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ALTERNATIVES TO CAPITALISM RESEARCH NETWORK: <https://sase.org/about/networks/>

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The theoretical foundations of this new research network, that will run for five years from 2018 to 2022 at the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), lie in the contemporary debate about the future of contemporary capitalism and the urgent need to start prefiguring alternatives that can help tackle the multiple crises we currently face: high and rising inequality of income and power, eroding democracy, irreversible environmental destruction and human-induced climatic change, increasing racism(s), right-wing extremism(s) and various forms of discrimination, and new forms of worker exploitation within the gig economy.

The goal of this new research network is to advance the international, comparative and interdisciplinary study of theories, practices, social movements, communities and other organizations that are advocating, experimenting with and constructing alternatives to contemporary capitalism.

More specifically, the research network has three goals:

- 1) To bridge the disparate interpretative frameworks that exist by engaging in a theoretical systematization of the literature;
- 2) To map existing alternatives embedded within various socio-economic, political and geographic contexts;
- 3) To encourage the use of innovative research methods that can provide new insights and reach broader audiences.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: Prefigurative social movements and real utopias; Political and ethical consumerism; Alternative futures; Digital capitalism, technology and the future of work; Independent trade unions and political parties; Eco-villages, autonomous and sustainable communities; Community and practice-based initiatives; Radical lifestyles; Cooperatives (worker/producer/consumer) and cooperativism; Direct democracy and

municipalism; The commons and commoning practices; Alternative forms of organisation and governance; Transformative social innovation; Alternative media, and Other forms of alternative social reproduction.

We welcome **paper presentations, sessions** (min. 3 participants) and book review symposia ("authors meet critics" sessions) which can be submitted through the SASE website by choosing the **Research Network: I** ('Alternatives to Capitalism').

To submit your abstracts or session proposals, please visit the website: <https://sase.org/>

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Please note that several Early-career Scholar Awards are available each year to cover the costs of travel, accommodation and membership fees. For information on how to apply, please visit the website at: <https://sase.org/events/conference-submission-and-award-guidelines/>

You are very welcome to contact the research network chairs below to discuss paper and panel submissions or any questions you may have:

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We look forward to meeting you in Kyoto in June 2018!

With our best wishes for 2018,

Lara, Torsten and Katherine