



ISTR 16th International Conference 16-19 JULY 2024

Crisis After Crisis After ...: What About the Third Sector? **University of Antwerp, Belgium**

[ISTR's 16th International Conference](#) in Antwerp marked 30 years since our [first ISTR International Conference](#) in Pecs, Hungary in 1994. The theme of that inaugural conference was *Towards the Year 2000*. Then, 265 participants from 51 countries participated in the first conference to focus on international research perspectives on the third sector. As noted in the conference report, "going international" for the society at the time marked a distinct shift away from the US-focus on "nonprofit" and "volunteering and philanthropy" to "civil society, mutuality, social economy, and community."

30 years later, the 16th International conference hosted 600 participants from more than 65 countries, including a handful of scholars who had been present in 1994 and ten past presidents of the Society. We continue to engage with research on core aspects of the third sector, but our conference has evolved to reflect our members' research interests. We notice increased interest in the boundaries of what is considered third sector action, in connecting research to practice, on climate and sustainability, uncivil society, and on research from critical and southern perspectives. We are energized by the diversity of this field and the conversations that our conferences foster!



Opening Reception at the AMUZ, hosted by the City of Antwerp

As the field evolves, our members expect ISTR to provide opportunities for engagement on emerging topics of research and forms of participation. To this end, the 16th International Conference featured new and renewed Affinity Groups, new Regional Networks, flexible forms of conference presentation modalities, and invitations to the practitioner research, government research, and civil society organization communities to participate more fully in our network.

The conference theme was *Crisis After Crisis After ...: What About the Third Sector?* (full call [found here](#)). In total, the conference featured 356 individual research papers, 27 panels, 23 roundtables, 4 innovative format sessions, and 10 posters. The greatest number of presentations fell under the themes "Local and global philanthropy and voluntarism" and "Social entrepreneurship, management, leadership, and governance of Third Sector organizations."

Together, we celebrated the full return in person engagement post-pandemic, beginning with the opening reception generously hosted by the City of Antwerp in the AMUZ, a deconsecrated church and monastery that has been repurposed by the city into an event hall managed by a local nonprofit organization.

As in the past, this conference was preceded by the **ISTR PhD Seminar**, which hosted 48 PhD students and 13 ISTR faculty for discussion, peer-mentoring, professional development, and community building. ISTR's PhD Seminar continues to be one of our most popular programs. This year the students represented an impressive twenty-six nationalities studying in institutions in eighteen countries. Each PhD Seminar, the faculty design workshops and panels. This year's presentations included six events:

1. Thinking about next steps: Writing effective research funding proposals
2. Navigating Early Career – the job market, building research visibility, engaging in collaborative research
3. Rejects - how to deal with them and how to approach reviewer comments
4. How to publish (in Voluntas)
5. Non-traditional ways to share research results
6. NGO Studies in non-western contexts: Definitions and Concepts / Strategies and challenges for publishing in English-speaking journals

We are grateful to the co-chairs of the PhD Seminar, **Stijn van Puyvelde**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, and **Marlene Walk**, Albert–Ludwigs–Universität Freiburg, Germany and all of the distinguished faculty that participated. A full list is provided at the end of this report.

In advance of the conference, ISTR and our colleagues from the **Rockefeller Archive Center (RAC)** co-hosted a meeting our newly established network of **directors of research centers** that will offer mutual peer support in research, teaching, and in deepening connections to civil society, policy makers, and stakeholders, ultimately strengthening civil society around the globe. Representatives from 40 research centers spent the day getting to know each other, discussing why a network of directors' research centers could be helpful, what we might do together as a group, and how we might keep connected. Of particular interest is the revival and revision of the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project, facilitating student and faculty exchanges, and establishing peer mentoring opportunities for new research centers.



Above: Directors of 40+ research centers form a new network

In addition to the paper, poster, panel, and roundtable sessions, the conference featured an Opening Keynote, Special Plenary, Saad Ibrahim Memorial Roundtable, All Student Party, professional development workshops, a Meet the Author session, a Meet the Journal Editors session, affinity group meetings, regional network meetings, awards ceremony, field trips to local civil society organizations, workout sessions, and a closing reception.

The [conference photo album is available here](#).

The conference also marks the last time the event will be organized under the leadership of **Margery Daniels**, ISTR's dedicated and long-serving Executive Director. A special event during the conference featured remarks by five past presidents (Oonagh Breen, Ben Gidron, Jacqueline Butcher, Brenda Gainer, and Annette Zimmer), reflecting on Margery's leadership qualities and friendships with many members in the Society. At the closing reception at the Horta, Margery was presented with an honorary lifetime membership. Margery will be greatly missed when she retires at the end of December 2024.

A huge thank you to the many people whose work made this conference possible, especially the Academic Committee co-chairs Marc Jegers and Aya Okada, the chair of the host committee, Peter Raeymaeckers at the University of Antwerp. A list of contributing committee members is listed at the end of this report.



Ten Past ISTR Presidents and Board Members: Brenda Gainer, Mark Sidel, Masa Deguchi, Ruth Phillips, Alan Fowler, Oonagh Breen, Annette Zimmer, Margery Daniels, Edith Archambault, Jacqueline Butcher de Rivas, Mario Aquino Alves, Steven R. Smith

Additional perspectives on the ISTR 2024 conference are available in several blog posts written by ISTR Members published on the [Alliance Magazine](#) website:

[Participation as a form of Philanthropy in Flanders](#) by Imoleayo Adeyeri

[Young Voices at the Forefront of Change: Reflections on the ISTR 16th International Conference](#) by Thandi Makhubele

[Embracing Internationalisation and Multiculturalism: Reflections from the ISTR Global Conference](#) by Bruna de Morais Holanda

[How to foster a dialogue: Lessons from ISTR 2024](#) by Vuk Vuković

[ISTR 2024: Reflecting on Volunteer "Fit"](#) by Pat Danahey Janin

[A newly-formed affinity group on the Middle East at the ISTR conference in Antwerp](#) by Barbara Ibrahim

Opening Plenary: Tuesday July 16, 2024



ISTR President Mario Aquino Alves

ISTR President Mario Aquino Alves opened the conference and welcomed participants on behalf of the Board of Directors. He emphasized the importance of upholding academic freedom and engaging in the conference in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. He recognized ISTR's past leadership, including the ten past presidents in attendance, and reflected on the future of ISTR, mentioning the forthcoming publication *The Future of Third Sector Research* featuring contributions from many ISTR members. The publication will be open access. He also highlighted ISTR's upcoming regional conferences in the Philippines and Mexico and

our next international conference in Lisbon, Portugal.

Michael Meyer, Univ. Prof. Dr., Department Management, Institute for Nonprofit-Management, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business gave the opening keynote address. He was introduced by Peter Raeymaeckers, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Antwerp and Chair of the ISTR Local Host Committee. A recording of the presentation [is available here](#).

The title of his presentation was “**Management in Times of Crises: Selling your Soul or Boosting your Resilience?**” In his presentation, Michael Meyer considered the positive and negative side effects of professionalization and business-like management. The many benefits include enhanced efficiency, effectiveness and skill development. The negative side effects can include mission drift, resource strain,



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employee stress, and inequity and exclusion among organizations. He pointed out that research used to be very negatively oriented towards professionalization, but this has changed in the last 10 years and the view is much more positive now.

He reported on the findings of research he has been involved in, including the Civil Life of Cities Lab project. The takeaway is that management does not harm societal functions of nonprofits and that there is a positive connection between

professional organizing and democratic engagement. Michael Meyer concluded with his six recommendations for using management strategies to strengthening nonprofits' mission fulfillment:

1. Engage in strategic planning – it avoids mission drift and is positively associated with service and advocacy
2. Improve governance for financial stability – develop internal routines, develop a supervisory board separate from the executive board, adopt poly-centric governance, and be transparent
3. Implement smart impact measurement tools – should be based on lean data and should benefit from IT and AI

4. Appreciate the benefits of bureaucracy – adopt clear communication channels, routines, rules and reporting
5. Dance with your informal structure – be aware of it and make use of it
6. Keep calm and carry on – the more turbulent the sea gets the more important the sector becomes.

The keynote was closely tied to the special conference track organized by the local Antwerp hosts on “The Impact of New Public Management on the Third Sector: Comparative and Critical Case Studies.” Several conference papers from this track will be part of a special issue of Nonprofit Policy Forum.

Special Plenary: Democracy in Crisis: Civil Society at Stake **Thursday July 18, 2024**

This special plenary featured a curated conversation discussing the role and position of civil society in the context of various turbulent changes resulting from the pandemic, military conflicts, and increased digitalisation. A recording is [available here](#) (the audio is complete, unfortunately the camera does not capture the speakers sitting off center stage). The discussion focused on the critical issue of democratic decline in various parts of the world and its impact on civil society.

The session was expertly **moderated by Joseph Elborn, Executive Director of the Evens Foundation**, working in the democracy space. He started the session off by emphasizing that foundation leaders are deeply interested in issues of democracy and how to support it. He also utilized live polling software to engage the real time views of the audience. **The panelists** were:

Maciej Duszczczyk, Professor at the University of Warsaw and is Under Secretary of State responsible for migration policy. His research areas are migration, integration policy, social policy and European integration.

Nina Hall, Assistant Professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Europe. Her research focuses on transnational advocacy and international organizations.

Khoo Ying Hooi, Associate Professor at the Department of International and Strategic Studies, Universiti Malaya. Her research lies at the intersection of human rights, democratisation and civil society actors focusing on Southeast Asia.



Special Plenary Panelists: Maciej Duszczczyk, Khoo Ying Hooi, Nina Hall and moderator Joseph Elborn

The panelists discussed different perspectives on how much trouble democracy is in, what the drivers of decline are, and what tools democracies can use to restore it. Major disruptions like the pandemic, migration, and armed conflicts caused shocks to the system that required new rules and change perspectives. Emerging digital forms of democracy are changing citizen engagement methods and impacting who can participate. All of these factors cause tensions in democracies which are not limited to low functioning democracies. These conversations led to a reflection on what kinds of democracy we are talking about. Khoo Ying Hooi asked the question “Why are people so obsessed with democracy?”

The panelists discussed the perspective of today’s youth, whose adoption of technology and experience with the pandemic impact their perspectives on democracy. Young people are frustrated by the structural barriers to leadership and get turned off to democracy and politics. Those outside the country pushing for increased democratic engagement are having trouble selling these ideas to people who cannot see the immediate benefits of democratic values.

There is a general consensus that the state of democracy is depressing, but the panelists did identify some glimmers of hope for the role of the third sector in democracy. Nina Hall described the huge turnouts in New Zealand in support of upholding Maori sovereignty. Maciej Duszczuk sees hope in the mobilization of societies in support of migrants, as he has experienced in Poland, but he cautioned that this also raises additional questions. Koo Ying Hooi emphasized that democracy is the result of protest and overturning power, and that contentious politics are necessary for democratic development. With this in mind, perhaps some countries are along the path toward improvement.

Looking ahead, the panelists commented on where scholars should pay more attention. Their ideas include:

- Illiberal actors and how they work
- The increase in private actors engaging in the social sector – like law firms, celebrities – blurred boundaries with who is in the sector
- More specialization in activities in the sector – change the ecology of what we research
- The trust deficit impacting civil society – the UN is not functioning, democracy is failing us, money being poured into countries has not worked. Where will these societies go? South-south cooperation is more sustainable, change must come from within. Civil society needs to be more strategic about how to get the message out.

Saad Ibrahim Memorial Roundtable: The Scholar-Activist Role in Catalyzing Social Transformation

Tuesday July 16, 2024



Saad Ibrahim Memorial Roundtable

Among the legacies Saad Eddin Ibrahim contributed to the social sciences is a complex understanding of how scholarly work intersects with the work of active citizenship. Over a long career, his involvement in democratic movements across the Arab region informed and revised his scholarly writing. This memorial session addressed the definitions of a scholar-activist. How does it differ from one's role as a participant observer as a research method? Or as a proponent of community-

engaged research? What are some of the potential costs and rewards of taking this career path? The speakers drew on theory and personal experience to engage these questions. In interaction with the audience, speakers explored the role of governments, academia and larger public audiences in shaping the trajectory of a scholar-activist.

Moderator: Heidi Brooks, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Panelists:

- **Elie Abouaoun**, Saint Joseph University, based in Tunisia
- **Asef Bayat**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
- **Hania Sholkamy**, American University in Cairo, Egypt

This roundtable was made possible by a gift from the family of Saad Ibrahim in his memory.

Professional Development Workshops

Several workshops and opportunities were hosted to advance the professional development of ISTR Members. This year we partnered with the GivingTuesday Data Commons to organize a special professional development track. A summary of all the workshops is provided below. [Detailed descriptions are available here.](#)

Meet the Journal Editors

New this year, ISTR hosted an open house for twelve journal editors to display their journals and invite conversations from potential authors and readers.

Preparing Early for the Job Market

This workshop discussed how to survey the job market now and develop an individualized roadmap for maximizing your future marketability while completing your dissertation or thesis.

Presenter: Chris Pallas, Kennesaw State University.

Getting Work Done: Managing Your Time and Motivation

This workshop discussed common challenges to making consistent progress in your research, exercises that will help you identify the particular causes of your lack of time or motivation, and how to develop a personal toolkit of solutions that you use to overcome the blockages you face.

Presenters: Christopher Pallas, Kennesaw State University and Keratilo Mogotsi, Chatham University

Being an A+ Journal Reviewer and Boosting Your Own Research in the Process

This workshop highlighted the ways in which being an effective reviewer for journals in the field of nonprofit and third sector studies can help boost your own research productivity and effectiveness.

Presenters: Susan Appe, SUNY at Albany, Co-Editor-in-chief of *Voluntas* and Dyana Mason, University of Oregon, and Associate Editor of NVSQ.

Exploring the Histories and Data of Internationalism: The Union of International Associations (UIA) in Past and Present

This session introduced different aspects of UIA's history, collections and activities, highlighting its potential uses for both researchers and a variety of organisations. Daniel Laqua, Northumbria University, outlined the background and development of UIA, while Elizabeth Bloodgood, Concordia University, presented examples of how UIA data has been used by third sector researchers.



GivingTuesday Data Commons professional development track:
Research, practice, policy and impact

GivingTuesday Data Sampler: Pre-conference Data Access Salon

This Salon invited researchers and data scientists to learn how to access and benefit from the various global databases and available products [GivingTuesday Data Commons](#) offers.

ASSORT: Reducing the cost of humanitarian logistics - standardizing aid for sorting in the supply chain

Aid Standards for Sorting (ASSORT) are a set of interoperability standards that are designed to homogenize aid shipments across the grassroots humanitarian sector in order to enable more efficient supply chains, and ultimately facilitate faster aid distributions (from ordering to distribution). This panel discussed the design, deployment, and findings of the ASSORT project with implications for humanitarian organizations and future research.

Beyond the Abstract: Collaborating with Media, Policymakers, and Practitioners to Amplify your Research

This workshop provided tools to develop and implement effective research dissemination strategies, including non-academic publications, introduction to data walks, scientific communication (how to speak about your research), finding the right charts etc, and monitoring & evaluation frameworks.

Beyond the 990 Form: Exploring generosity trends and donor behavior through tax data

GivingTuesday has developed an open central repository of historical 990 data from foundations, data platforms, charity regulators etc. in collaboration with Aspen Institute's Nonprofit Open Data Collective. The GivingTuesday Data Commons is also building a prototype large language model on top of the 990 data which will allow a user to type a question and unlock information contained in sections of the form that aren't standardized, such as descriptions of nonprofit missions.

Research Rolodex: Matchmaking for Nonprofits and Academics

This space provided an opportunity for researchers and nonprofits to discuss potential partnerships.

The Heart of Humanity: How Generosity takes shape in diverse communities

Post-conference virtual panel

This panel will consist of GivingTuesday global leaders and hubs team to talk about the growth of the GivingTuesday movement, the impact of radical generosity and the work being done by the GivingTuesday Data Commons on various dimensions of generosity around the world.

Affinity Group Meetings

These interest groups are structured around geography, thematic lines, or disciplines and afford opportunities for members to pursue specific interests within the overall concept of the Third Sector. Following on a call for expressions of interest, ISTR convened several new affinity groups in 2024. [A full report on the proceedings of each of the groups is available here.](#)

1. Research for Practice Affinity Group (new!)
2. Decolonizing Research Affinity Group (new!)
3. Research on Volunteering Affinity Group
4. Teaching and Learning Affinity Group
5. Social Innovation and Impact Affinity Group (new!)
6. Law and Regulation Affinity Group
7. Social Innovation and Impact Affinity Group (new!)
8. Law and Regulation Affinity Group
9. Affinity Group on Gender
10. Sustainability Affinity Group (new!)

ISTR Regional Networks

Europe and Neighbors Regional Network

In September 2023, ISTR together with the Maecenata Institute and the French Institute for Civil Society Organizations kickstarted discussions to launch the Europe and Neighbors Regional Network. While ISTR has always had a strong member presence in the European region, ISTR needed a platform for sharing scientific information and materials, publications, funding opportunities, calls for proposals, as well as offer and receive mutual aid and advice from the community. The conference in Antwerp offered the first opportunity for the network to meet in person to discuss what activities they might carry out together. To flesh these ideas out even further, Siri Hummel from the Maecenata Institute and Véronique Rioufol from the French Institute for Civil Society Organizations hosted a World Cafe discussion in advance of the network meeting. Those attending both the World Cafe and the Regional Network Meeting, moderated by ISTR Board Members Anna Domaradzka, Ruth Simsa, and Stijn Van Puyvelde, expressed interest in creating a more vibrant cooperation within the region. The group shared several ideas for future research and collaboration, listed below.

- Apply for a COST project and obtain funding for networking;
- Revive the Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project and conduct third sector mapping in European countries;
- Including practitioners who are active in research;
- Organize online presentations and workshops and promote content coming from European institutions, including the flash presentations for ongoing research projects;
- Offer skill-building programs;
- Offer some space for exchange around civil society studies methodologies;
- Work with ISTR to explore options for creating online Forum where members could post about research.

Asia Pacific Regional Network

Over 44 ISTR members from the Asia Pacific region packed into a warm room to discuss matters pertaining to our ISTR network. Adjunct Professor Carolyn Cordery (President-Elect) welcomed all to the meeting.

Farhat Naz and KJ George presented on how the Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur is taking forward the Asia Pacific newsletter that enters our in-boxes every month. They are continuing the tradition of highlighting third sector research in the region and also in published journals. It was great to meet the team and to hear of the plans for the future of the newsletter.

Professor Maria Faina Diola (ISTR Board Member) updated attendees on the upcoming 13th ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference which is being organised by the University of the Philippines. The host will be The National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) of University of the Philippines Diliman (UP D) in partnership with the College of Social Sciences, UP Cebu who are providing the Conference venue from April 23-25, 2025. Abstracts and proposals are due by October 31th 2024.

A discussion took place about possible webinars in the interim between conferences. Ideas for three webinars will be held in the next 9 months.



- Research for practice webinar – Dana Doan, Linda van der Wijk, and Faina Diola
- Third Sector methods in the Asia Pacific – Craig Furneaux
- The impact of Professor Naoto Yamauchi – Yu Ishida

Possible sites for an Asia Pacific conference in 2027 was discussed and an offer from the Indian Institute of Technology will be considered!

Left: Yu Ishida gave a remembrance in honor of longtime ISTR member Naoto Yamauchi who recently passed away

Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Network

The Latin American and Caribbean meeting brought together 30 participants. ISTR President Mario Aquino Alves presented a report on the previous regional network meeting held in São Paulo in October 2023.



Pablo Marsal Baraldi, ISTR Board Member, was introduced and he gave an update on the LAC Newsletter which he produces from Argentina.

A report on the 14th ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference was made by the conference host, Humberto Muñoz Grandé from the University of Anáhuac. The

conference will be held in Mexico City, from July 2 to 4, 2025. A PhD Seminar will be hosted July 1-2, 2025. This year the conference will be held in partnership with The Mexican Center for Philanthropy (CEMEFI). Romina Farias from CEMEFI participated in sharing the status of preparations.

The theme of the conference is “Governance, innovation and new associative forms for the common good in Latin America and the Caribbean.” The call for contributions and call for applications for the PhD Seminar will be available mid-September.

Several interviews and short pieces about the LAC group at the conference are available in the [July LAC Newsletter](#).

Africa Regional Network

Shauna Mottiar (ISTR Board Member) reported on the activities of the Africa Regional Newsletter. The newsletter is currently published twice a year and the aim is to increase this to four times a year. There are currently three editors: Shauna Mottiar, Heidi Brooks and Jonas Dzinekou – two more editors will join on the next publication: Karembé Ahimbisibwe and Keratilo Mogotsi.

Content is currently news items about the third sector in Africa and the global south but also conferences, workshops and seminars which may be of interest to scholars and practitioners working in civil society, social movements and the third sector. Content also covers recent publications and useful research resources. More creative and interesting ways to engage with the newsletter will be considered.

What about an ISTR Africa Regional Conference? It is important for Africa to host an ISTR conference / workshop / event which could also mean hosting the ISTR Board. Funding is being sought for the possibility of doing this in the second half of 2025 – tentatively hosted by the Centre for Civil Society at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, but this is still to be discussed / determined and any input is welcome. Possible themes for the Africa conference were discussed. We hope to raise the needed funding for this event. Stay tuned!

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

A dozen scholars from seven countries in the MENA region held a planning meeting to form a regional network dedicated to addressing the distinct needs of their contexts. Indeed, ongoing problems such as protracted conflict, forced migration, climate change, political fragility, and economic stagnation continue to challenge the MENA region and demand greater levels of research. The meeting commenced with a round of introductions. In principle, all participants expressed their enthusiasm to support and engage in this affinity group, especially with the scarcity of active and effective platforms that bring together scholars and academics interested in non-profit research in the MENA region.

The participants agreed upon the urgent need for greater communication and collaboration among and between scholars and practitioners operating on such problems. Preliminary goals for the group include the establishment of an academic newsletter and a quarterly virtual research meeting with rotating hosts where ongoing research and other news can be exchanged among network members. Medium and long-term projects include publishing special edition journals and edited volume collections.

The scholars and practitioners in the new network identified a number of problems and research areas in need of further exploration. A major priority discussed was the need to incorporate collective healing and communal rebuilding into otherwise conventional post-conflict humanitarian and development settings. Related concerns include the problems of cross-border giving and financial access in securitized geo-political contexts. Routine challenges of local capacity building bottlenecks, political instrumentalization, and the shrinking of civil society were also discussed.

Looking forward to late 2025, the group also hopes to work with ISTR to convene a regional meeting or workshop around themes that emerge as a common interest in the group. Three research universities and institutes were identified as potential hosts for the regional meeting. Other members of ISTR are cordially invited to join the MENA network by contacting the Secretariat.

Award Presentations

The following awards were presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday evening July 18, 2024. Full descriptions of each award are available on the ISTR website.



Best Paper Award 2022

Leonie Lockstone-Binney, Kirsten Holmes, Lucas Meijs, Melanie Oppenheimer, Debbie Haskie-Leventhal, and Ross Taplin. Growing the Volunteer Pool: Identifying Non-Volunteers Most Likely to Volunteer.

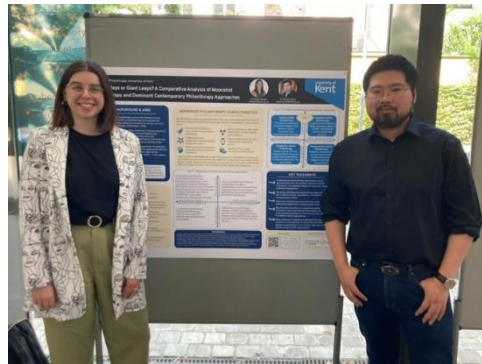
Best Paper Award 2023

Rachel Castellano. Opportunities and Obstacles: Consulting Civil Society Organizations and Human Trafficking Policy.



Lester M. Salamon Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award 2024

Timothy Mann, "Cause Lawyering in a Fragile Democracy: The Indonesian Foundation of Legal Aid Institutes (YLBHI)," University of Melbourne, Australia. This award was presented by Dr. Salamon's son, Matt Salamon.



Best Poster 2024

Steph Haydon and Weinan Wang, Centre for Philanthropy, University of Kent, "Small Steps or Giant Leaps? A Comparative Analysis of Moonshot Philanthropy and Market-Based Philanthropy"



3 Minute Thesis

Tererai Obey Sithole, "Personal circumstances as drivers of aid rendered by citizen initiatives for global solidarity (CIGS) in response to the Ukraine war induced Humanitarian crisis"

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