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ISTR 2018 Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award

The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) is pleased to announce the ISTR Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award 2018. This award is presented biennially for a PhD dissertation completed or defended in the two calendar years (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017) preceding the award. Self-nominations are accepted.

Dissertations that contribute to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), philanthropy, voluntarism and related issues are eligible. We encourage submissions of PhD dissertations from all parts of the world. Dissertations focused exclusively on the United States are not eligible.

The winner will be announced and the award will be given at the ISTR 13th International Conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands which will be held July 10-13, 2018. The award is US \$1,000.

Dissertations may be submitted in English, French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese.



Submissions must be submitted online at www.istr.org/2018_ESDA

Deadline: Dissertations and accompanying materials must be submitted online prior to **January 15, 2018**.

New book series on ‘Global Perspectives on Philanthropy and Public Good’

Published by the academic publisher The Policy Press, the aim of this series is to:

- explore and integrate different knowledge-bases on philanthropy and its relationship to public good;
- encourage more reflective, international and interdisciplinary theoretical perspectives on, and empirical understanding of, the area; and
- examine philanthropy’s relationship to public good at the micro-, meso-, and macro- level within and across different contexts and fields of activity.

To this end, the series especially encourages contributions that:

- emphasise developments and insights from outside the United States;
- look at countries or contexts that have received limited attention in the literature;
- offer comparative perspectives or convey an international outlook on philanthropy and associated themes;
- take an interdisciplinary and integrative approach; and



- offer new perspectives on or approaches to research, policy and practice relating to philanthropy and public good.

Series Editors: Tobias Jung, Shona Russell and Alina Baluch, Centre for the Study of Philanthropy & Public Good, University of St Andrews

Further information on the series’ rationale and guidance are available at <http://www.philanthropy.scot/global-perspectives-philanthropy-public-good/>

First Third-Sector Research Graduate Students Seminar Held in Mexico

In Mexico, Third-Sector scholars and specialists have been sharing their research in an annual conference for 17 years. The *Congreso de Investigación sobre el Tercer Sector*, an initiative led by the Mexican Center on Philanthropy, constitutes a space to disseminate and promote the creation of knowledge about civil society, philanthropy and volunteering.

After learning about the fantastic experience of ISTR's PhD seminar alumni, conference organizers thought it would be great to offer graduate students in Mexico with a similar opportunity and thus strengthen the event. The objective was to create a space where students could interact with Third-Sector scholars and specialists to receive feedback on their research and to allow participants to meet each other and share.

A call for applications open to master and PhD students working on theses or papers on Third-Sector topics was launched. Ten participants from public and private universities from across the country were selected to participate; a promising group for the first edition of the event.

The seminar was held at *Universidad Anáhuac* in Querétaro on the afternoon of October 2nd, the second and last day of the conference. The program kicked-off with a talk on the methodological aspects of research; a much needed discussion in an interdisciplinary field.

After the talk, participants were divided into two groups, both led by two scholars and a moderator. Each student presented their work to the group and then received feedback from the session participants. The expert advice focused on methodological aspects such as the im-



portance of choosing methods that are compatible with a study's research questions. Students shared potentially useful references and ways in which they had solved issues posed by their colleagues.

The event closed with a panel on career prospects. Researchers who pursue their work within academia, the nonprofit sector and independent think tanks shared what it is like to work in their organizations and what students could expect from their careers.

All in all, the event was a success. Students went home with new, external points of view on their research, new ideas and new colleagues. We look forward to holding this event next year, improving it and attracting more Third-Sector students to support future scholars and strengthen our community.

By Santiago Sordo Ruz, Director de Investigación, Centro de Investigación y Estudios sobre Sociedad Civil, A.C., Mexico City, Mexico. Santiago Sordo Ruz took part in the 2016 ISTR PhD Seminar in Stockholm, Sweden.

ISTR Joins The Scholars At Risk Network

The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) has joined **Scholars at Risk** (SAR), a network of over 400 higher education institutions in 39 countries working to protect threatened scholars, prevent attacks on higher education and promote academic freedom.

By joining SAR, the Society stands in solidarity with educators, researchers and students around the world who are threatened for peacefully expressing ideas and asking questions. Academic freedom is fundamental to ISTR's mission of supporting quality higher education. As a SAR member, we demonstrate our commitment and responsibility to preserving and promoting the freedom to think, locally and globally.

According to **Free to Think**, a recent report published by SAR, scholars and students at universities around the world face regular threats as a result of their academic work and free expression of ideas. These threats to higher education communities range from restrictions on travel and unjustified firings to imprisonment and violence. *"Attacks on higher education shrink the space where people can freely think and ask questions about complex and contentious issues,"* said SAR's Executive Director, Robert Quinn. *"Our Network members are central*

to protecting scholars targeted by these attacks and building a stronger, safer university space."

SAR member institutions assist persecuted scholars and students by offering temporary research and teaching positions, monitoring and advocating against attacks on higher education, and conducting learning initiatives to promote academic freedom. In addition, faculty, staff and students at member institutions have the opportunity to engage in SAR activities, including:

SCHOLARS AT RISK

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Protection



Advocacy



Learning



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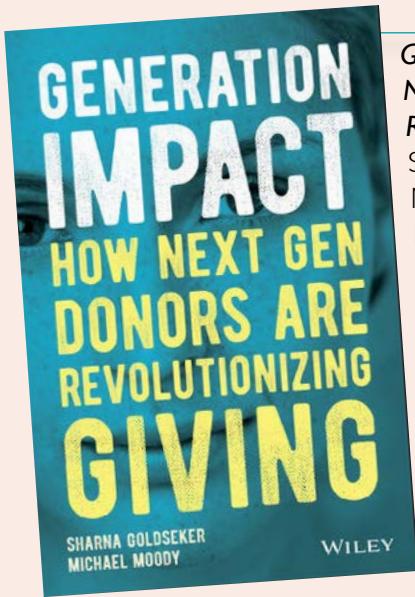
- Inviting SAR scholars to share their stories on campus through the SAR **Speaker Series**
- Advocating on behalf of imprisoned scholars through **Student Advocacy Seminars**

and SAR's **Action Campaigns**

- Researching attacks on higher education through the **Academic Freedom Monitoring Project**
- Engaging in a growing conversation around university values by attending SAR **workshops** and joining **working groups**

Society members are invited to learn more about Scholars at Risk and how to get involved by contacting Margery Daniels, Executive Director (istr@jhu.edu) and **signing up for SAR updates.**

Booknotes



Generation Impact: How Next Gen Donors Are Revolutionizing Giving. By Sharna Goldseker and Michael Moody. John Wiley & Sons Inc., 2017. 336 pages. Cost: Hardcover US \$30.00; EBook US \$14.99. To order: <http://www.wiley.com/>.

Meet the next generation of big donors—the Gen X and Millennial philanthropists who will be the most significant

donors ever and will shape our world in profound ways. Hear them describe their ambitious plans to revolutionize giving so it achieves greater impact. And learn how to help them succeed in a world that needs smart, effective donors now more than ever.

As “next gen donors” step into their philanthropic roles, they have not only unprecedented financial resources, but also big ideas for how to wield their financial power. They want to disrupt the traditional world of charitable giving, and they want to do so now, not after they retire to a life of philanthropic leisure.

Generation Impact pulls back the curtain on these rising leaders and their “Impact Revolution,” offering both extensive firsthand accounts and expert analysis of the hands-on, boundary-pushing, unconventional strategies next gen donors are beginning to pursue. This fascinating book also shows another side of the donors in *Generation Impact*: they want to respect the past even as they transform the future. They are determined to honor the philanthropic legacies and values they’ve inherited by making big giving more effective than ever before. If they succeed, they can make historic progress on causes from education to the environment, from human rights to health care.

Based on years of research and close engagement with next gen donors, *Generation Impact* offers a unique profile of the new faces of philanthropy. Find out, directly from them:

- How they want to revolutionize giving to expand its positive impact on our lives and our communities.
- Which causes interest them, how they want to en-

gage with those causes ... and, perhaps more important, how they do not want to engage.

- Which new tools and strategies for change excite them most.
- What they are learning from previous generations, and what they want to bring to their work alongside those generations.
- How we can all ensure their historic potential is channeled in ways that make our world better.

The Impact Revolution will be messy, but it could also result in solutions for some of our most persistent problems. *Generation Impact* offers targeted, practical advice to parents, families, and their advisors, as well as nonprofit professionals—those who work closest with these next gen donors—on how to engage, nurture, and encourage them as they reshape major giving and make their mark on history. Help them channel their enthusiasm—and their wealth—to make the most positive difference in a world with such great need.

Explaining Civil Society Development: A Social Origins Approach. By Lester M. Salamon, S. Wojciech Sokolowski and Megan A. Haddock. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017. 344 pages. Cost: US \$64.95. To order: <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/>.



The civil society sector—made up of millions of nonprofit organizations, associations, charitable institutions, and the volunteers and resources they mobilize—has long been the invisible subcontinent on the landscape of contemporary society. For the past twenty years, however, scholars under the umbrella of the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project have worked with statisticians to assemble the first comprehensive, empirical picture of the size, structure, financing, and role of this increasingly important part of modern life.

What accounts for the enormous cross-national variations in the size and contours of the civil society sector

around the world? Drawing on the project's data, Lester M. Salamon, S. Wojciech Sokolowski, Megan A. Haddock, and their colleagues raise serious questions about the ability of the field's currently dominant preference and sentiment theories to account for these variations in civil society development. Instead, using statistical and comparative historical materials, the authors posit a novel social origins theory that roots the variations in civil society strength and composition in the relative power of different social groupings and institutions during the transition to modernity.

Drawing on the work of Barrington Moore, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and others, *Explaining Civil Society Development* provides insight into the nonprofit sector's ability to thrive and perform its distinctive roles. Combining solid data and analytical clarity, this pioneering volume offers a critically needed lens for viewing the evolution of civil society and the nonprofit sector throughout the world.

motion and protection of human rights through national governments has been enhanced by the diversity of inter-governmental organizations committed to this cause. The latest addition to the continent's rights organizations arrived ten years ago when, based on the EU's Lisbon Treaty, the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) was created as a functional institution to highlight and improve human rights within EU member states. In contrast to other regulatory agencies in the EU, the FRA provides a research-based advisory function for EU institutions and legislation and performs a public-diplomacy function in promoting fundamental rights across EU member states.

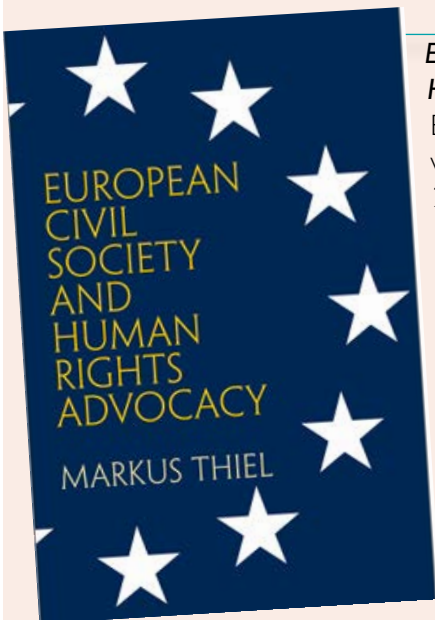
The linking of civil society with internal rights policies has yet produced very little scholarship. Markus Thiel's *European Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy* not only fills this vacuum: it also offers a timely analysis in the context of Europe's proliferating human rights challenges, like the current refugee crises and the nationalist responses that geopolitical changes have provoked. *European Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy* examines the interaction between the FRA and hundreds of transnational civil society organizations working with and on behalf of vulnerable populations in EU member states and probes the high normative standards of human rights attainment and transnational participatory governance in the EU.

Thiel surveys how networking among civil society organizations takes place, to what extent they are able to set the agenda or insert themselves into EU decision-making procedures, and how they are able to exploit the opportunity structure presented by the FRA's institutionalization of a voice for civil society. Thiel draws conclusions for the larger issues of human rights promotion, transnational citizenship, and participatory governance in the region, reflecting broadly and critically on the legitimacy of EU human rights norms through a political sociology perspective.

European Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy.

By Markus Thiel. University of Pennsylvania, 2017. 208 pages. Costs: Hardcover US\$59.95| £50.00; eBook US\$59.95| £39.00. To order: <http://www.upenn.edu/>

Adherence to basic human rights norms has become an expected feature of states throughout the world. In Europe, the pro-



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