



ISTR Asia Pacific Regional PhD Seminar
University Malaysia Sabah
Sabah, Malaysia

PhD Seminar: 5-6 December 2022
Regional Conference: 7-9 December 2022

Call for Applications

The International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), in collaboration with the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, will host a seminar for 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 5-6 December 2022 prior to the 12th ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference, also hosted by Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

About the PhD Seminar

ISTR hosts PhD Seminars in conjunction with its biennial international and regional conferences. 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 any stage of their doctoral research. The aim of the workshop is to provide doctoral students with:

1. the opportunity to receive extensive intellectual and methodological advice on their research from peers and scholars,
2. to introduce them to main theories and developments in the field,
3. to reflect upon publication and career strategies, and
4. to provide an opportunity to network with scholars within the international ISTR research community.

The central focus of the seminar will be on the research of the individual students. Applicants are to submit an abstract outlining their doctoral topic, state of the art, methodology, and methods to be applied for their research project. During the seminar, the students' research projects are 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

A maximum of 20 doctoral students will be accepted. Past participants of ISTR Seminars are welcome to apply to participate. Students must be currently enrolled in a university and must be able to attend the entire PhD Seminar and Regional Conference. The PhD Seminar is expected to start mid-day on 5 December 2022 and conclude in the afternoon of 6 December 2022. The Regional Conference begins on

7 December 2022 and concludes on 9 December 2022. PhD Seminar participants are expected to arrive on or before the morning of 5 December 2022.

ISTR will cover the cost of shared room accommodation for 2 nights (4 and 5 December 2022) and meals during the PhD Seminar. Accepted students must become members of ISTR and register and attend the Regional Conference. Limited registration subsidies for PhD students may be available, please email secretariat@istr.org to apply.

To apply to the PhD seminar, please complete the online form

<https://www.istr.org/page/APPhDSeminar> before 9 September 2022 deadline:

The PhD Seminar application requests the following information:

1. Full name
2. Contact details
3. Disciplinary background
4. Institutional affiliation and name(s) of the supervisor(s)
5. Working title of PhD project and formal start/end dates
6. Indication of the stage of your research
7. Abstract of PhD research (min. 500 – max. 800 words). The abstract must include: research questions, theoretical framework, methods, and results if already applicable
8. Feedback needed on your PhD research
9. Document confirming your status as a student, preferably in the form of a letter from your supervisor/department head providing
 - a) information about the quality of the candidate,
 - b) specific information about how participation in the PhD seminar would benefit your doctoral studies, and
 - c) a statement of financial support the university is able to provide in support of your participation in the PhD Seminar.
10. A brief description (100-150 words) of your motivation to participate in the ISTR PhD Seminar
11. 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, Director of Programs, mhaddock@istr.org

Selected applicants will be notified by 3 October 2022