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[6th Biennial RAMICS International Congress in Bulgaria](#)

Complementary Currency Systems Bridging Communities

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For more than 40 years, an international community of scholars – now united through RAMICS – has been studying practical experiments and generating ideas for complementary and social currencies. Since 2011, their tradition of biennial meetings of different cultures, experiences, and ideas continues.

The **6th Congress in this series will be held in 2022, October 27-29, in Sofia, Bulgaria.** It is a place of historical, geographical, and cultural importance as it is a **bridge** between the East and the West.

We invite all those who are interested in this field of research, and in the fundamental links in the social field, and are looking for new models and ideas on monetary systems to join discussions on **"Complementary Currency Systems Bridging Communities"**.

Today, more than ever, we face a number of existential problems at all levels - as individuals and as social groups, nationally and globally. We live in a time with high-speed changes affecting nature and societies which are commonly labelled as crises marked by fear. The feeling of insecurity that overwhelms us just shows our limitations in making sense of these changes. But in many respects, change is inevitable, and it is up to us to figure out how we will cope, or better, how to take advantage of these changes.

The accumulated imbalances are global, highlighted by two essential points on which the survival of the modern man directly depends - **health** and **energy**. That is why we would like to highlight two special concerns in the congress: **COVID** and the **"Economological" U-Turn***. These will serve as the background of our debates. And the question here is: Is this "new normality" the price of globalization?

It is clear that giant dividing lines were created in our socio-political, natural, and ethical worlds and we now need veritable shifts for overcoming this pile of existential challenges. With so many distances to bridge, the leading question of this congress will be:

"How do monetary innovations and complementary currency systems help to build necessary bridges within and between our communities?"

Accordingly, the themes for paper presentations are:

I. Dialectics of CCS and/or money

Suggested key words: Philosophy of money, Theory of money, Monetary diversity, Typology of CCS, Topology of CCS, Social money, Commercial money, Fiscal money, Local money, Private non-bank money, Convertibility of CCS, Reciprocity, Barter, Trust, etc.

II. The role of the CCS in the field of sustainable and social finance.

Suggested key words: Decentralization, Decommodification, (Re-)Distribution, Social cohesion, Community resilience, Green New Deal, Green investment, Community development and Local development, Ethical finance, Social harmony, Social justice, etc.

III. CCS as a tool for overcoming crises.

Suggested keywords: Debt crises, Perpetual pandemics, Energy transition, Natural resources, Ecology, Poverty, Inequality, Liquidity, Inflation, etc.

IV. Digitalization - Can CCS help bridge the distance between the technological and digital divides.

Suggested key words: 4th industrial revolution, Digital currencies, Crypto currencies etc.

V. Monetary ecosystems – Integration of CCS in common monetary order.

Suggested key words: Regulations, Pluralism, Empowering local authority, Local economy, Financial Institutions, Financial order, etc.

VI. CCS - Review and renew. Case studies, concepts, experience reports.

KEY SPEAKERS:

Thomas H. Greco, Jr.

"Private and complementary currency systems: purposes, principles, practices, and performance"

Bruno Théret

"Proudhon's theory of constituted value and philosophy of money: from labor value to worker value and the Bank of the People"

Nikolay Nenovsky

"Interpreting Balkan monetary history"

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Practicalities:

Working languages: English and Bulgarian.

Important Dates and word limits:

- Submitting abstracts by **May 28th, 2022 – no more than 500 words.**
- Notification of acceptance by **June 30th, 2022**
- Submission of full papers (3,000-8,000 words) by **September 15th, 2022.**

Abstracts, presentations, and full papers must be submitted through the online submission system, <https://ramics-sofia-2022.unwe.bg/en>. You have to create a personal account and log in first.

The Scientific Committee is in charge of reviewing all submitted abstracts.

Two special awards are to be presented during the 6th RAMICS Congress in the following categories:

- ❖ **Best paper** - determined by a jury and
- ❖ **Best presentation** – voted by participants during the Congress

Congress fee

1) Normal registration fee for **on-site participants:**

- From Developed Countries - **240 EUR**
- From Developing Countries - **120 EUR****
- PhD Students from Developed Countries - **120 EUR**
- PhD Students from Developing countries - **50 EUR ****
- Participants from UNWE – No congress fee

2) Discounted fees for Early-Bird registration and payment (**until August 15th**) or **online presentation**

- From Developed Countries – **180 EUR**
- From Developing Countries - **90 EUR****
- PhD Students from Developed Countries - **90 EUR**
- PhD Students from Developing Countries - **50 EUR****
- Participants from UNWE – No congress fee

The congress fee covers:

- 1. Participation in the congress and materials.
- 2. Publication of timely submitted papers in conference proceedings (published online).
- 3. Coffee/tea and refreshments for both days.
- 4. Buffet luncheons (Thursday & Friday).

Important Note:

1) Additionally, all presenters must become members of Research Association on Monetary Innovation and Community and Complementary Currency Systems (RAMICS) by paying the membership fees. (To become a member of RAMICS, click here: <https://ramics.org/membership/>).

2) For payment methods of the registration fee, please refer to the site <https://ramics-sofia-2022.unwe.bg/en>.

Official Gala dinner

The optional gala dinner is on the 28th of October. It costs 55 Euros which is not included in the registration fee. Places are limited. Please indicate your wish to participate on the registration form.

Cultural Program

Cultural Program is on the 29th of October. For more information, please see here <https://ramics2022sofia.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/17>

Suggested accommodation

Information about partner hotels and preferential rates can be found here <https://ramics2022sofia.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/8>. More detailed information could be requested from the local organizers by email: ramics@unwe.bg.

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* This term “Economological U-turn” is a metaphor here suggested to present the whole complex of regulations affecting the prices and access to existential energy and natural resources, ruining markets societies, and economy, which is inadequate to solve the ecological problems but may enhance the disruption of Nature, due to generating poverty. U-turn of the economic logic – to the economy with negative growth and zero emissions. It may be a subject of debate during the congress.

** The 39 developed countries are listed as follows according to Advanced Economies of IMF (<https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2018/02/weodata/groups.htm>).

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