



**Canadian Industrial  
Relations Association**  
**L'Association canadienne  
des relations industrielles**

**Call for Book Chapters**  
**Conversations about industrial relations: Looking back and moving forward**

In celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the [Canadian Industrial Relations Association \(CIRA\)](#) has committed to editing and publishing a book that brings together the CIRA community to converse about the past and the future of the workplaces in Canada and beyond. The book will be published in both English and French, with submissions translated with professional assistance.

**Format**

Chapters in this book can take different formats and approaches as long as they are presented in a conversational or dialogue style, broadly defined. We particularly encourage exchanges between authors who are of different generations, disciplinary and methodological traditions, as well as between practitioners and academics. Examples of possible formats include but are not limited to:

- Original empirical research and conceptual papers followed by a commentary of other scholar(s) and an optional response to the commentary;
- Exchange of observations, opinions, and commentaries about a trend in practice or research;
- Overview of a debate or a contested area in the field;
- Discussion based on transcripts of panel sessions at events hosted by CIRA, such as its annual meetings;
- Journalistic style interviews with a prominent or emerging IR figure;
- Exchange of correspondences between two or more IR experts about certain topics.

**Themes**

While all topics related to employment and labour relations, human resource management, public policy, health and safety, and organizational behaviour are welcomed, we encourage contributions around the following themes:

- Post-pandemic employment and industrial relations;
- The online gig economy and other alternative work arrangements;
- Digitalization and automation of work;
- Equity, diversity, inclusion, and indigeneity in contemporary workplaces;
- Union representation in 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- Work and the climate crisis;

- The evolution of industrial relations in Canada;
- The future of industrial relations as a discipline and a field of study.

### **Editors**

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### **Timeline**

- **Abstracts due**: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Notification of successful proposals**: by January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- **First draft of full chapters due**: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- **First-round review**: July-September 2023
- **Chapter revisions**: October-December 2023
- **Manuscript finalization and translation**: by mid 2024
- **Book launch**: late 2024

### **Submission Guidelines**

We invite authors to submit a 300-word abstract of chapter proposal along with their affiliations and contact information. The chapters will have from 4,000- to 6,000-word and will be written in either English or French. For multi-author contributions, please indicate who the corresponding author is. References, graphs, tables, and author information do not count towards the word limit. Please indicate clearly how you would construct a “conversation” or a “dialogue” in your submission.

Please submit your proposal by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to [communications.cira@gmail.com](mailto:communications.cira@gmail.com).

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