Name of Center

Center for Civil Society
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About the Center

Located in the global city of Los Angeles, the Center for Civil Society is the focal point for the UCLA School of Public Affairs’ programs and activities in nonprofit leadership and management, grassroots advocacy, nongovernmental organizations, and philanthropy. The Center coordinates teaching on nonprofit organizations and aspects of civil society; conducts research at the regional, national and international levels; and offers seminars, conferences, colloquia, and executive education as part of our community engagement. In undertaking these mutually supporting activities, we seek to contribute to the policy dialogue on the current and future role of nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and civil society. Helmut K. Anheier (Ph.D. Yale University, 1986) serves as Director of the Center and is a Professor of Public Policy and Social Welfare in the School of Public Affairs.

Major Education Initiatives:

- Graduate and undergraduate courses focusing on nonprofit organizations and civil society
- Executive Education: Development of case studies of local nonprofits, as well as a compendium of good practices, to hone leadership, management and executive problem-solving skills. Two- and three-day sessions will be offered
- Nonprofit Clinics: one-day intensive skill development workshops to build the capacity of local nonprofit executives and community leaders

Major Research Projects:

- Southern California Reports mapping the nonprofit and community sector, and civil society institutions more generally.
- Philanthropy: The “Roles and Impact of Foundations to American Society,” Creative Philanthropy
- Journal of Civil Society, a peer reviewed journal for research and policy analysis of civil society
- International: World Cultures Yearbook and Global Civil Society Yearbook