

Introducing: Contributions to a Sustainable Economy and Finance

This 39th edition of *CAYAPA Revista Venezolana de Economía Social* presents a carefully curated selection of five research articles that converge on the imperative need to rethink contemporary socioeconomic structures through the lens of sustainability, financial ethics, and the primacy of life. We operate within a complex global and national landscape, where systemic crises demand urgent adaptive responses. Consequently, the works gathered here offer an analytical, critical, and proactive framework deeply rooted in the Venezuelan reality, the re-reading of historical cooperativism, the defense of the commons, and the articulation of social capital within collective health. This issue is further enriched by a fundamental book review and a robust compendium of events, chronicles, and reflections that strengthen the bonds between transformative academia and the actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE).

Articles Section

We open this edition with the contribution of Professor Luis Rodríguez, from the Universidad de Oriente, titled *Lessons from Popular Participation in Historical Venezuelan Cooperativism*. This historical-analytical study critically examines the trajectories of popular organization in the country, rescuing indispensable methodological and institutional lessons to strengthen contemporary associative and community-based self-management models in Venezuela.

Next, Professor Andrés Marcano, from the Doctorate in Human Sciences at the Universidad de Los Andes, presents his research, *Ethical Finance and Sustainable Development in Venezuela: Adaptive Responses*. The author theorizes the feasibility and operationalization of alternative financial circuits based on solidarity and ethical responsibility, providing strategic conceptual tools for socio-productive resilience within the national economic context.

In a line of epistemic complementarity, Professor Dorkis Shephard, a researcher from the Universidad Simón Rodríguez, contributes the article *A Vision of Sustainability as a Transversal Axis of Financial Theories*. This work proposes a paradigmatic break from classical financial orthodoxy, demonstrating how environmental and distributive sustainability criteria must

reconfigure the very essence of investment models and economic valuation, both corporate and social.

Following this, at the intersection of public health, territorialization, and local empowerment, Professor Lisbeth Gregoria Contreras Lobo, from the Universidad de Los Andes (ULA), presents *Social Capital and Participation in Community-Based Malaria Surveillance*. Her analysis visualizes the role of socio-community networks and the accumulation of collective knowledge as crucial intangible assets to optimize the efficacy of local epidemiological programs against vector-borne diseases.

By the end of the research bloc, Professor Mario Fagiolo, from the Universidad de Oriente, offers a deep reflection titled *The Commons and the Conflict Between the Economy and Life*. From a bioeconomic and political ecology perspective, the author dissects the historical tensions between extractive-mercantile logic and the imperatives of the communal reproduction of existence, reclaiming the social management of the commons as a civilizational alternative.

Book Reviews Section

This section hosts a review written by Professor Dorkis Shephard on the latest work by the prominent national expert Oscar Bastidas Delgado (2025): *The 7Gs of Good Cooperative Governance: Government, Governance, Management, Administration, Governability, Gender, and Relevancy Generations*. The reviewed text constitutes an essential doctrinal and operative manual for institutional design and ethical leadership transition within Latin American social economy organizations.

Section on Events regarding Economics and Social Innovation

This space gathers a dynamic kaleidoscope of chronicles and reflections fundamental to contemporary intellectual debate:

1. Professor Dorkis Shephard opens the events by summarising the key debates of the symposium 'Voices for a Sustainable Economy and Finance'
2. Professor Erick Brener delivered an interesting lecture at the 'Voices for a Sustainable Economy and Finance' Symposium. His methodological contributions, highlighted in the lecture, are summarised by Professor Dorkis Shephard.

3. Professor Jesus Alberto Castillo pays a heartfelt scientific and intellectual tribute *In Memoriam* to the thinker of complexity, Edgar Morin, rescuing his enduring relevance for the SSE.

4. Professor Teodoro Bellorín introduces the milestones of the *Launch of the Digital Library of Nueva Esparta*, a vital technological infrastructure for the democratization of knowledge in the insular region.

5. Professor Alirio Rangel shares a moving socio-environmental chronicle titled *The Demolishing Displacement of Charm in the Andean Páramos*, alerting us to the anthropic transformations in the agricultural geography of our mountain range.

6. Here, it is introduced an analytical review and achievements of the prestigious international journal *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics (APCE)*.

7. Finally, we report on the earthquake that struck Venezuela on 24 June 2026 and Ciriéc Venezuela's response in a spirit of solidarity.

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