EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings from Bangkok! What a whirlwind week it has been: ISTR’s 15th Global Conference in Montreal was impressive and full of momentum, despite all COVID-19 related challenges.

The focus of the conference was “Navigating in turbulent times: Perspectives and contributions of the third sector”. This theme was addressed by participants from all parts of the world, from a broad range of topics such as the impact of the pandemic on management and governance, the regulatory environment, voluntarism, social innovation, decolonization, climate change, and more. I can’t count the times I heard “I wish I could split myself in two”, to which I could only answer “or three or four”. There were so many interesting parallel sessions going on that it was hard to choose which ones to attend.

The Lester M. Salamon Tribute Series, organized to highlight the impact of Lester M. Salamon's research on studies of the Third Sector, celebrated the depth and breadth of his work, and the work of the Centre for Civil Society Studies in the Johns Hopkins’ Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project (CNP). The plenary session looked back on the CNP project, while keynote speaker Helmut Anheir made a case for looking forward to perhaps a broader approach to the research, including values and sociologies. Panellist Edith Archambault also argued that in order not to lose momentum, CNP research needs to be linked in a dialogue with other research.
ISTR, now 30 years young, spent its first 26 years at John Hopkins University, before becoming independent. In Montreal, another big step towards sustainability and preservation of data was made by donating the archives of the ISTR to the Rockefeller Archive Centre.

Just how great a job the conference organizers did in scheduling sessions became very clear when I presented a paper, also on behalf of my co-authors who could not make it to Montreal, in a session titled “Developments in the South” on Wednesday 13 July 2022. The content of the three papers presented within the session was perfectly complementary, which made the discussion afterwards with the audience, both offline and online, very meaningful. Presenting a paper at an international academic conference was a first for me but, thanks to the moderator and the other presenters, as well as the general atmosphere. It was not frightening at all.

All hybrid sessions of the conference are recorded, and those recordings will be made available online for ISTR members (for 1-2 months). The professional development sessions, keynote, and Lester Salamon sessions will be available on the ISTR website as well. Stay tuned! A big and personal thanks to the local host committee led by the tireless Elizabeth Bloodgood, the conference academic committee, and countless volunteers.

Was the conference tiring? Yes! Was the conference inspirational? For sure! Did I learn a lot and did I meet a lot of people, did we connect? Without a doubt! Am I now looking forward to the next conference? Absolutely! The next conference is the regional Asia-Pacific conference in Sabah, Malaysia, from 7 to 9 December 2022 with as theme “Active Civil Society: Post-crisis Rebuilding, Mobilising and Innovating”. Abstracts can be submitted until 1 September 2002.

In this newsletter issue we have selected three abstracts for you: “How Did Homeless Support Nonprofit Organization Respond to the COVID-19: A Case Study of NPO, Sendai Yomawari Group” by Takayuki Nitta in the Nonprofit Review; “Non-Profit Advocacy in Russia’s Regions” by Ulla Pape and Yulia Skokova; and, “The Consumption of Power of the Politically Powerless: The Yellow Economy in Hong Kong” by Debby Chan in the Journal of Civil Society.

Enjoy this newsletter!!

Linda
In Spotlight:
The 7th ISTR PhD seminar in Montreal

By Linda van der Wijk

Despite all the troubles, the ISTR2022 PhD seminar kicked off on 10 July with a large presence of PhD Students physically present in Montreal and an online channel for those who unfortunately could not make it in person. After a warm welcoming by co-chairs André-Anne Parent, from the Université de Montréal, Canada and Andrea Bassi, University of Bologna, Italy, Deena White from the University of Montreal gave an informative presentation on Civil Society in Quebec. Those of us in Montreal then split up in 6 groups, with faculty as facilitators, to discuss their abstracts and research ideas.

The first evening, after a workshop on cross border research, we climbed up Mount Royal for a picnic at the Beaver Lake. With the beautiful weather that certainly made for a nice hike after sitting in the classroom all day.

Day two started with small group presentations. In the afternoon there was a choice of workshops, one, “in Conversation with the Editor” with former Voluntas Editor, and current ISTR Board Member, Ruth Simsa (Vienna University of Economics & Business); and, the “Research Integrity and Wellbeing in Academic” by ISTR Board Member Anna Damaradzka (University of Warsaw), who is also a PhD Seminar alumna (2012) herself!

In the evening, faculty, participants and ISTR Board Members shared a great dinner, again an excellent opportunity to get to know each other better.

Day three was exciting, with a competition in which 11 participants pitched their research in 3-minute presentations. The competition was won by Jennifer Kruwinnus from Australia, whose research is on ‘increasing the gender balance in non-profit CEO positions’.

It was an incredible experience for me to present in front of fellow PhD students and get feedback from them, as well as from the professors. The discussions were collegial, open, frank, and constructive. Not only that, but the program was also clearly designed for getting to know each other’s research better and establishing bonds. Being able to share convictions, as well as doubts, with people researching in the same field certainly will bring about professional development in the future.

ISTR regional conferences also run PhD seminars. The next regional conference in Malaysia for the Asia-Pacific region, for example, will have the PhD seminar from 05 to 06 December 2022. It is worth applying for!
If you have attended an ISTR PhD seminar so far, please do join the Facebook group for PhD Seminar Alumni and the LinkedIn group. Also, a PhD Seminar Alumni Newsletter is in the works, so alumni can sign up for that, and contribute to it (email to: istr.phd.newsletter@gmail.com).

A big thank you goes to Megan Haddock, ISTR’s Director of Programs, co-chairs André-Anne and Andrea, the entire faculty team involved, the hosts at Concordia University, and last but not least to fellow participants!

Core Academic Journals
The Nonprofit Review, Volume 21, Issue 1-2

I Selected Abstract
How Did Homeless Support Nonprofit Organization Respond to the COVID-19?: A Case Study of NPO, Sendai Yomawari Group
Takayuki Nitta

Abstract: How is it possible to support the homeless in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? This paper examines the homeless support activities of the NPO Sendai Yomawari Group as a case study, and discusses what decisions the NPOs made and how they carried out homeless support activities based on those decisions. We identified the vulnerabilities and challenges of NPOs revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, the strong sense of mission of NPO and the empathy of the staff have led to innovative ideas and initiatives overcoming the crisis.

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Non-Profit Advocacy in Russia’s Regions

Ulla Pape and Yulia Skokova

Abstract: How do nonprofit organizations (NPOs) engage in advocacy in closed political regimes? This article studies nonprofit advocacy in Russia by focusing on strategies and explanatory factors. We argue that Russian NPOs rely on collaborative rather than confrontational strategies. They use official channels, personal contact with state officials, strategies for resource exchange and evidence-based advocacy. Based on empirical research in eight regions, we show that nonprofit advocacy depends on both external (contextual) and internal (organizational) factors. NPOs have greater opportunity to engage in advocacy when the subnational institutional context and the policy field allow for their active participation in policy formation and implementation. Moreover, NPOs are more successful in their advocacy when they strategically use their capabilities (e.g., knowledge, expertise and skills) and emphasize mutual trust, loyalty and readiness to compromise. Our findings point to the relevance of collaborative forms of advocacy, particularly in constrained political environments such as Russia.

The Consumption Power of the Politically Powerless: The Yellow Economy in Hong Kong

Debby Chan

Abstract: Although the literature on political consumerism is prolific, political consumerism as a form of domestic political resistance is under-explored. The nascent ‘Yellow Economy’ in Hong Kong – in which citizens have boycotted pro-government (‘blue’) business and boycotted pro-democracy (‘yellow’) businesses – is an economic front of the pro-democracy movement that emerged in 2019. With rising political threats following the imposition of the national security law, street protests and other forms of contention politics have been stifled. The Yellow Economy, however, has become a new protest repertoire that has helped to sustain the movement. Drawing upon 26 semi-structured interviews with the Yellow Economy’s supporters from May to July 2020, as well as secondary data including newspaper articles, this article finds that a shared collective identity among pro-democracy
citizens primarily gives rise to consumer activism in Hong Kong. Even though the initiative could not yield intended outcomes, i.e., resource mobilization and political opportunity expansion, pro-democracy citizens have continued engaging in political consumerism to express their solidarity. Furthermore, consumer activism and pro-democracy citizens’ identity are mutually reinforcing.

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**Australia Probono: Major Charities See Increase in Donations, But Need For Services is Increasing**

*Samantha Freestone*

Several major charities across Australia have told Pro Bono News they are seeing an increase in donations, or are continuing to meet their targets; but all have said that demand for services in increasing more than ever.
St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria CEO, Julia Cambage, said the charity is seeing an increase in people coming forward for help. People are being impacted by cost-of-living pressures, with food overwhelmingly being the biggest request received by that charity, with demand steadily increasing.

Cambage said the St Vincent de Paul Society is forecasting – in line with soaring energy bills – need will increase again during October and November.

“We’re seeing an increase in demand from people on disability and aged pensions who are affected by cost of living pressures because they often have additional medical expenses to deal with. We’re also seeing the impact on people in regional and urban fringe areas who have been hit by fuel bills.” (Cambage).

Both Mallee Family Care CEO Terest Jayet, and The Smith Family, aid they are seeing similar trends.

**Report on Asia Pacific Regional Network Meeting ISTR Montreal**

Carolyn Cordery and Kinman Chan

At the end of Day 2 of the ISTR International Conference, 18 members from the Asia Pacific region met to discuss matters of interest. We are blessed by the regular regional newsletter for the members managed by Fengshi Wu, Qianjin Zhang, Linda van der Wijk, and Tahlia McKee, and now being contributed to by scholars, practitioners, and graduate students around the region.

Regional networks offer opportunities for research collaboration and of course we discussed the upcoming conference from 7-9 December in Sabah, Malaysia and the PhD seminar for two days before that (click [here](#) for more details). We discussed past and potential future webinars (available [here](#)). Specifically:

- **December 07, 2021** – Panel Presentation: Theories for Research: Asia Pacific Responses to Dominant Theories in Civil Society. If you wish to extend this discussion on de-colonising theories to promote work in the South, please get in touch.

- **February 23, 2022** - Responding to Crises: Civil Society Experiences in Different Asia-Pacific Regimes. Given that this is the topic of our upcoming conference, please submit abstracts by **01 September 2022**.
Topics for future webinars put forward, include:

- The availability of research grants in countries in our region – Who is sponsoring research or providing support for travel/conferences within the region? Ideally there would be more than one presenter from different countries to share in a workshop format.
- Transnational / transregional philanthropy.
- Decolonizing knowledge (more generally) to promote work in the South.
- Supporting scholars to publication – Resources for the global South.

If anyone would like to volunteer to present or chair a webinar of one of these topics or another, please get in touch with either Carolyn Cordery (Carolyn.cordery@vuw.ac.nz) or Kinman Chan (kmchancuhk@gmail.com).

**Call for Papers, Conferences and Other Resources**

**Special Issue of the Journal of Management Studies**

**Deadline for Submissions: 01 September 2022**

In the present situation, with the aftermath of a global pandemic, extreme weather events, geopolitical tensions, terrorism, religious extremism, wars, cyber espionage, street violence, interferences in democratic elections, and declining trust in democratic systems we may be in what some commentators call an age of ‘normalized unprecedentedness’ (Atwater, 2021). Although we may wish that research on extreme contexts should be of little importance, these patterns point to the opposite. Research in this domain is indeed important and critical for increasing society’s ability to cope with the present and future situation at hand.

This issue has three primary themes: (i) Temporality, (ii) Embodiment, and (iii) Materiality. As such, potential themes of papers might include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The impact of time pressure on strategizing and the formulation of strategies in extreme contexts;
- The enactment of past, present, and future in formulating crisis response strategies;
- The regulation of emotions in self and others when organizing and strategizing in risky situations;
- Sensory knowledge in managing and coordinating emergency work (i.e., hospitals, police, firefighters, and so on);
• The impact of consistent physical threat on teas and organizations.

Please visit [here](#) for the full call for papers.

**Resilient Urban Communities Conference**

06 – 08 December 2022

Resilient Urban Communities (‘RUC’) is a collaborative African-German research project that addresses select Sustainable Development Goals (‘SDGs’), SDGs 4 and 11; Respectively, quality education and sustainable cities and communities.

As the complexities of urban life in Africa grow, social enterprises, communities as well as local leaders are at the forefront of finding sustainable solutions to poverty and inadequate housing, hunger and health, clean water, energy, environmental degradation and climate change, and infrastructure among others. Such challenges are tackled by activists, non-profit organizations, and social enterprises partnering with governments and the private sector to ensure inclusive, equitable, and sustainable communities.

The project is a means of exploring supportive and hindering ecosystem factors and enterprise characteristics typical in marginalized urban neighbourhoods. The lessons learned will be summarized in a handbook meant to guide city officials, promoting agencies, and SE leaders. It will also broaden interest in, and approaches to, research and dissemination of knowledge in areas encompassing good governance in SE, NPO and local government; Particularly with regard to how urban supply systems and infrastructure can be improved to better livelihoods of communities living in African megacities. Key dates are as follows:

- **03 August 2022** – Deadline for abstract submissions.
- **03 September 2022** – Notification of acceptance or rejection to authors.
- **03 October 2022** – Deadline for acceptance of presentation videos deadline.
- **6-8 December 2022** – RUC conference and seminars.

See [here](#) for more information.

**CLAANZ Annual Conference**

Charity Law Regulation in Australia and New Zealand – 10 Years On
The Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (CLAANZ) was initially established in response to the emerging need for quality, accountable, charity-related legal services. They are delighted to announce that registrations for its annual conference are now open.

The conference will be held on 29 July 2022 at Arnold Bloch Leibler, Level 21, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne. Morning and afternoon tea, in addition to a light lunch, will be provided. Once again, CLAAZ is offering virtual attendance at the conference via Zoom.

The conference will include an address by Minister Andrew Leigh, MP, as well as reflections from administrator and sector perspectives. Topics which will be discussed include, but are not limited to, charity and change law, the exercise of charity regulation administrative discretions, and conflicts of interest and post-charity establishment matters.

The full conference program and the link to register are available [here](#).

**Policy Options Series**

**Women and Insecure Work**

The Policy Options Series brings together policymakers, academics and researchers, advocates, practitioners and people with lived expertise to discuss major policy issues impacting Australia, and how we can best respond to them.

Key policy issues will be explored in a public event and Working Paper collection highlighting diverse voices and solutions. In the first of the series, the Sydney Policy Lab is working with Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Review (ANZTSR) to explore the crisis of insecure work in Australia and how it impacts women – who are more likely to be unemployed, under-employed, low paid, employed casually or in short-term work, or living in poverty.

The Policy Options series is an initiative of the Sydney Policy Lab's 'Strengthening Australian Civil Society' research initiative, which is supported by the Paul Ramsey Foundation. Key dates and times include:

- **17 August 2022** – Event from 12:00 – 13:30.

To register for the event, visit [here](#).
Ord Minnett For Purpose Virtual Conference 2022

Ord Minnett will be hosting a virtual conference on **03 and 10 August 2022**.

This conference will offer valuable insights from sector leaders and experts on a broad range of topics including the sector’s policy environment, practicable steps for sustainability and social impact.

ISTR member, and not-for-profits UWA’s, David Gilchrist will be presenting the opportunities and challenges faced by the sector under a new federal government in Australia during this conference.

Please find the full details, the schedule, and to register for sessions on **03 August** and **10 August**.

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**Job Vacancies**

**Australia**  
Associate Professor in Communication and Media Studies  
University of New South Wales  
Application Closing Date: 31 July 2022

**Germany**  
PhD Position in Archaeological Sciences  
University of Tubingen  
Application Closing Date: 31 July 2022

**Hong Kong**  
Senior Lecturer in Civil Society and Governance  
University of Hong Kong  
Application Closing Date: 31 July 2022

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Data Protection Law  
University of Hong Kong  
Application Closing Date: 30 July 2022
Senior Research Assistant in Social Work and Social Administration
University of Hong Kong
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

Sweden
PhD Position in Culture and Creativity
Lund University
Application Closing Date: 10 September 2022

PhD Position in Sustainability
Lund University
Application Closing Date: 10 September 2022

Postdoctoral Researcher in Work and Health
Lund University
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

United States
Professor in Social Sciences
University of Chicago
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Instructor in Human Resources and Labor Relations
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School of Social Sciences, University of New South Wales, Sydney, has been the host of the Newsletter.