



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"Sharing Society. The Impact of Collaborative Collective Actions in the Transformation of Contemporary Societies"

Bizkaia Aretoa, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao (Spain)

May 23-24, 2019

Call for Papers and Poster Presentations

1. Context and Rationale

Although the concept of collective action has been widely used in the field of social sciences, giving rise to the area of social movements studies, little research has focused on the collaborative aspect of this action. In recent years, the emerging field of studies on the "sharing economy" has shed some long-overdue light on this aspect. However, some of the cases that have been described as part of this phenomenon, such as Uber or AirBnB, lack key collaborative traits in both their setup and praxis. So much so that scholars have called for the use of the term "true sharing economy" to distinguish the latter from more nuanced and complex experiences.

The concept of "sharing society" is inspired by the definition of collaborative collective action (Tejerina, 2016): "the group of practices and formal and informal interactions that take place among individuals, collectives or associations that share a sense of belonging or common interests, that collaborate and are in conflict with others, and that have the intent of producing or precluding social change through the mobilization of certain social sectors."

This conference stems from the research project "*Sharing Society. The Impact of Collaborative Collective Action. Analysis of the Effects of Practices, Bonds, Structures and Mobilizations in the Transformation of Contemporary Societies*," funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO CSO2016-78107-R), and hosted by the Collective Identity Research Center, University of the Basque Country (Spain).

2. Scope and Objectives

This international conference sets out to analyze the characteristics, trajectory and impact of collaborative collective actions in a context of erosion of the welfare state. It also seeks to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of collaborative collective actions. The conference will address the following questions:

- How, when and where does collaborative collective action occur?
- Which are the characteristics of contemporary collaborative collective action?
- What are the practical, symbolic, and legal effects of collaborative collective actions for the forging and recovery of social bonds?
- What forms of interaction emerge from these types of actions?

We invite theoretical and empirical proposals that explore collaborative collective actions in different areas: work, production, consumption, culture, art, science, knowledge and education, solidarity with precarious groups, civic participation and politics. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Food and agricultural production:** food sovereignty, agroecology, zero kilometer movement, food and sustainable soil experiences, urban agriculture and community gardens;
- **Arts:** art and the commons, collaborative art and new forms of creative commons, distributed design;
- **Science and knowledge:** collaborative forms of scientific production, citizen science;
- **Care and co-housing:** solidarity networks for personal care, health care, age care, childcare, personal quantification movement, co-housing;
- **Culture:** collaborative culture, open culture movement;
- **Economy, work and consumption:** collaborative economy, circular economy, new forms of collaborative work and co-working, collaborative consumption, time banks, platforms for sharing resources and experiences;
- **Technology:** Maker and DIY movement, open source technology initiatives, network manufacturing, medialab experiences, hacktivism;
- **Politics:** collaborative forms of political and institutional governance, networks of cities, institutions and citizenship, participatory democracy, participatory budgeting, open government, collective intelligence for democracy.

We encourage the submission of papers drawing on theoretical and methodological approaches from diverse fields of study, such as the social sciences, humanities, architecture, urban planning and design. We also invite contributions from actors working with citizen participation in the sciences, arts, media and/or politics (e.g. in cultural institutions, cultural policy, social media platforms, cooperatives, and NGOs).

3. Application and Selection Process

Proposals can be presented in two formats: **paper** and **poster presentations**. The selection of proposals will be conducted in two ensuing phases:

1. **Abstracts:** Abstracts will be selected on the basis of academic excellence, relevance, and thematic fit to ensure focused discussion at the conference. Abstracts are due on December 16, 2018, and acceptance/rejection letters will be sent out by January 14, 2019 after a double-blind peer review process.
2. **Papers:** Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will be required to submit full papers by March 4, 2019. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process. Reviewers' comments and suggestions will be sent out before April 1, 2019. Revised papers are due on April 15, 2019; these versions will be published in the conference proceedings.
3. **Posters:** Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will be required to submit the full text of their posters by March 4, 2019 (the final lay-out of the poster is not necessary at this time; please, send only the contents, both text and tables/graphs/images, in a sole .pdf file). All poster proposals will go through double-blind peer review. Reviewers' comments and suggestions will be sent out before April 1, 2019. Revised versions of the posters, including layout, are due on April 15, 2019; these versions will be published in the conference proceedings.

Please, ensure that your proposals meet the conference's strict **guidelines for the submission of abstracts, papers and posters** detailed in the conference website. <http://sharingsocietyproject.org/en/category/results/conferences/sharingconf/>

Abstracts, papers and posters, in both original and revised versions, must be **sent exclusively through the conference platform:** <https://www.conftool.com/sharing2019>

4. Official Language and Oral Presentation Guidelines

English is the official language of the conference. Abstracts, papers and poster submissions, as well as oral presentations, should be done preferably in English.

We will however accept abstracts, papers and posters in Spanish. Oral presentations in Spanish are welcome provided they are accompanied by a written translation into English (to be handed out in the conference room at the beginning of each session, or included in a PowerPoint presentation).

All plenary sessions will count with simultaneous English-Spanish translation; regular sessions will not have simultaneous translation.

Final instructions for oral presentation detailing both time slots and available resources will be sent out three weeks prior to the conference.

5. Conference Proceedings

All accepted papers and posters will be published in the conference proceedings in both digital and paper formats. The proceedings will be published with an ISBN number issued by the University of the Basque Country Press under the Creative Commons license. The proceedings book will be available for access and download from the conference website and in other academic platforms (e.g. Academia, ResearchGate, etc.).

6. Special Journal Issue

A number of selected full text papers will be submitted for publication as part of an indexed journal special issue proposal. All conference papers will be eligible for this issue. The selection will be based on peer review reports, and will be carried out by the special issue Guest Editors in collaboration with the journal's Editor-in-Chief.

7. Important Dates

Task	Last date
Abstracts submission deadline	December 16, 2018
Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection	January 14, 2019
Payment deadline for presenters	February 15, 2019
Full paper/poster submission deadline	March 4, 2019
Reviewers comments due	April 1, 2019
Revised full paper/poster submission deadline	April 15, 2019
Oral presentation guidelines and conference program sent out to participants	April 30, 2019
Conference dates	May 23-24, 2019

8. Registration and Conference Fees

Conference fees include two lunches and four coffee break refreshments, one conference kit, and the publication of conference proceedings in both digital and paper formats. Registration and payment must be carried out through the conference platform: <https://www.conftool.com/sharing2019>. All participants (presenters, including all co-authors, and non-presenters) must register to be able to attend the conference.

1. **Paper presenters and co-authors:** 120 Euros
2. **Poster presenters and co-authors:** 70 Euros

3. Non-presenters:

- a. Undergraduate Students: free of charge (proof required)
- b. Other non-presenters: 50 Euros before April 30, 2019. After this date registration fees will be 100 Euros.

9. Contact

For questions please send an email to the Conference Local Organizing Committee at gkz.sharingsociety@ehu.eus

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