



SOCAP17: Transform Finance Panels and Plenaries

[Looking at Investments from a Racial Equity Perspective](#)

Thursday, October 12, 2:45-3:45pm

Capital allocation decisions affect racial justice dramatically – yet the world of finance has seldom intersected explicitly with the struggle for racial justice. It is crucial for all capital, which is rarely race neutral, to consider how it affects communities of color. Yet how exactly does race manifest in finance, and what can an asset owner committed to racial justice do to ensure that its investments are not acting at cross purposes?

[Impact investing as a Palliative or as a Systemic Intervention for Justice?](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 10:45-11:45am

Impact Investing gained popularity based on the notion that investors are able to 'have their cake and eat it too'. Yet many worthwhile interventions still seem palliative, rather than looking at the underlying causes. Can impact investing fulfill its promise without addressing systemic injustice and wealth inequality to redefine who wins and who loses in the economy?

[SOCAP17 Guest Curator Spotlight: Jed Emerson of Blended Value](#)

Wednesday, Oct 11, 5:00 - 6:30pm

What if we were to re-engage our “how to” strategies in a deeper exploration of various community and individual understandings of the “why”, of The Purpose of Capital to ensure what we promote for the future is well grounded within our traditions, cultures and deep historical experiences of the past?

[Looking Beyond Venture Capital: Understanding the Need for Alternative Deal Structures](#)

Wednesday October 11, 1:15-2:15pm

Ten years of direct impact investments have taught us a lot about what type of capital works well for social enterprises - and it's not always venture capital or straight debt. This session explores in detail the rise in alternative deal structures and how they can lead to more just results. Building on the expertise of practitioners, the session will showcase a range of emerging models by sector, stage, growth, and exit opportunity.



[You Are Doing It Wrong: Investing without Exits](#)

Wednesday, Oct 11, 5:00 - 6:30pm

It seems crazy and presumptuous to say that the hundred billion dollar startup investing industry does business all wrong, but it's true. It's even more crazy that impact investors follow this flawed model, waiting for exits in markets and geographies that have never seen an acquisition. This hands-on workshop will teach you alternative structures for investing without exits, including revenue-, dividend-, and royalty-based structures used around the world today.

[How Can Income Sharing Become the Future of Financing for Education?](#)

Thursday, October 12, 12:15 - 1:15pm

This panel brings together global perspectives on financing for education via income sharing representing from both practitioners and funders from USA, Latin America, and Asia to discuss how we can sustainably fund access to quality education for all. You will learn how income sharing has evolved in the last few years, and how it can become the tool of choice to finance the education for tens of millions of students and vocational training globally.

[Should we get political? Exploring investing and action in an age of extremism](#)

Thursday, October 12, 1:30-2:30pm

In this era of extremist politics, what is our role? Impact investors and the benefit corporation movement represent a growing voice in the U.S. and beyond, but until now our voice has been more focused on consumer choices and boardroom leadership -without necessarily connecting to ballot box activism. Join us for a deep discussion around non-partisan politics, the moral obligations of our growing sector, explorations of how we might "get political."

[A Test of Our Humanity: Investing in Human Rights](#)

Thursday, October 12, 1:30-2:30 pm

In today's international political and economic climate, issues such as human trafficking, forced labor, exploitative supply chains, and a rapidly expanding refugee population are in need of innovative solutions and financial support. This session will discuss the unique opportunities and challenges associated with taking a human rights approach to impact investing. Panelists will explore what the current state of investing for human rights looks like, what are some of the approaches, where investment capital is most needed, and what needs to happen to deploy more capital that helps tackle the world's most pressing human rights issues.

