foundation after the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake.</i> Aysenem Tuylieva and Nguyen Chi Nghia.</p>
	<p><i>The Proselytising Think Tank: von Hayek to Social Innovation?</i> Ray Loveridge.</p>	<p><i>Social Enterprise, Aristotle and Two Contemporary Aristotelian Approaches.</i> Doug Foster.</p> <p>Discussant: Noorseha Ayob.</p>	<p><i>Understanding resident perceptions of the impact of rural social enterprise: The role of 'super-hybrid' organisations in maximising social and economic benefit.</i> Chris Dayson.</p>	<p><i>Delivering "Health inclusion": the experience of social enterprise organisations in England.</i> Millar, R., Hall, K. & Alcock, P.</p>	
12.50pm-1.50pm	Lunch				
1.50pm - 3.40pm Parallel Sessions IV	<p>Critical perspectives IV (Chaired by Pascal Dey)</p>	<p>Governance II (Chaired by Roger Spear)</p>	<p>Starting and Scaling Up IV (Chaired by Ute Stephan)</p>	<p>Politics of Social Innovation III (Chaired by Alex Nicholls)</p>	<p>Public Services and Innovation I (Chaired by Alex Murdock)</p>
	<p><i>Social business: The non-dividend side of the equation.</i> Alejandro Agafonow.</p> <p>Discussant: Bianca Stumbitz.</p>	<p><i>Social Enterprise: new commercial models for old cultural landscapes?</i> Daniel Keech.</p>	<p><i>A new idea and its window of opportunity: A co-evolutionary view.</i> Justus Lodemann.</p>	<p><i>Corporate Social Innovation as Business Strategy: A new way of thinking business.</i> Valdenor Clementino & Soumodip Sarkar.</p>	<p><i>The Social Business Concept – Contradiction in Terms or an Evolution of an Innovative Paradigm: An Organizational and Societal Perspective.</i> Benjamin Gridron.</p>

	<p><i>The 'anti-social' social entrepreneur: value conflict and identity in the autobiographies of 'social entrepreneurs.'</i> Paola Grenier.</p> <p>Discussant: Maria Isabel Irurita & David Floyd.</p>	<p><i>Governance Challenges in Fair Trade Organisations.</i> Bob Doherty & Chris Mason.</p>	<p><i>Nascent social entrepreneurs and the antecedents of social entrepreneurial action: a multinational study.</i> Jeffrey A. Robinson & Ian O. Williamson.</p>	<p><i>The Social Innovation Policy in Japan, structure and social value of social entrepreneurs.</i> Haruka Maruno.</p>	<p><i>Innovation, Risk and its Regulation in Commissioned Public Services.</i> James Rees.</p>
	<p><i>Social Entrepreneurial Activity in Later Life: Motivations shaped by the Life Course.</i> Bianca Stumbitz.</p> <p>Discussant: Paola Grenier.</p>	<p><i>Testing an institutional partnership in social enterprise governance.</i> Seddon, F., Hazenberg, R. & Denny, S.</p>	<p><i>Swimming against the tide? Analysing the emergence of new and successful social ventures in times of austerity and challenge.</i> Murdock, A., Alcock, C., Lamb, B. & Blandford, S.</p>	<p><i>The Role of the State in the Relation between Various Scaling and Resourcing Approaches of Social Innovation in Different Welfare Regimes.</i> Gunnar Gläzel & Bjorn Schmitz.</p>	<p><i>Processes of innovation in mutual forms: the case of public sector mutual spin outs.</i> Lyon, F., Sepulveda, L. & Vickers, I.</p>
	<p><i>Innovation in and by the community: ethnographies from within the box.</i> Maria Isabel Irurita & David Floyd.</p> <p>Discussant: Alejandro Agafonow.</p>		<p><i>Understanding Donor Motive and Investment in the New Philanthropy.</i> Helen Liu & Sheng Li.</p>	<p><i>Multidisciplinary collaborations as transformative social innovation practices in the public sector.</i> Liliya Terzieva</p>	<p><i>The role of volunteers in Co-design and Co-delivery of public services – experiences from Wales.</i> Bryan Collis.</p>
3.40-4pm	Coffee break				
4-5.30pm	<p>Closing Plenary: <i>Associative Democracy and the Social Economy: Exploring the Regulatory Challenge.</i> Graham Smith, University of Southampton.</p> <p>Introduced by Rory Ridley Duff</p>				
7pm - Late	Night out in Brindley Place, Birmingham				

Friday 14 September				
	Main lecture theatre	Room A - G07	Room B – G06	Room C - G13
9.10-10.30am	Opening Plenary: ' <i>Social enterprise' and dis/identification: The politics of identity work in the UK third sector.</i> Pascal Dey, University of St Gallen. Introduced by Pam Seanor			
10.30-10.50am		Coffee Break		
10.50-12.50pm Parallel Sessions V	SYMPOSIUM: Housing Organisations, Hybridity and Social Enterprise (Chaired by Mary Lee Rhodes)	Critical Perspectives V (Chaired by Florentine Maier)	Starting and Scaling Up V (Chaired by Bob Doherty)	Open I (Chaired by Tim Curtis)
	<i>Competing Drivers of Hybridity: Third Sector Housing Organisations in Northern Ireland.</i> Nick Acheson & David Mullins.	<i>Social and Economic Tension in Social Enterprises.</i> Ines Alegre. Discussant: N.Voskolovic & Anastasia Volkova.	<i>Exploring Motivation of Nascent Social Entrepreneurs to Engage in Social Innovation.</i> Andy Germak & Jeffrey Robinson.	<i>The value of relationships in and out of social enterprises.</i> Sara Rago.
	<i>Decision-making by housing associations in complex policy environments: an in-depth study of social enterprise behaviour in England and The Netherlands.</i> Darinka Czischke.	<i>Social Entrepreneurship: myth or reality?</i> <i>New Challenge for Russia.</i> N.Voskolovic & Anastasia Volkova. Discussant: Mazzei, M., Swan, P. & Metcalfe, J.	<i>Granny and the Hoodie – the continuing success of South Bank Mosaics.</i> Peter Maple.	<i>The rise of Social Entrepreneurship in a critical time for Greece.</i> Fani Dima.
	<i>Public, private or in between? The legitimacy of social enterprises in the housing market.</i> Anita Blessing.	<i>Front line staff reconciling social and ethical considerations.</i> Mazzei, M., Swan, P. & Metcalfe, J. Discussant: Ines Alegre.	<i>Partnering and the adoption of entrepreneurial marketing strategies for social enterprise growth.</i> Elizabeth Shaw & Charles Graham.	<i>Enterprise learning for Social Value Creation: A research agenda for social enterprises.</i> Ankita Tandon.

			<i>Social entrepreneurship and performance: the role of perceived barriers and risk.</i> Hoogendoorn, B., Van Der Zwan, P & Thurik, R.	
12.50-1.50pm			Lunch	
1.50 - 3.40pm Parallel Sessions VI	Impact and Performance: Critical Approaches (Chaired by Simon Teasdale)	Critical Perspectives VI (Chaired by Florentine Maier)	Starting and Scaling Up VI (Chaired by Ute Stephan)	Public services and Innovation II (Chaired by Alex Murdock)
	<i>Demonstrating value in chaos, the elephant in the room.</i> Bull, M., Baines., Wilson, Antcliff, V., Jarvis & Martin.	<i>It's a Rough Trade: a longitudinal study of changing enterprise ethics.</i> Tim Curtis. Discussant: Stefanie Mauksch.	<i>Ba creation and ba expansion in social entrepreneurship partnerships.</i> Benedetto Canatelli & Brett Smith.	<i>Personalisation and co-production: An asset-based approach to people and place.</i> Pat Jones.
	<i>Beyond boundaries: Sense-making and fuzzy learning from stories about failures and successes of social enterprises.</i> David Haigh & Pam Seanor.	<i>Social Entrepreneurship and the Routinization of Charisma: An Ethnographic Approach</i> Stefanie Mauksch. Discussant: Matt Macdonald.	<i>Work-integration Social Enterprise: An Anglo-Swedish Comparison.</i> Hazenberg, R., Seddon, F. & Denny, S.	<i>Spot the difference: Service designers and outcomes focused practitioners and their role in public service innovation.</i> Rice, G., Pattoni, L. & Daly, E.
	<i>The use of Social return on investment (SROI) as a public policy tool.</i> Fergus Lyon, Malin Arvidson and Stephen McKay.	<i>"Mission Holding": Active Resistance to the Social Enterprise Agenda by a UK Charity.</i> Matt Macdonald. Discussant: Tim Curtis.	<i>Operationalizing Effectuation through Entrepreneurial Resourcefulness for Social Ventures.</i> Katre, A., Salipante, P., Bird, B. & Somers, A.	<i>Can social innovation be thought as a joint construction process in the field of public action?</i> Phillipe Eynaud & Elisabetta Buccolo.
	<i>Social impact measurement as a generic process.</i> AliBeth Somers.			<i>Innovation in public services – the roles of employees.</i> Catharina Juul Kristensen.
3.40-4pm			Coffee break	
4-5.30pm	Closing Plenary: <i>The Politics of Social Innovation: An International Comparison.</i> Alex Nicholls, University of Oxford. Introduced by Simon Teasdale.			

Reconstructing Social Enterprise: An ESRC Seminar Series

Event 1: Toward an Ideology Critique of Social Entrepreneurship, Northampton University, November 12, 2012

Early academic research into SE derived largely from business schools and was mainly descriptive. A common format was the use of selective case study evidence to “demonstrate” the potential of this ‘new’ organisational form, and powerful stories of heroic individuals seeking to change social systems abounded. More theoretically informed work sought to explain the emergence of SE as a distinct organisational form. However, SE remains a contested concept as different authors keep using different theories to explain different entities. Though most academic work refers to the transformative potential of SE, empirical evidence supporting (or denying) such claims is notably absent. As a result, there are doubts over whether SE research depicts social reality or whether it merely mimics the politicised climate of which it is part. Aspiring to develop alternative bodies of knowledge and modes of practice, we are holding five seminars which challenge, in different ways, the current orthodoxy that SE is primarily to be seen as a value-neutral technology for solving social problems. Conceiving of critique not as negativity but as affirmative action aimed at advancing the object of inquiry, the first two seminars are devoted to *deconstructive reflexivity* calling into question the ostensible “naturalness” of SE. The third and fourth seminars will then be devoted to *reconstructive reflexivity*, addressing how the trajectory of SE can be changed via the incorporation of alternative paradigms, perspectives and values. The final seminar aims to give voice to practitioners through engaging with them in an open space format to begin to develop a SE future research agenda.

Northampton University is delighted to be hosting the first in this seminar series: ***Toward an Ideology Critique of Social Entrepreneurship***. This seminar aims to develop understanding of the political and ideological framing of Social Enterprise and Social Entrepreneurship. Keynote speakers include Pascal Dey and Chris Steyaert (University of St. Gallen) and Alex Nicholls (University of Oxford). There will also be presentations from practitioners and PhD students.

For further details please contact Alex Nicholls (Alex.Nicholls@sbs.ox.ac.uk) or Simon Teasdale (s.teasdale@bham.ac.uk).

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Special issue: Social innovation and public services in an era of austerity

Guest Editors: Dr Simon Teasdale, Dr Pascal Dey, Prof. Alex Murdock and Dr Alex Nicholls

This call for papers is for a special issue of International Journal of Public Sector Management to be published in 2014. The following questions serve as a guide but are, of course, not exclusive:

1. How are the politics of social innovation linked to market liberal discourses pertaining to a need to shrink the state?
2. Which theories help explain the relationship between the state, social innovation and the third sector?
3. Is social innovation exclusively the property of non-state actors?
4. How might governments foster (different forms of) social innovation?
5. How far can strategies of resistance and opposition generate social innovation?
6. What particular forms of social innovation are emerging as a response to the financial crisis and the associated cuts in public services expenditures and what challenges might they pose for governments?

Submission guidelines and further information

The deadline for paper submission is 02 November 2012. Papers should be submitted through:

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijpsm> and should adhere to the guidelines for authors which can be accessed through the journal homepage: www.emeraldinsight.com/ijpsm.htm

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