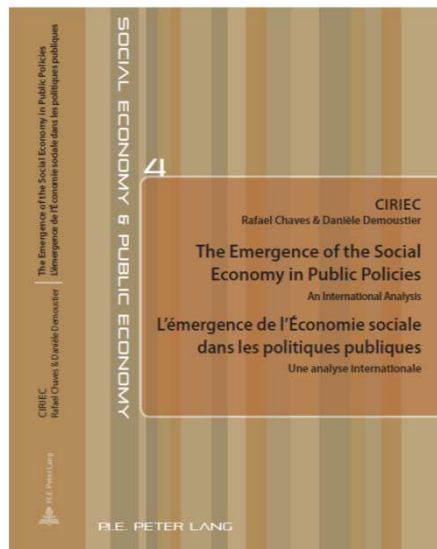


The emergence of the social economy in public policy. An international analysis

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Background:

This book presents the work by experts and policy makers from Europe, America and Asia for the International Scientific Commission “Social and Cooperative Economy” of CIRIEC.

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CONTEXT:

Internationally there is a **growing recognition of the importance of the social economy** (cooperatives, mutuals, and non-profits); it provides: resilience in crises, choice in a plural economy, greater social capital, and the development of a more democratic and inclusive civil society.

Internationally there is a **new interest from governments at regional, national and international level towards the social economy** (p.ex. SE laws as a ‘new wave of policies’)

AIMS OF THE STUDY:

How best develop policies and institutions to exploit this potential?

What policies have emerged? Which tools of governments?

Why did they emerge in some countries and not in others?

CONTENTS:

A general (theoretical) analysis of public policies towards the Social Economy: its key features for its introduction in the *policy* agenda, objectives, instruments for *policy makers* to foster the Social Economy and its pattern of evolution,

An international comparative analysis at 3 levels:

- supra and international approach from a European perspective (examining policies of the European bodies), a South-American one, and a developing countries comparative analysis,
- a national approach (France, England, Japan, Spain)
- and regional analyses (regions of Basque country –Spain-, PACA –south of France-, Valonie –Belgium-).

Conclusions examining the evolution, divergence and convergence of the Social Economy and its integration in public policies.

Thank you for your attention!