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11th International Conference

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Plenary Speaker

ISTR is pleased to announce that the plenary address on Wednesday, July 23 at 9:00 am, will be given by Theo Sowa, CEO of the African Women's Development Fund. Ms. Sowa's address will focus on Philanthropy.



Theo Sowa is an independent advisor and consultant, specialising in international social development with a particular emphasis on children's rights and protection issues.

Born in Ghana, she has lived and worked in many countries in Africa, as well as the UK, Europe, and the USA. Her work includes advisory roles to African and other international women and children's rights activists and leaders, plus policy development and advocacy with a variety of international agencies and organisations.

Theo is a board member of various national and international civil society organisations and grant making foundations, including being a trustee of Comic Relief (another multimillion grant making foundation) and Chair of Comic Relief's International Grants Committee; a member of the African Advisory Board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation; a

member of the British Refugee Council's Leadership Board; a Patron of Evidence for Development; and a board member of the Graça Machel Trust. Theo holds a public appointment as a Board Member of the Charity Commission for England and Wales. She was awarded a CBE in June 2010.

Closing Plenary

Friday, July 25, 3:30 pm

Oxford Style Debate: *What Kind of Civil Society for What Kind of Europe? Towards a New Research Agenda*



Europe has developed a rich tapestry of civil society traditions and patterns that ultimately reflect state-society relations and that are captured by terms as subsidiarity, big society, social economy and others. What are the potentials of the various civil society models in Europe? Is there a new Pan-European society emerging and what would be its relation to a more nationality oriented civil society?

Professor Helmut K. Anheier will facilitate and contribute to this debate. Anheier is a founding member

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Dear ISTR Colleagues:

Our 11th International Conference is fast approaching. Paper and panel acceptances were sent out early in the New Year. The early-bird rate for the conference has closed but registrations are still open. The draft conference program is available on our website and a fuller version will be made in mid-May. From a scan of the conference abstracts, there is great diversity and richness in the offerings with an exciting large number of papers and especially panels on *civil society and citizen participation*, and *civil society and democracy* in line with the conference theme of *Civil Society and the Citizen*. The traditional areas of third sector scholarship such as management and governance, philanthropy and volunteering are well subscribed and there are a growing number of papers in the areas of theoretical frameworks and emerging areas of theorizing and practice.

This edition of *Inside ISTR* profiles two of the conference plenary sessions, one presented by Theo Sowa, CEO, African Women's Development Fund, and the other a debate on *What Kind of Civil Society for What Kind of Europe? Towards a New Research Agenda*. This latter plenary reflects our tradition of focusing on the third sector and third sector research in the location of the conference.

The conference will also include special sessions to profile emerging areas of research and specific themes of interest to the membership. These are integrated into the conference program. There will be another special session on publishing and due to its huge popularity in 2012 in Siena we have programmed it in its own timeslot in 2014 and yes we will have it in a larger room! It is wonderful that third sector journal editors are so willing to share their knowledge of how to publish garnered from years of experience at the craft.

The conference is a good time for existing and new networks to meet either formally or informally. The two free nights are great opportunities to get together to share interests and foster relationships. So now is the time to plan! I see that the PhD Party is programmed as is the Academic Center Directors' Meeting (<http://www.istr.org/?Muenster-Program>).

Regional network meetings are programmed during the conference to enable regional members to meet face-to-face to further collaborative scholarly activity. Two expressions of interest are currently open for regional conference hosting in 2015. The ISTR Asia-Pacific Conferences have been held in Thailand 1999, Japan 2001, China 2003, India



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2005, Philippines 2007, Taiwan 2009, Indonesia 2011, and most recently in Korea in 2013. Previous regional conferences for Latin America and the Caribbean were held in Brazil (1998), Chile (1999), Argentina (2001), Costa Rica (2003), Peru (2005), Brazil (2007), Mexico (2009), Argentina (2011) and most recently in Santiago de Chile in 2013. Hosting a conference provides an opportunity for strategic engagement of stakeholders and promotion of

the third sector within the host nation and with its neighbours. Please contact me if you are considering an expression of interest for the Ninth Asia-Pacific regional Conference in 2015 and if you are considering an expression of interest for the Tenth Latin America Regional ISTR Conference in 2015, please contact Anabel Cruz or Analia Bettoni, at the Regional Coordination of ISTR Latin America. They can be reached at acruz@lasociedadcivil.org and istr@lasociedadcivil.org. Decisions on hosting will be made at the regional meetings in Muenster.

The sustained interest in third sector research represented by the number of paper and panel abstract submissions, and now registrations, for the conference and the growing number of submissions to *Voluntas* is very encouraging for the future of this field. The recent edition of *Voluntas* again highlights the depth and breadth of our field with inclusions on philanthropy, evaluation, accounting, aid, representation and co-production as well as comparative and conceptual articles.

Your board members will be busy before the conference participating in the annual two-day face-to-face board meeting. Operationally we will be ensuring that there is a sound process of board succession and *Voluntas* editorial succession. The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for President Elect and the Board of Directors. Nominations close on June 16, 2014 and can be sent to istr@jhu.edu. The Editorial Selection Committee will be interviewing in Muenster for the position of Editor of *Voluntas*, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2016. If you have further questions regarding the journal (www.istr.org/Voluntas) or the editorship, please contact Adalbert Evers at e-mail: adalbert.evers@uni-giessen.de

We will also be working on strategic initiatives to strengthen member services. In our board meeting in Seoul in late 2013, we identified the following key development areas: ensuring the ongoing academic quality of our international conferences; enabling more opportunities for thematic workshops or conferences in alternate years; increasing

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knowledge transfer opportunities through our regional conferences; supporting the development of other regional and thematic networks; and increasing our social media presence.

The General Members' Meeting is held during the international conference to enable the Board to report to members on performance and members to provide input. I urge you to email me over the next few months with any member feedback that you would like considered by the board during our two-day meeting, and to attend the General Members' Meeting in Muenster.

As always I look forward to meeting and engaging with continuing and new members in Muenster or via email.

Best wishes



Wendy Earles
President

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MEMBER INSIGHT

By *Maria R Nindita Radyati*

My journey in the third sector started in early 2001. It was by sheer coincidence that my journey in this area actually started. My initial ambitions centred on international finance where I gained a masters degree.

Remembering that quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson "Life is a journey not a destination," the real benefit to me and others that I can influence is not the destination rather it is the journey and all of the joy and challenges that will present themselves. I never thought that finance was the destination but also I was not clear of the journey. I cannot forget the significant role of Samiul Hasan that helped shape my new journey into the world of the Third Sector and Governance, one of the many joys along my journey.

At the end of 2001, Samiul and I joined forces to undertake a qualitative research project. The project involved philanthropy research across eleven ASEAN countries including my place of birth, Indonesia. This project proved to be joyful but challenging.

On the joyful side--the start of the research provided my boss, the Rector of Trisakti University, with a platform to establish a research center, The Center for Entrepreneurship, Change, and Third Sector (CECT). He assigned me to lead the organisation. Part of the research was about the history and legal environment of Third Sector Organisations (TSOs). That way I learned considerably more about TSOs within the Indonesian context.

On the challenge side--to achieve valid and compre-



Maria R. Nindita Radyati

hensive data to support our research, required working past midnight on many occasions to get and maintain good internet connections. The terminology of Philanthropy and Third Sector were very new to us and that was my first time doing qualitative research and writing a research report in English. It was the first time as well for me to form contracts with my colleagues, who had quantitative research backgrounds, to help me with the research. It was not easy at all to organise people and mentor them to conduct qualitative research, which I was not sure myself whether I was doing the right thing.

In early 2002, the research was finally published in the website. Apparently it had to be updated every six months. This way my skill was enhanced and I started to have a new network in the TSOs area. In that same year, Samiul Hasan suggested to me to present our project's research at the ISTR Regional Conference in Beijing. On the challenge side--it was the first time for me to present at an International Conference, and I was only provided 10 minutes to present the findings. On the joyful side--it confirmed this was the journey my life would now take. I became passionate and emboldened to want to make a difference not only in Indonesia but also globally. It was at this conference that I enrolled as a member of ISTR.

In early 2003, Sami involved me again in the Research about "Asia's Third Sector Governance for Accountability and Performance" together with four other countries (Philippines, China, India, and Thailand). My role was to lead the Indonesian aspects of the research. This was a three year re-

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search project (2003-2005). Here I learned more about qualitative research, because I had to interview 100 organisations and more than 40 key informants and make content analysis. The Ford Foundation provided funding for the research.

Then in 2005, I joined the ISTR Regional Conference in Bangkok to present “Governance of Third Sector Organisation in Indonesia.” In September 2005, I commenced my PhD at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). I was lucky that during my study, in 2007, again I was able to get a grant from the Ford Foundation for a project called “Business for Social Responsibility,” where I established a post graduate program with specialisation in CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility). This period of study and the establishment of the CSR masters degree program (2005-2010) was not easy, but it highlighted further joys and even more challenges along my journey. I finished my study in early 2010.

On the challenge side--I missed many of the ISTR Conferences, I had extended periods of time living away from my kids and family, working entirely in English, and living and adapting to a new culture. On the joy side--it gave me greater insights into the Third Sector, many new colleagues, lifelong friends, and a raft of new ideas that I could bring back to Indonesia to really make a difference.

Then in early 2010, Samiul Hasan again encouraged me, but this time, to apply for an “Expression of Interest” to host the ISTR Regional Conference for 2011. This required a comprehensive submission and presentation at the Regional Meeting in Istanbul in 2010. Our contenders at the time were Australia and Hong Kong. My strategy was to show many beautiful pictures of Bali in the presentation to win the heart of participants in the meeting to choose us as the host. Finally, I won their heart! One of the great joys on my journey but the challenges lay ahead.

Hosting the ISTR Regional Conference was a very valuable experience that gave me mixed feelings, wary and excited. The most difficult challenge was to get sponsorship from the private sector. This sector perceived that an academic conference will not bring many participants, therefore sponsoring such event will not give them much exposure or return on their investment. In Indonesia, academic conferences are not perceived as a popular seminar to go to, because they could not find solutions for their business. They would listen to theories that most of the time are not linked to real situations. Nevertheless, I thank God that I could finally convince my dear friends, who had position and power in their companies, to provide us with some sponsorships.

We provided delegates at the Bali Regional Conference, with a variety of Indonesian experiences including at least five different styles of Bali dancing. At the dinner the participants were given the chance to sing, dance and take pictures with the Bali dancers on the stage. The next day we organised a field visit to a social enterprise, Telapak, that operates certified fishery and coral adoption programs with a mission to preserve coral in the sea near Serangan Village. The delegates collected about USD 150. This was used to ‘adopt’ some corals being grown by Telapak. The corals were tagged with the ISTR name on them. We then went by a small raft to have the corals ‘planted’ in the sea. The field trip ended with a visit to “Ulu Watu Pura”, a temple, which was located up in the hill, where we could all see the beautiful scenery and enjoy the spectacular sunset. After viewing the sunset the participants enjoyed “Kecak Dance,” a very famous local dance which brought Bali ISTR Regional Conference to a close.

After hosting that event, I was honoured to be given the chance to become one of the Academic Committee for the PhD Seminar in Siena, Italy, in 2012. I was also lucky and honoured to be offered a place as a Board Member of ISTR. The first experience as a board member was a meeting as part of the ISTR Regional Conference in Korea, in 2013. At this point of the journey two other colleagues deserve a mention as part of the major joys I have experienced so far, Margery Daniels and Wendy Earles. Due to their professionalism, passion and patience they provided mentorship as I navigated the challenges of being a board member.

Being part of ISTR as an individual member and one of the board members enables me to analyse ideas from different perspectives, broaden my network, enrich my academic experiences, enhance my confidence and continue my journey. I am very grateful to be part of ISTR.

Maria R. Nindita Radyati is the Founding Director of two Master Degree Programs with specialization in CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and CE (Community Entrepreneurship), and the Executive Director of CECT (Center for Entrepreneurship, Change, and Third Sector) at Trisakti University, Jakarta, Indonesia. ■

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of ISTR and founding editor of *Voluntas*. He is currently Dean of the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. Anheier is also chair of Sociology and Academic Director of the Center for Social Investment at Heidelberg University. His research interests include methodological questions of sociological research with different units of analysis, organizational theory and the interaction of globalisation and civil society more broadly.

Panelists joining the debate include:



Filiz Bikmen is a social investment and philanthropy advisor based in Istanbul, Turkey. For more than a decade, Filiz has held institutional positions in the Turkish foundation sector including Founding Director of Programs and International Relations at the Sabanci Foundation and Director of TUSEV, Third Sector Foundation of Turkey. She currently serves as Chairman of the International Center for Not for Profit Law as well as on the Stanford University Global Practitioner Council of the Program on Social Entrepreneurship. Filiz is an author of several publications on philanthropy and civil society, and a regular contributor to *Alliance Magazine*.



Boris Strečanský is the Executive Director of the Center for Philanthropy in Bratislava, Slovakia. The mission of the Center is to support philanthropy and civil society by offering donor services and developing new research projects. In addition, Strečanský acts as a consultant for organizations capacity building, evaluation, learning & development and strategic planning for civil society organizations in countries of Central & Eastern Europe, Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia in cooperation with the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Open Society Institute (OSI) and others. His recent work includes co-authoring the Study of Analysis of Current Situation of the Civil Society in Slovakia and its Trends.



Priska Daphi is a research associate at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main. She has a PhD in Sociology from the Humboldt-University Berlin, a MSc in Political Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a BA from the University of Maastricht. She has worked on several research projects

about civil society and social movements in Europe, among them at the Maecenata Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society, the Institute for Protest and Social Movement Studies, and the German Youth Institute. Her most recent project addresses the role of civil society in public responses to asylum seekers in Germany.



Olga Kononykhina is a research associate for The Governance Report of the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany and a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Heidelberg. Olga has a master's degree in Applied Mathematics and Informational Science and BA in Applied Sociology from the State University Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia. She has spent time in South Africa while working as research consultant and officer for CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Johannesburg).

Special Session on Getting Published

Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30 pm

In this session, journal editors and book publishers will give some advice, based on their experience and practice, on how to get through the publishing process. What are editors and publishers policies and expectations? What are the main traps to avoid? What matters and helps? Participants will also get the opportunity to exchange their experiences and advice.

Conference Awards

Four awards will be presented at the ISTR General Members Meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 12:30 pm.

ISTR Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award 2014

This award (US \$1,000) is presented for the outstanding dissertation (completed or defended July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013) that contributes to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), philanthropy, voluntarism and related issues.

ISTR *Voluntas* Best Paper Award 2012 & 2013

The best articles for both 2012 & 2013 of ISTR's journal will be made to two papers with each awarded US \$750 thanks to Springer.

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ISTR Best Poster Award 2014

The best poster at the Muenster conference will be selected by the Publications Committee, judging the poster as well as its oral presentation. Thanks again to Springer for sponsoring this prize of \$250.

Guest Attendance at Conference Receptions

Tickets will be sold at the registration desk in Muenster for the two conference evening receptions, Tuesday, July 22 and Friday, July 25. Guests of conference participants are welcome to join both receptions.

Deadline for Papers to be sent to Moderators

The deadline for papers to be sent to session moderator is JUNE 30. Authors will be contacted in mid-May with details for their session moderator.

Exhibits and Advertisements

Throughout the four days of the conference, exhibitors have the opportunity to engage with attendees. Exhibitors share their publications, books related to the non-profit sector and information about their academic programs. Our popular coffee breaks will be held in the Exhibition space. The price for each table is US \$150 for non-profit organizations and \$300 for profit organizations. To arrange an Exhibit contact Margery Daniels at istr@jhu.edu.



Advertising space is available on the conference app and printed program. The app color banner provides for advertising on mobile phones and tablets. The print option is included in the program that is used by all attendees for the entire four day conference. Pricing ranges from \$250 to \$1,000. For more information on advertising options, please see the form at: www.istr.org/MuensterAds

Updates

Please visit the website www.istr.org/Muenster for updates, travel tips, visa details, etc. ■



Conference App Coming Soon!

ISTR is pleased to announce that we will launch a mobile app in June for the Muenster Conference.

Our goal is provide participants with helpful, just-in-time information at your fingertips and enhance your conference experience.

Be ready for ISTR's message that the app is ready to be downloaded on your mobile device!!

Call for Nominees

Call for Nominees for ISTR Board of Directors

The 2014 Nominating Committee invites the ISTR membership to submit nominees for President Elect and the Board of Directors of the International Society for Third-Sector Research. The positions for which elections will be held are:

President Elect 2 year term
(January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2016)

(Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Board from among the Board members as per the By-Laws)

Board Members (7) 4 year term
(January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2018)

One additional board member will be appointed as per the By-Laws.

All members of ISTR are invited to submit to the Chair of the Nominating Committee recommendations for nominees on or before JUNE 16, 2014. Self-nomination is encouraged. Biographical information for each nominee, as well as currently held board positions in other organizations, and a statement of interest and motivation from the nominee must be submitted. If the nominee's country of residence differs from his/her nationality, please indicate how long the nominee has lived in the country of residence.

Skills and experience that are of interest to the Nominating Committee and should be included in the nomination include the following:

Previous service to ISTR

Previous membership in ISTR and participation in conferences, committees or publications

Leadership experience in third sector organizations (including research organizations)

Previous board experience

Relevant skills including strategic planning, membership and partnership development, financial management and budgeting, editing and publishing, fundraising, marketing, facilitation, governance, information technology, governance, etc.

Nominees for President Elect are not required to have served on the Board of ISTR but previous service to ISTR is

of interest. Please also include information about previous leadership experience and success.

Prospective candidates must be paid members of ISTR for 2014-2015 prior to the elections and must maintain membership in ISTR throughout their board term.

In addition, board members responsibilities include both financial and time commitments:

- Membership development – recruiting both individual and institutional members
- Required attendance at annual board meetings (2 to 3 days)
- Board travel is not covered on conference years and board meetings are held with regional meetings on alternate years to help secure board travel from members' institutions.
- Paying full conference fees
- Participating actively in at least one board committee
- Help with seeking funding for the Society
- Scholarly participation in international conference and regional conferences.

The current board members whose terms are ending December 31, 2014 are:

Wendy Earles (Australia)
Paul Dekker (Netherlands)
Nabila Hamza* (Jordan)
Samiul Hasan* (United Arab Emirates)
Alberto Hernandez* (Mexico)
Lesley Hustinx* (Belgium)
Hagai Katz* (Israel)
Qiusi Liu* (China)
Jacob Mati* (South Africa)

*These current board members are eligible to run for a second term.

The current board members whose terms continue through December 31, 2016 are:

Gabriel Berger (Argentina)
Maria Radyati (Indonesia)
Karl Henrik Sivesind (Norway)
Steven R. Smith (USA)
Naoto Yamauchi (Japan)
Annette Zimmer, President Elect (Germany)

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates to the membership in September 2014. This slate may include up to two nominees for every position.

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Voting will be conducted on-line and ballots must be returned by November 26, 2014. Candidates will be notified on their election to the board by December 5, 2014 and will take office January 1, 2015.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of Jacqueline Butcher, Chairperson (Mexico), Paul Dekker* (Netherlands); Peter Kiwumulo (Uganda); Rita Mano (Israel); Janice Nga (Malaysia); Javier Pereira (Uruguay); Maria Radyati*

(Indonesia); Ramya Ramanath (USA); Karl Henrik Sive-sand* (Norway); Naoto Yamauchi * (Japan). (*current board members)

Please submit nominees to:

Jacqueline Butcher, ISTR Nominating Committee, c/o ISTR, 578 Wyman Park Building, 3400 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-2688, USA, e-mail: istr@jhu.edu ■

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From Egypt to Indianapolis



Catherine Herrold is fascinated by foundations, whether they are the philanthropic kind or the foundations of civil society.

The assistant professor of Philanthropic Studies who recently joined the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's faculty is avidly interested in examining how these two types of foundations interact. Her recent research includes exploring the ways nonprofits, donors and informal civil society groups understand and implement their roles in building democracy. Focusing on the Middle East and North Africa, Herrold explores how civil society groups in the region are responding to the recent uprisings and playing a role in the ongoing political reform processes. Her fieldwork led her to learn Arabic and took her to Egypt and Syria in 2010.

Herrold, who is teaching "Grant Making and the Role of Foundations" this semester, is intrigued by "the intersection of philanthropy, democracy, and society." She believes that in order to become philanthropy leaders, students need to understand "not just how we do philanthropy, but why we do philanthropy in the first place," she says.

A Ph.D. graduate of the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, Herrold earned

an M.B.A. in international business from the Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School in Leuven, Belgium, and a master's in social policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Herrold's career spans both the study and practice of philanthropy. After a stint in the corporate world, she worked at The George Gund Foundation and The Urban Institute's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, where she was introduced to the field of philanthropic studies. "And I was hooked," she says.

Papers from ISTR International Conference in Siena Published

Congratulations to **Alison Dunn** of Newcastle Law School, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Dunn, Alison. "Regulatory Shifts: Developing Sector Participation in Regulation for Charities in England and Wales," *Legal Studies*, 2014, DOI: 10.1111/lest.12036

Congratulations to **Lili Wang** and **Robert Ashcraft** of the Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona

Wang, Lili and Robert F. Ashcraft. "Organizational Commitment and Involvement: Explaining the Decision to Give to Associations," *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 2013, DOI: 10.1177/0899764013515755 ■

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Expressions of Interest to Host 2015 ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

The ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Network seeks preliminary expressions of interest from colleagues and institutions throughout the Asia-Pacific region to organize and host the 9th ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, to be held in 2015. The ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Network will decide on the host institution and location for the 2015 Asia Pacific Regional Conference during its meeting at the ISTR Conference in Muenster in July 2014.

ISTR Asia-Pacific Conferences have been held in Thailand 1999, Japan 2001, China 2003, India 2005, Philippines 2007, Taiwan 2009, Indonesia 2011, and most recently in Korea in 2013. It is desirable that the opportunity to host the conference be shared across this diverse region from north to south and east to west. Hosting a conference provides an opportunity for strategic engagement of stakeholders and promotion of the third sector within the host nation and with its neighbours.

Hosting the conference requires in the first instance the identification of an eager and committed host institution that can access support from potential members of a local site committee. Members of the Asia-Pacific Regional Network volunteer as the regional academic committee. The host institution will need to have capacity for local and regional fund-raising to generate the funds needed to host the conference and be able to provide administrative support for the abstract review and programming process and for conference planning and implementation.

The ISTR Secretariat will manage the registration process. A regional website has been launched at <http://www.osipp.osaka-u.ac.jp/npocenter/ISTR/index.htm> and is hosted by Osaka University, Japan.

ISTR President, Wendy Earles, is the ISTR Board contact person for expressions of interest on the ISTR 2015 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference. Those interested should send their expression of interest in the form of a letter to Wendy at wendy.earles@jcu.edu.au, copying Margery Daniels at istr@jhu.edu.

We look forward to receiving detailed expressions of interest from any interested colleagues and institutions in the Asia-Pacific region by April 30, 2014.

Call for Potential Hosts of the Tenth Latin America Regional ISTR Conference to be held in 2015

The ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Network requests researchers and affiliated institutions from any country of the Region to step forward to express their interest in co-organizing the Tenth ISTR Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2015. Final decision on the location will be made by the ISTR Board during the International ISTR Conference in Muenster in July 2014.

Previous regional conferences for Latin America and the Caribbean were held in Brazil (1998), Chile (1999), in Argentina (2001), in Costa Rica (2003), in Peru (2005), in Brazil (2007), Mexico (2009), Argentina (2011, co-organized by institutions of Argentina and Uruguay) and most recently in Santiago de Chile in 2013. Next regional conference will take place in 2015.

Hosting a regional conference is a prime opportunity for strategic engagement of stakeholders and promotion of the third sector within the host city and country and to promote fruitful alliances at the local and national level and with other countries in the region.

We encourage private and public academic institutions, civil society organizations and research centers to submit proposals for hosting and co-organizing the next ISTR Regional Conference in 2015. The organizations or consortia of organizations that are interested in coordinating the Tenth Regional Conference should have the ability to:

- Engage a broad range of academics and practitioners within civil society or the third sector from within the host country;
- Make fundraising efforts to ensure the conference success
- Provide sufficient administrative support to oversee the process of reviewing proposals for the conference and setting the goals of the program
- Plan all the logistics to carry out the event

In past regional conferences, two committees have always been formed. The first is an academic committee which includes researchers and practitioners from various countries in the region, and the second is a local host committee. Members of the Regional Coordination will serve voluntarily and coordinate the programmatic aspects of conference with the local committee.

Interested individuals and institutions can send their

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questions and proposals to Anabel Cruz or Analia Bettoni, at the Regional Coordination of ISTR Latin America. They can be reached at acruz@lasociedadcivil.org and istr@lasociedadcivil.org.

The process of selecting the host for the 2013 Regional Conference will be facilitated by the Board of Directors of ISTR, with the participation of all the members associated in the region. The last day to submit your proposal is April 30, 2014.

On behalf of the ISTR Board and the Regional Coordination for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Alberto Hernández, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, México

Gabriel Berger, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

Analía Bettoni, Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo, ICD, Uruguay

Anabel Cruz, Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo, ICD, Uruguay ■



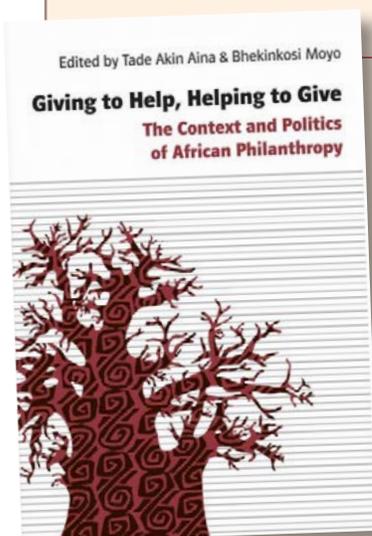
Muenster – Germany’s Bicycle Capital

The bicycle, also named “Leeze,” is the most commonly used means of transport in Muenster. A daily total of more than 100,000 people travel the roads by bike, and there are twice as many bicycles as residents, namely 500,000.

The car-free ring around the city centre is unparalleled in Europe. Here, on the promenade, bicyclists are given the green light. Muenster is located at the heart of the Muensterland Cycling Region. Cycling is the perfect way to explore the flat parkland, which is dotted with old moated castles. The Muensterland cycling network covers 4,500 kilometres.

There are as many as three bicycle stations in Muenster that allow bikes to be parked securely. With its 3,500 parking places, the bicycle station at the main station is the largest one in Germany, offering a repair service, a bike rental, and even a bicycle washing station in addition to the parking places! Bicycles can also be hired from the Muenster Arkaden bicycle station so that nothing stands in the way of a spontaneous cycling tour through Muenster. ■

BOOK NOTES



Giving to Help, Helping to Give: The Context and Politics of African Philanthropy. Edited by Tade Akin Aina and Bhekinkosi Moyo. Dakar, Senegal: Amalion Publishing, 2013. 464 Pages. Cost: \$39.95 • £24.99 • € 30 • CFA15000. To order: www.amalion.net

In the past decade, the emerging narratives about philanthropy in Africa are about an increasingly confident and

knowledgeable assertion of African capacities to give not only to help but also to transform and seek to address the root causes of injustice, want, ignorance and disease. The narratives are also about the questioning of the role and place of Africans in the world's philanthropic traditions and what constitutes African specificities but also African differences and varieties.

Giving to Help, Helping to Give deftly explores African philanthropic experiences, their varieties, challenges and opportunities. It is about documenting, investigating, describing, analysing and reflecting on philanthropy in Africa. This ground-breaking book rightly tackles the varied modes, forms, vehicles and means in which philanthropy is expressed in multifaceted Africa.

It is a pioneering and ambitious effort in a field and community of practice that is new both in terms of scholarship and in professional practice. Many of the chapters boldly engage the burden of reflections, questions, ambivalences and ambiguities that one often finds in an emerging field, innovatively positing the outlines, concepts, frameworks and theories of scholarship and practice for a field critical to development on the continent.

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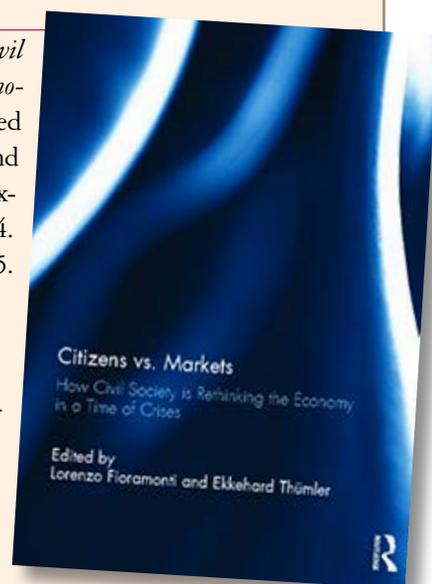
Managing Nongovernmental Organizations: Culture, Power and Resistance. By Frederik Claeyé. Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2014. 224 Pages. Cost: Hardback US \$125. To order: www.routledge.com

The idea that international development aid needs to be better managed and coordinated gained currency in the early 1990s. The increasing emphasis on management has resulted in the present vogue of 'managing for development results' as one of the central tenets in the discourse on international aid. But how appropriate are these ideas, tools, and techniques for non-governmental development organizations (NGOs), and how much does geographic context matter? Examining the current debate on aid effectiveness and the role of NGOs in contributing to it, this book highlights the critical importance of understanding how the global and the local interact to increase aid efficacy and develop more culturally astute ways of managing NGOs.

With a focus on NGOs active in sub-Saharan Africa as case studies, author Frederik Claeyé demonstrates that NGOs are not mere passive recipients of management knowledge and practices emanating from the global governance structure of international aid, but actively engage with these ideas and practices to translate and rework them through a local cultural lens. This process results in the emergence of unique hybrid management systems that combine the pressure to become more business-like with the mission to satisfy the demands of the communities they serve.

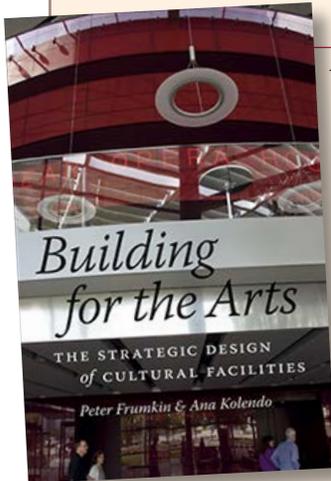
Citizens vs Markets: How Civil Society is Rethinking the Economy in a Time of Crises. Edited by Lorenzo Fioramonti and Ekkehard Thümler. Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2014. 128 pages. Cost: US \$145. To order: www.routledge.com

After an apparent temporary relief, the financial crisis is back full steam. The 'double dip' has turned into a full-blown meltdown of financial



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markets, public budgets and, by and large, democratic accountability. This global crisis is a fundamental wake-up call: a signal that our conventional political economy and, perhaps, the very foundations of our societies need a serious rethink. Currently, the spotlight is on the role of political elites and economic agents (especially the investors included in the vague notion of ‘markets’) and their strategies to stabilize or destabilize countries, from North America to the Eurozone. Regrettably, the actual and potential role of civil society is hardly mentioned in public debate. Yet, it is exactly within civil society that important responses to the crisis may emerge. It is within civil society that an alternative paradigm and a fundamental rethinking of conventional wisdom may be fostered. *Citizens vs. Markets* is the first book to unpack the transformative role of civil society in a sector in which it has traditionally been less proactive, in order to reflect on possible forms of social transformation that are not merely remedial but also constructive in nature. This is the most important struggle of our times.



Building for the Arts: The Strategic Design of Cultural Facilities. By Peter Frumkin and Ana Kolendo. Chicago, Illinois: The University of Chicago Press, 2014. 288 Pages. Cost: Hardback US \$45. To order: <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books>

Over the past two decades, the arts in America have experienced an unprecedented building boom, with more than sixteen billion dollars directed to the building, expansion, and renovation of museums, theaters, symphony halls, opera houses, and centers for the visual and performing arts. Among the projects that emerged from the boom were many brilliant successes. Others, like the striking addition of the Quadracci Pavilion to the Milwaukee Art Museum, brought international renown but also tens of millions of dollars of off-budget debt while offering scarce additional benefit to the arts and embodying the cultural sector’s worst fears that the arts themselves were being displaced by the big, status-driven architecture projects built to contain them.

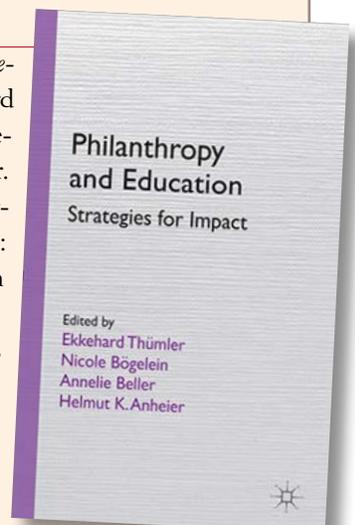
With *Building for the Arts*, Peter Frumkin and Ana Kolendo explore how artistic vision, funding partnerships, and institutional culture work together—or fail to—throughout

the process of major cultural construction projects. Drawing on detailed case studies and in-depth interviews at museums and other cultural institutions varying in size and funding arrangements, including the Art Institute of Chicago, Atlanta Opera, and AT&T Performing Arts Center in Dallas, Frumkin and Kolendo analyze the decision-making considerations and challenges and identify four factors whose alignment characterizes the most successful and sustainable of the projects discussed: institutional requirements, capacity of the institution to manage the project while maintaining ongoing operations, community interest and support, and sufficient sources of funding. How and whether these factors are strategically aligned in the design and execution of a building initiative, the authors argue, can lead an organization to either thrive or fail. The book closes with an analysis of specific tactics that can enhance the chances of a project’s success.

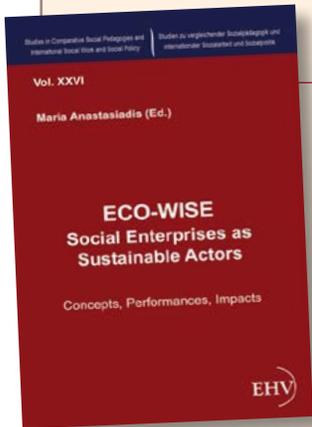
Philanthropy and Education: Strategies for Impact. Edited by Ekkehard Thümler, Nicole Bögelein, Annelie Beller, and Helmut Anheier. Hampshire, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. 288 Pages. Cost: £65. To order: www.palgrave.com

The reform of public schools is high on the public agenda in Europe as well as North America. Philanthropic foundations play an increasingly important role in attempts to enhance the performance of the system. However, the degree to which their ambitious aspirations are actually realized is often very low. This book addresses the question of how philanthropic actors can make a more effective, beneficial and responsible contribution to the field of public education. It develops an innovative model of effective education philanthropy and uncovers strategies to successfully tackle problems in this complex domain.

Presenting the findings of the international research project ‘Strategies for Impact in Education’, the results are based on six case studies from Germany, Switzerland and the United States, informed by institutional theory and drawing on state-of-the-art research in sociology, psychology and pedagogy.



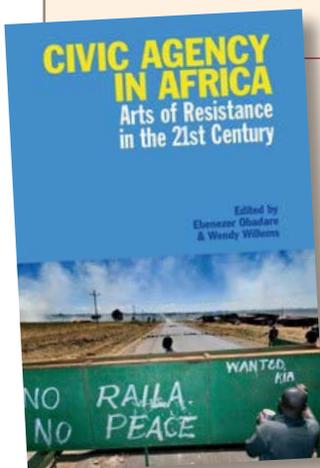
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ECO-WISE - Social Enterprises as Sustainable Actors: Concepts, Performances, Impacts. Edited by Maria Anastasiadis. Bremen, Germany: EHV/Academic Press, 2013. Cost: 39.30. To order: <http://eh-verlag.de>

The intention of this book is to deliver an overview of concepts, performances and impacts of ECO-

WISE (ecologically oriented work-integration social enterprises) and other social enterprises that have environmental interests in addition to their socio-economic goals. Over the last few years, they have been discovered as a strategic reserve to strengthen the environmental, social and economic pillars of society. They are seen as examples of best practices that achieve the general objectives of the global sustainable development strategy. These organisations, however, have only been marginally investigated; their experience in balancing economic, social and environmental goals has largely remained unnoticed. A group of international experts from a variety of disciplines took up the challenge to contribute to this compilation, drawing on their own national and cultural experiences, as well as different theoretical and methodological paradigms to underline and discuss their contribution to sustainable development. This compilation of articles is not exhaustive. It should rather be understood as one of the first cohesive sets of articles that together illustrate the world of ECO-WISE and similar organisations, with the hope that this will trigger discourse that further reveals the experiences and potential of social enterprises as sustainable actors.



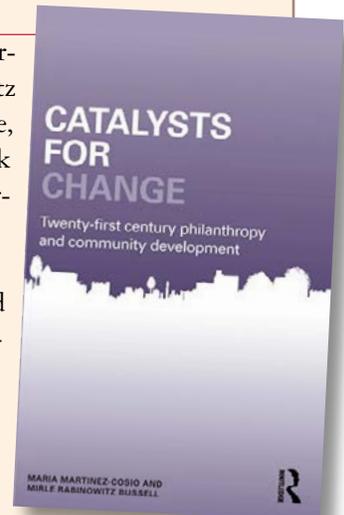
Civic Agency in Africa: Arts of Resistance in the 21st Century. Edited by Ebenezer Obadare and Wendy Wilkens. Suffolk, UK: James Currey, 2014. 256 pages. Cost: US \$80. To order: www.jamescurrey.com

The recent eruption of popular protests across North Africa and the Middle East has reopened academic debate on the meaning and strategies of resistance in the 21st

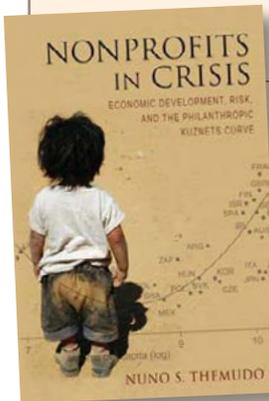
century. This book argues that Western notions of state and civil society provide only a limited understanding of how power and resistance operate in the African context, where informality is central to the way both state officials and citizens exercise agency. With the principle of informality as a template, the chapters in this volume collectively examine the various modes - organised and unorganised, formal and informal, urban and rural, embodied and discursive, serious and ludic, online and offline, successful and failing - through which Africans contend with power. Resistance takes place against the backdrop of deep fractures in state sovereignty, the remnants of colonial rule and the constraints of a global, neoliberal economic system.

Catalysts for Change. By Maria Martinez-Cosio and Mirle Rabinowitz Bussell. Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2013. 192 pages. Cost: Hardback US \$170, Paperback US \$47. To order: www.routledge.com

21st Century Philanthropy and Community fills a gap in the literature on philanthropic organizations and how they intertwine with community development. Drawing first on the history of philanthropic funding, Maria Martinez-Cosio and Mirle Bussell look at developments in the last twenty years in detail, focussing on five key case studies from across America. The authors use their own first hand experiences and research to forge a new path for academic research in an area where it has been lacking. With the current economic climate forcing shrewd spending, foundations need all the guidance they can find on how to appropriately channel their funds in the best way. But how can these sorts of community projects be analyzed for effectiveness? Is there a quantitative rather than qualitative element which can be studied to give real feedback to those investing in projects? Arguing against a one-size-fits-all model, the authors illustrate the importance of context and relationships in the success of these projects.

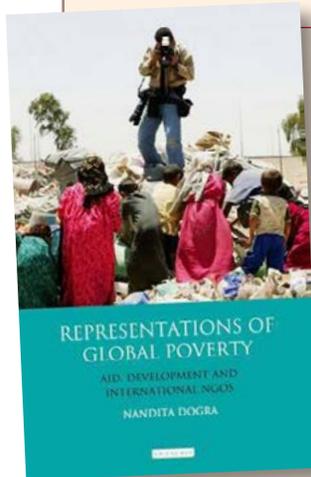


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Nonprofits in Crisis: Economic Development, Risk, and the Philanthropic Kuznets Curve. By Nuno S. Themudo. Bloomington, Indiana, USA: Indiana University Press, 2013. 224 Pages. Cost: Cloth US \$40.00, Ebook US \$34.99. To order: www.iupress.indiana.edu

Why do some countries have a vibrant nonprofit sector while others do not? *Nonprofits in Crisis* explores the theory of risk as a major mechanism through which economic development influences the nonprofit sector. Nuno S. Themudo elaborates this idea by focusing on Mexican nonprofit organizations, which operate and strive to survive in a risky environment. The study of these nonprofits generates broader lessons about philanthropy and the nonprofit sector that complement wider cross-national statistical analysis.

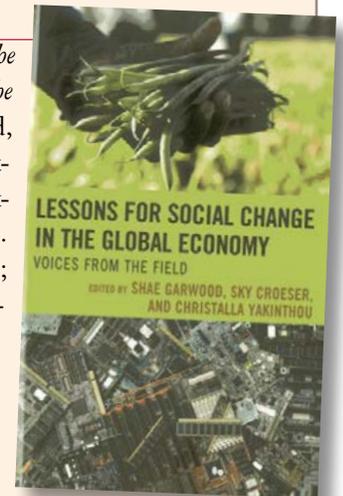


Representations of Global Poverty: Aid, Development and International NGOs. By Nandita Dogra. London, UK: I.B.Tauris, 2013. 256 Pages. Cost: UK £19.99, Hardback 2012 UK £54.50. To order: www.ibtauris.com

Through the efforts of increasingly media-aware NGOs, people in rich nations are bombarded with images of poverty and suffering. In a highly unequal and fragmented world, international NGOs play a significant role in fostering global connections through their public messages. Yet, this media role of NGOs remains under-researched. *Representations of Global Poverty* is the first comprehensive study of the communications and imagery used by international NGOs to portray poverty in the global South. The book examines a full cycle of representation – integrating analyses of the public messages of international development NGOs in the UK with the views of their staff and audiences. It presents a detailed empirical review of the fundraising and advocacy campaigns of international NGOs such as Oxfam, Save the Children, World Vision, Action-Aid, Plan and Christian Aid, and utilizes an original postcolonial analytical framework to better understand and evaluate these public messages. Exploring NGO messages across

the discourses of charity, justice, humanism, cosmopolitanism and Eurocentrism, it argues for a greater acknowledgment of NGOs as significant mediating institutions which can expand understandings of global inequalities and their historical causation. The book provides new insights into the management of NGOs, discursive constructions of global poverty, international aid and development, and the politics of representation.

Lessons for Social Change in the Global Economy: Voices from the Field. Edited by Shae Garwood, Sky Croeser, and Christalla Yakinthou. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2013. 206 Pages. Cost: Hardback US \$80/ £49.95; E-book US \$79.99/£49.95. To order: <https://rowman.com>

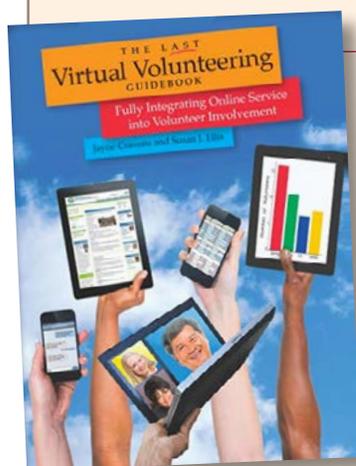


In the face of globalization's massive social and economic transformations and the resulting persistent inequality, activists, labor organizers, and advocacy NGOs are seeking and creating change beyond the confines of formal state politics and across national borders. Given the breadth of local issues activists face, the ways they define the problem and seek redress vary widely. This book provides a unique perspective on these efforts, gathering into one volume concrete examples of the implementation of different strategies for social change that highlight the challenges involved. This provides useful lessons for those involved in social change, as well as for those studying it. Contributors to the volume are scholars and practitioners around the world, and they draw on strong connections with people working in the field to improve working conditions and environmental standards of global production systems. This allows readers to develop a more comprehensive and grounded understanding of strategies for social change.

This book maintains a strong balance between breadth and specificity. It provides an overview of the themes of social change, which contextualizes and draws common threads from the chapters grounded in specific geographic locations and political spaces of change. The chapters analyze environmental and social problems and the varying degrees of success activists have had in regulating industries, containing environmental hazards, and/or harnessing aspects of an in-

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dustry for positive social and economic change. Contributors draw upon different ways of creating change, which include corporate social responsibility schemes, fair trade regimes, and community radio. By providing insight into the potential and limitations of actions taken at different levels, the book encourages a critical perspective on efforts for social change, grounded in an understanding of how conditions around the world can affect these activities.



The Last Virtual Volunteering Guidebook: Fully Integrating Online Service into Volunteer Involvement. By Jayne Cravens and Susan J. Ellis. Philadelphia, Pa.: Energize, Inc., 2014. 210 pages. Cost: Paperback US \$ 28.95, Ebook \$18. To order: www.energizeinc.com

What is virtual volunteering?
It's work done by volunteers

online, via computers, smartphones or other hand-held devices, and often from afar. More and more organizations around the world are engaging people who want to contribute their skills via the Internet. The service may be done virtually, but the volunteers are real!

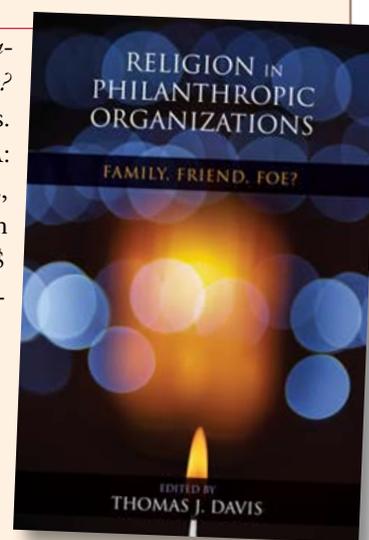
In *The LAST Virtual Volunteering Guidebook*, international volunteerism consultants Jayne Cravens and Susan J. Ellis emphasize that online service should be integrated into an organization's overall strategy for involving volunteers. They maintain that the basic principles of volunteer management should apply equally to volunteers working online or onsite. Whether you're tech-savvy or still a newbie in cyberspace, this book will show you how to lead online volunteers successfully by:

- Overcoming resistance to online volunteer service and the myths surrounding it
- Designing virtual volunteering assignments, from micro-volunteering to long-term projects, from Web research to working directly with clients via the Internet

- Adding a virtual component to any volunteer's service
- Interviewing and screening online volunteers
- Managing risk and protecting confidentiality in online interactions
- Creating online communities for volunteers
- Offering orientation and training via Internet tools
- Recruiting new volunteers successfully through the Web and social media
- Assuring accessibility and diversity among online volunteers

Religion in Philanthropic Organizations: Family, Friend, Foe? Edited by Thomas J. Davis. Bloomington, Indiana, USA: Indiana University Press, 2013. 256 Pages. Cost: Cloth US \$75.00, Paperback US \$ 25, Ebook US \$21.99. To order: www.iupress.indiana.edu

Religion in Philanthropic Organizations explores the tensions inherent in religious philanthropies across a variety of organizations and examines the effect assumptions about "professional" philanthropy have had on how religious philanthropies carry out their activities. Among the organizations discussed are the Salvation Army, the World Council of Churches, and Catholic Charities USA. The essays focus on the work of one individual, Robert Pierce, founder of World Vision and Samaritan's Purse, and on more general matters such as philanthropy and Jewish identity, American Muslim philanthropy since 9/11, and the federal program that funds faith-based initiatives. The book sheds light on how religion and philanthropy function in American society, shaping and being shaped by the culture and its notions of the common good. ■



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International Financial Reporting for the Not-for-Profit Sector

This research study explores the extent to which international financial reporting standards might be beneficial for not-for-profit organisations (NPOs) (as opposed to reporting under national frameworks such as the Charities SORP in the UK).

The study is based on a literature review and an international online survey which generated over 600 responses representing experience of accounting across 35,000 NPOs from 179 countries. Although undertaken on a tight timescale, we believe it may be the biggest ever multi-national study of NPO attitudes on a regulatory issue. The report contains extensive quantitative and qualitative analysis of the findings.

The headline finding is that 72% of respondents support the idea of some kind of international standard for NPO financial reporting, but there are also many with significant concerns. There are also significant differences between the responses from Europe and those from developing countries – with the latter generally more in favour of an international standard. The study also gathered views on qualification and training for NPO finance staff, on the impact of donors/funders on NPO financial reporting, and on the extent to which NPOs felt that they would be able to contribute to the process if international standards were to be developed.

The study was led by Louise Crawford (University of Dundee School of Business) and Gareth Morgan (Sheffield Hallam University – Sheffield Business School) with substantial input from Carolyn Cordery (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) and Oonagh Breen (University College Dublin).

The study was funded by CCAB which represents five main chartered accountancy bodies in the UK and Ireland. The Final Report (PDF 140 pages) is available free of charge from the CCAB website at <http://www.ccab.org.uk/documents/IFRNPO-FullReport-Final-07022014.pdf>

New Case Studies – 2014

We are pleased to announce the publication of eight new case studies in public and nonprofit management via Rutgers Cases and Simulations Portal, sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA). Rutgers Cases and Simulations Portal

is a free, publically accessible online database.

The new publications are to celebrate the expansion of the Portal that aim to publish new case studies twice in a year. These case studies are designed to highlight the advances, innovations, challenges, and trends in the public and nonprofit sectors using related multi-media and fictionalized cases. This new resource provides a broad array of teaching and learning resources in public and nonprofit administration, and has been created for public and nonprofit service teachers, students, and administrators, volunteers, elected officials, citizens, and researchers. We are pleased to announce that all of this material is available freely online and is completely open-access.

Please see below for the full list of newly published case studies.

- Multi-sector Collaboration in Complex Policy Environments: The Case of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, written by Julie Langer and Mary K. Feehey, PhD
- Social Media and the Government Employee: Reconciling Our Public & Private Digital Identities, written by Stephen Kleinschmit, PhD and B. Joon Kim, PhD
- Strategic Human Resource Management – Part A - Naïve or Joan of Arc?, written by Monika Hudson, PhD, Richard Johnson, III, PhD, and Keith Hunter, PhD
- Managing in the Hollow State: Best Practices to Maintain Accountability in Service Implementation Networks, written by Julia L. Carboni, PhD and Sarah P. Maxwell, PhD
- The Ethical Implications of Fly-By Evaluations: Lessons from a Leader's Heartfelt Experiences in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, written by Ramya Ramanath, PhD
- Adult Businesses in Alta Valle, written by John W. Ostrowski, PhD
- Snack Pak 4 Kids in Hereford, Texas: A Study of a Nonprofit Organization in Rural Communities, written by Dwight Vick, PhD and Krista Lee
- Budget Priorities of Colorado Springs during economic decline, written by Natalia Ermasova, PhD
<http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/casesimportal/>

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Center for Philanthropy Studies (CEPS) Promoted by University

In January 2014, the Center for Philanthropy Studies (CEPS) was acknowledged as an institute of the University of Basel by the university's board. The institute was founded in 2008 based on an initiative of several Swiss Foundations and has gained international recognition and academic reputation. The institute's major research focus is laid on the understanding of all kinds of philanthropy, especially institutional form such as foundations.

Additionally, CEPS offers training courses in German and French to nonprofit managers and publishes an annual report on the Swiss foundation sector. The center is directed by Prof. Georg von Schnurbein, who received a tenure position as associate professor at the Faculty of Business Economics.

For more information, please visit our webpage www.ceps.unibas.ch

The Center for Philanthropic Studies at VU University Amsterdam

As of January 1, 2014, René Bekkers is the director of The Center for Philanthropic Studies at VU University Amsterdam and continues the work of the Center's founder, Theo Schuyt. Schuyt remains Professor of *Philanthropic Studies* and Bekkers remains Professor *Social Aspects of Prosocial Behavior*. As the new director, Bekkers will continue the Center's research on Philanthropy in the Netherlands, that Schuyt started at VU University Amsterdam. Since 1995, the Center publishes '*Giving in the Netherlands*', the biennial macroeconomic study of sources and destinations of philanthropy, based on microdata about households, corporations and endowed foundations, and on additional data on charity lotteries and bequests. The Dutch government funds the research. The next edition is planned for publication in 2015. Bekkers: "I am extremely proud that I can continue this line of research. *Giving in the Netherlands* shows the societal significance of philanthropy. Because of its longitudinal design and its rich set of measures it is unique in the world, and of great scientific value."

In the past years the research at the Center for Philanthropic Studies has increasingly focused on Europe. In 2007 the European Research Network on Philanthropy (ERNOP) was founded at VU University Amsterdam. The ERNOP

now counts about 100 members in 20 countries. In 2011 the Center published '*Giving in Evidence*', a comparative study of philanthropic sources of funding for universities and other higher education institutions. Currently the Center coordinates the EUFORI study on European Funding for Research and Innovation, conducted by a consortium of experts in 29 countries in Europe. The Center will continue this international line of research in the coming years. Schuyt remains the chair of ERNOP until 2018. In 2014, Bekkers will start a two-year European study on the impact of volunteering on volunteers and society at large.

Bekkers is Professor *Social Aspects of Prosocial Behavior* since January 2013, supported by the Van der Gaag Foundation of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been involved in the *Giving in the Netherlands* research since 2001, obtained his PhD at the Department of Sociology at Utrecht University in 2004, and came to VU University Amsterdam in 2008. His research examines causes and consequences of philanthropic behavior using a combination of longitudinal panel surveys and experiments. Theo Schuyt is professor of Philanthropic Studies at VU University Amsterdam since 2001. Schuyt will remain actively involved in the *Giving in the Netherlands* research and remains responsible for postgraduate education program in Philanthropic Studies.

More information about the Center for Philanthropic Studies is available at www.giving.nl.

More information about René Bekkers is available at his blog, <http://renebekkers.wordpress.com>.

ICSEM Project Update: Venue of the next Symposiums

The Eastern International Comparative Social Enterprise Models - ICSEM Symposium will take place on July 4-6,



2014 in South Korea, and more precisely in Wonju, about 140 km east of Seoul. Wonju is one of main cities in the Gangwon Province, and it is famous for its strong cooperative movement. The venue of the Western ICSEM Symposium, to be held on October 9-10, 2014, will be the Floréal Club Hotel at La-Roche-en-Ardenne (Belgium). For more information about the next ICSEM meetings: <http://www.iap-socent.be/icsem-meetings-0>

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The 4th EMES PhD Summer School goes to Romania



After three successful editions of the EMES PhD Summer Schools, at the University of Corsica (France) in 2008, Roskilde University (Denmark) in 2010, and University of Trento (Italy) in 2012, the fourth edition will be hosted by Western University Timisoara (Romania) from 29 June - 2 July 2014. Read more about the event, the program and how to register here: <http://www.emes.net/what-we-do/training-education/phd-summer-schools/4th-emes-international-phd-summer-school/>

Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health Glasgow Caledonian University

The last six months have been an eventful time at the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health at Glasgow Caledonian University. We have recently been awarded £2m jointly from the UK's Medical Research Council and Economic and Social Research Councils to develop methods to evidence 'Social enterprise as a public health intervention' over the next three years (2014-2016). We are also working alongside the Yunus Social Business Centre at the University of Florence and nine other European partners on a three year (2014-2016) EU FP7-funded project which will use evolutionary theory to identify and explain how social businesses and enterprises develop and grow. Building upon our research we have developed a new Masters Programme in Social Business and Microfinance, the first cohort of students will start in September 2014. For more information please see <http://www.gcu.ac.uk/yunuscentre/>.

Third Sector Impact Project

Researchers, practitioners and experts are teaming up to make the Third Sector more visible across Europe. While it is considered an endless source of 'renewable resources' for social and economic problem-solving and civic engagement in Europe, the Third Sector faces conceptual ambiguity, lack of statistical recognition and misunderstanding of its real impacts and hindering barriers. The

3-year long Third Sector Impact (TSI) project is both ambitious and grounded on the needs of the actors to move forward.

Despite the substantial contribution of the Third Sector and volunteering to the socio-economic development of Europe, it remains an unknown area for most European citizens. Many of them actually participate in, benefitting from or contributing to an organization active in the Third Sector, which include associations, foundations, cooperatives, mutuals, and social in fields such as child and elderly care, education, culture and sports, human rights and civil action. Unfortunately, a wider and comprehensive picture of the sector is still missing. Present at the local level as well as at the European level via umbrella organizations and bodies, the Third Sector continues to be left out of the statistical portraits of most Member States, which makes it invisible for efficient policy-making and support actions.

The Third Sector has been defined and measured in various ways; it has been credited with generating varied positive impact and some barriers for its development have been already identified. However, how can we define the Third Sector? How can it be measured? How can we assess its impact? And, lastly, how can we support its development?

The twenty-five researchers from 10 European universities and the over 100 stakeholders involved in the Third Sector Impact (TSI) project are determined to address these questions. Ultimately, they want to make visible a sector that generates 'renewable resources' for economic development and social cohesion in Europe. Indeed, there is a long-standing European tradition of Third Sector practice and research so some stock-taking is a must, while new research is generated to cast some light on the sector, particularly at a time of social and economic distress and enormous pressures on governmental budgets.

A total of 10 European countries will be studied and the door will be open for input coming from other countries. The work to be accomplished is divided in four blocks: conceptualization, measurement, impact and barriers. Aware of the conceptual ambiguity that surrounds the Third Sector, a consensus definition will be proposed by TSI and discussed with practitioners and other stakeholders. Indeed, stakeholders will be brought on to the research process since the beginning, something that is not common in social sciences comparative research projects. Bernard Enjolras, coordinator of the project, states "experts will accompany the work of researchers and together with policy-makers and practitioners will comment and provide advise on the intermediate findings. Numerous national and European

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exchanges with stakeholders are foreseen to facilitate this intensive feedback.” The first round of national meetings will run from April-June 2014 and a series of public consultation rounds will launched through the project’s website (expected in early March).

In all, they all will aim to make the Third Sector more visible while reviewing the notion and trends that are transforming the sector from within. In this context, the Third Sector has gained legitimacy as a full-fledged partner in the effort to promote a smart and sustainable growth and social cohesion in Europe.

For any inquiries about the Third Sector Impact project, please contact the project coordinator (Bernard Enjolras, Bernard.enjolras@samfunnsforskning.no) or the project communication coordinator (Rocío Nogales, info@emes.net).

TSI University project members: Institute for Social Research (Norway), The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (Italy), Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, (Austria), University of Kent and University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), University of Münster (Germany), Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France), Universitat de Valencia (Spain), Faculty of Law Zagreb (Croatia), and the University of Warsaw (Poland).

TSI Support members: SPES (stakeholders’ engagement); EMES Network (communication and dissemination) and ERS (administration).

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation marks Community Foundations’ Centennial in U.S. with Gift of Faculty Chair



A new faculty chair at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy commemorates the centennial of community foundations in the United States. A gift from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, it is believed to be the nation’s first chair focused specifically on studying and teaching about community foundations.

“The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is an established leader in building both individual community foundations and the community foundation field in the U.S. and

around the world,” said Charles R. Bantz, chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and executive vice president of Indiana University. “We thank the foundation for this generous opportunity to contribute to understanding and enhancing the important work of community foundations.”

The chair will elevate the level of research on the community foundation field, deepen the knowledge base, provide insights that will further improve the work of community foundations and incorporate the new knowledge into practical application for community foundation professionals and volunteers.

“The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is incredibly proud to partner with Indiana University to establish an academic chair on community foundations,” said Neal Hegarty, vice president of programs at the foundation. “Since 1979, Mott has granted more than \$150 million to encourage the development of community foundations in the United States as well as globally. It is fitting that we honor this legacy – and the centennial celebration of community foundations – by establishing a base of pooled talent, intellect and leadership for the field at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

“The school’s reputation for excellence has persuaded us that this is not only the place, but the time, to support senior-level faculty who will push the frontiers of scholarship in an area of great importance to us,” Hegarty continued.

The chair will help the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy attract and retain world-class faculty members to advance its goal of improving philanthropy to improve the world. The chair holder will teach and conduct cutting-edge research at the school to educate future philanthropy and nonprofit leaders, serve as a public scholar and help increase the impact of community foundations across the country and internationally.

“This is an ideal way to honor the invaluable role community foundations play in communities and to help ensure their success in enhancing communities for generations to come,” said Gene Tempel, founding dean of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. “The research and education generated as a result of this gift will equip community foundation leaders, staff and board members with increased knowledge and innovations to enrich and strengthen the myriad ways they serve their communities.”

The Mott Foundation, established in 1926 by an automotive pioneer, is a private philanthropy committed to supporting projects that promote a just, equitable and sus-

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tainable society. It supports nonprofit programs throughout the U.S. and, on a limited geographic basis, internationally. Grantmaking is focused in four programs: Civil Society, Environment, Flint Area and Pathways Out of Poverty. Besides

Flint, offices are located in metropolitan Detroit, Johannesburg (South Africa) and London. The Foundation, with 2013 year-end assets of approximately \$2.4 billion, made 400 grants totaling more than \$101 million ■

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