Call for Papers

for the Triennial Conference of the

International Communal Studies Association

Dates: July 14-16, 2022 (plus tours of Danish communities July 12 and July 17-18)
Location: Audonicon Conference Center, Skanderborg, Denmark AND Virtual

Conference Theme:
Co-Creating Community: Evolving Models of Intentional Community

The fourteenth International Communal Studies Association (ICSA) conference will explore the ways communes and intentional communities continually evolve in relation to one another, to the larger culture, and to political and ecological challenges.

We welcome paper, panel, and workshop proposals on such topics as:

1. the ways specific communities integrate elements of diverse communal models, such as cohousing and Camphill, or kibbutz and ecovillage, or traditional monastery and hippie commune;
2. the Danish roots and global spread of the cohousing movement;
3. the ways intentional communities have changed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or to the rise of rightwing populism;
4. the ways Scandinavian cooperative traditions (e.g. folk high schools or cooperative banks) have influenced communal movements.
5. As always, we are happy to receive proposals on subjects unrelated to the conference theme, so long as they are relevant to the study of intentional communities.

We welcome proposals in the following categories:

1) scholarly papers, 2) scholarly panels with 2-4 presenters, 3) workshops, and 4) cultural events.

All of our sessions will be designed to maximize dialogue and participation. To this end, paper presenters should plan either to limit their speaking time to 15-20 minutes or to incorporate interaction into the presentation. The exact amount of time available for conversation in each session will depend on the total number of proposals accepted. Cultural events, which may be either interactive classes or performances, should be
designed to be inclusive of people of diverse abilities and cultures. We welcome proposals that use Open Space, World Café, Universal Design for Learning, or similar methods to promote inclusion and active participation (see https://openspaceworld.org/wp2/what-is/ , http://www.theworldcafe.com/ , https://www.cast.org/impact/universal-design-for-learning-udl )

This will be a hybrid conference: some of us will gather in-person in Denmark, while others will present papers or attend sessions remotely.

For planning purposes, we ask those who submit proposals to indicate whether they are likely to participate in-person or remotely, but we understand that these plans may change. We also encourage intentional communities or other groups to host their own satellite conferences, in which participants view live streamed sessions together and create a few of their own in-person sessions. Any group that wishes to do so should contact Dan McKanan at dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu.

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: November 1, 2021

To submit a proposal, please email your proposal to conference chair Dan McKanan at dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu. (An online submission portal may be available later.) Please include:

1. the title of your presentation,
2. an indication of whether it is a paper, panel, workshop, or cultural event,
3. the names and contact information of all presenters,
4. an abstract of up to 300 words, suitable for inclusion in the program book,
5. a 50-word biography of each presenter,
6. an indication of whether you are likely to participate in person or remotely.

Individuals who submit proposals by July 15, 2021, will receive a notification of acceptance or rejection by August 15, 2021; individuals who submit proposals by November 1, 2021, will receive a notification of acceptance or rejection by January 15, 2022.