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# **Cooperative enterprises facing the new socio-economic environment:**

**Worker takeovers, circular economy, digitalization. Ph.D. day**

**Dates: Monday 12 September, Tuesday 13 September 2022**

**Venue: Sala Conferenze, Department Economics and Management**

**In collaboration with** University of Ferrara, Department of Economics and Management. **Organizers:** Ermanno Tortia (Trento University), Marco Lomuscio (Ph.D. candidate - Trento University), Massimiliano Mazzanti (Ferrara University), Asia Guerreschi (Ph.D. candidate - Ferrara University).

The recent economic and financial crisis, along with climate change and the pandemic, have drastically altered the socio-economic context in which we live, thus stimulating both economic and non-economic organizations for alternative coping strategies and proactive responses to this new environment. This altered context calls for new analyses and tools that go beyond what has traditionally been used in the study of non-conventional enterprises. Among the main challenges on the table are the preservation of jobs in business activities in distress, the need for new production processes to address climate change and SDGs, and the use of new technologies and innovations, among which digitization plays a central role in the transition to a green and social economy. Cooperatives have proved flexible and resilient organizational models throughout crises thanks to the involvement of multiple and diverse stakeholders, and the proactive adaptation to new conditions. However, challenges still loom and the effective implementation of proactive measures and appropriate organizational responses is still at stake. Young researchers and doctoral students studying cooperative enterprises, fully embedded in this changing socio-economic context, are asked to consider the evolution of cooperative organizational models, their governance and management in the wake of epochal economic, financial and environmental challenges. The Trento workshop opens to young scholars and their research initiatives and calls for contributions at the leading edge of scientific research.

Ph.D. students and post-doc researchers wishing to present their work in the workshop can contact Ermanno Tortia: [ermanno.tortia@unitn.it](mailto:ermanno.tortia@unitn.it); and Marco Lomuscio: [marco.lomuscio@unitn.it](mailto:marco.lomuscio@unitn.it). **A 400-word abstract of the presentation is required. Notification of acceptance will be given by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

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