



ISTR Asia Pacific Regional PhD Seminar
School of Global Studies
Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus
Bangkok, Thailand
PhD Seminar: July 13-14, 2019
Regional Conference: July 15-16, 2019

Call for Applications

The International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), in collaboration with the School of Global Studies at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand, will host a PhD Seminar for approximately 20 PhD students at all stages of their doctoral research in topics related to the Third Sector, i.e., civil society, the nonprofit sector, philanthropy, social economy, social investment, venture philanthropy, corporate social investment and volunteerism, among others.

The PhD Seminar is scheduled for July 13-14, 2019 prior to the 11th ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference, co-hosted by the School of Global Studies, Thammasat University and Center for Civil Society and Philanthropy, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). The conference will be held at NIDA July 15-16, 2019 and will address themes that include private sector giving, impact investing, sustainable development goals, philanthropy, civil society and various other topics. PhD Seminar students are required to attend the conference.

About the PhD Seminar

ISTR hosts regular PhD Seminars in conjunction with its biennial international conferences and also at the regional level in the alternate years. The ISTR Asia Pacific PhD Seminar is open to all doctoral students in the field of third sector and civil society research, from all countries, and at all stages of their doctoral research. The aim of the workshop is to provide doctoral students with the opportunity to receive extensive intellectual and methodological advice on their doctoral research from peers and scholars, to introduce them to main theories and developments in the field, to reflect upon publication and career strategies, and to provide an opportunity to network with scholars within the international ISTR research community.

The core of the seminar will focus on the research of the individual students. Applicants submit an abstract outlining their doctoral topic, state of the art, methodology, and methods intended to be applied for his or her research project. During the seminar, the students' research projects are intensively discussed in parallel small working groups. Participants will be grouped thematically, but the group composition will be heterogeneous in terms of concrete research topics, disciplinary background, research stage, method, and regional affiliation.

The seminar will also include workshops with presentations on professional development topics by leading scholars.

Application guidelines – Deadline February 11, 2019

Approximately 20 doctoral students will be accepted. Students must be currently enrolled in a university and must be able to attend the entire PhD Seminar and Regional Conference. The PhD

Seminar will start in the morning on July 13, 2019 and conclude in the afternoon of July 14, 2019. The Regional Conference begins the next morning on July 15, 2019 and concludes the afternoon of July 16, 2019. Participants are expected to arrive July 12, 2019.

ISTR will cover the cost of shared room accommodation for 2 nights (July 12 and July 13) and meals during the PhD Seminar. Limited travel support is available to supplement support the student's university can provide. Accepted students must become members of ISTR and register and attend the Regional Conference. Registration subsidies may be available. Past participants of ISTR Seminars are welcome to apply to participate.

To apply, please complete the online form here before the January 15 deadline:

<https://www.istr.org/page/AP2019PhD>

All applications must include the following information:

- Full name and gender
- Contact details (including e-mail and phone number)
- Disciplinary background
- Institutional affiliation and name(s) of the supervisor(s)
- Working title of PhD project and formal start/end dates
- Indication of the stage of your research
- Abstract of PhD research (min. 500 – max. 800 words). The abstract must include: research questions, theoretical framework, methods, and results if already applicable
- Feedback needed on your PhD research
- Letter from your faculty advisor/department head providing 1) information about the quality of the candidate, 2) specific information about how participation in the PhD seminar would benefit your doctoral studies, and 3) a statement of financial support the university is able to provide in support of your participation in the PhD Seminar.
- A brief description (100-150 words) of your motivation to participate in the ISTR PhD Seminar
- Research Keywords

ISTR will consider all applications that are complete and meet the eligibility criteria. In line with ISTR's mission to build a global community of scholars and subscribe to the values of diversity and pluralism, participants in the ISTR Asia Pacific PhD Seminar will be representative in terms of gender and region, as well as disciplines and stages in the PhD process.

For further inquiries, please contact Megan Haddock, ISTR Program Manager, mhaddock@istr.org

Selected applicants will be notified by March 11, 2019.