Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy wherever you are located. Some of you might have been able to restart international travel as more countries reopen to fully vaccinated travellers. Hopefully we could get back to normal life soon!

In this issue of Newsletter, we selected three articles from the Journal of Civil Society and Nonprofit Management and Leadership, respectively covering the topics of civil society, nationally (Lebanon) and globally, and a study about humanitarian INGO governance. In addition, we are so pleased to introduce The Center on Philanthropy, a research centre based at The Beautiful Foundation. The Beautiful Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Korea, committed to spreading philanthropic culture and supporting neighbors in local communities. The foundation has been a long-time active institutional member of the ISTR family.

Is everyone getting ready for the Montreal conference? Five months to go! The registration will open soon in early March, and please look out for the email from ISTR. The PhD Seminar is still open for application. If you are a current doctoral student conducting research in the field of third sector in any academic discipline, please consider submitting your application. If you are supervising any doctoral students, please share the information with them.

Best wishes and enjoy reading!

Qianjin
亲爱的各位同事和朋友，

无论您身处世界何处，都祝福您平安健康。随着越来越多的国家打开国门，我相信很多朋友已经可以重启国际旅行了吧！希望我们都能够尽快回归正常的生活。

在这期通讯信中，我们在 Journal of Civil Society 和 Nonprofit Management and Leadership 两个期刊里选择了关于国家（黎巴嫩）和全球公民社会的研究，还选择了一篇关于人道主义国际非政府组织的治理研究。在本次的 In Spotlight 板块，我们非常荣幸介绍了美丽基金会（The Beautiful Foundation）下属的一家研究机构，The Center on Philanthropy。美丽基金会是位于韩国的一家致力于传播慈善文化和支持社区服务的非营利组织，也是 ISTR 在亚太地区的老朋友。

大家都开始准备蒙特利尔的会议了吗？还有五个月就开始了！会议注册将于三月初开放，请大家留意 ISTR 发送的邮件。另外，会议的博士生论坛（PhD Seminar）还在开放申请。如果您是从事第三部门研究的博士生，请考虑递交您的申请。如果您正在指导相关的博士生，也请您将这个信息分享给他们。

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In Spotlight: Third-Sector Research Centres in the Region
The Center on Philanthropy (The Beautiful Foundation, Korea)
By Minjung Chung

Set up in 2001, The Center on Philanthropy at The Beautiful Foundation is the first research hub in Korea which is wholly dedicated to the study of philanthropy and the non-profit sector. The Center facilitates the creation and maturation of a philanthropic culture in Korea through research, informative programs, publication, and developing networks. For the research, the Center focuses on the following projects:

1. **Giving Korea**: Conducted since 2000, Giving Korea is a data-driven study of the giving trends of South Korea. It aims to better promote a giving culture and make solid policy recommendations regarding donations in South Korea. Giving Korea reports published in 2006 to 2018 are currently available in English. The summary of each Giving Korea 2019, Giving Korea 2020, and Giving Korea 2021 will be released in March.

2. **Special Research**: Every year, the Center conducts research projects on specific themes that raise society's awareness of giving, improve the capabilities of nonprofits, and provide more efficient policies. The reports are only available in Korean for now.
3. **Global Projects**: The Center also follows international trends in research on philanthropy and participate in collaborative research projects with organizations across the globe, including the Doing Good Index by the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS) and the Global Philanthropy Index by Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy to further advance the efforts for a mature giving culture.

4. **Other Papers**: The Center provides papers and translated works on relevant topics for practitioners and the body of philanthropy research.

Please visit our website to learn more about The Beautiful Foundation and The Center on Philanthropy.

**Core Academic Journals**

**Journal of Civil Society, Volume 17, Issue 3-4**

I Selected Abstracts

**Negotiating Civic Space in Lebanon: The Potential of Non-Sectarian Movements**

*Sárá Vértes, Chris van der Borgh, and Antoine Buyse*

**Abstract**: Shrinking civic space is a global trend in governance impeding citizens’ enjoyment of the fundamental freedoms of association, expression and peaceful assembly. While deeply affected by this phenomenon, civil society organizations and collectives in Lebanon have cultivated a series of non-sectarian opposition movements that warrant an assessment of how these may contribute to reconciling deeply divided identities. The authors examine the specific challenges imposed on civil society in Lebanon’s hybrid democratic setting, where power and resources are allocated along confession-based cleavages. Additionally, they discuss the strategies through which Lebanese civil society collectives push back against government pressures and defend, as well as expand, their available room for manoeuvre. The strategies of two recent opposition movements are analysed: (i) the coalition ‘Kollouna Watani’, a crossover into politics for the 2018 Lebanese elections by actors originally associated with civil society organizations, and (ii) the mass protest movement starting in October 2019. The findings highlight these non-sectarian movements’ potential to promote cooperation among the fragmented realms of civil society, as well as the hardships of challenging well-established elites and their interests via formal politicization. In doing so, they also show the potential and agency of civil society to counter the phenomenon of shrinking civic space.

**Good Seed Makes a Good Crop? The Relationship Between Civil Society and Post-Independence Democracy Levels**

*Sandra Grahn and Anna Luhrmann*

**Abstract**: The impact of civil society on democracy is contested. Some argue that Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are important ‘schools of democracy’ and may foster democratic consolidation. Others emphasize that anti-democratic CSOs may undermine democracy. This debate is particularly relevant in the context of newly
independent states. At that critical juncture, both democratic and authoritarian regime trajectories are possible. Societal preconditions – such as the state of civil society – can therefore be particularly relevant for the way forward. To what extent does the nature of CSOs prior to independence have an impact on the subsequent level of democracy? We argue that the existence of democratic CSOs prior to independence strengthens post-independence democracy whereas non-democratic CSOs have a detrimental effect. For the first time, this argument is empirically tested, using Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) data on 91 cases of independence since 1905. The empirical results demonstrate that the presence of democratic CSOs prior to independence is positively correlated, whereas non-democratic CSOs are negatively correlated to democracy levels following independence.

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I Selected Abstracts

Humanitarian INGO Governance Arrangements and Forms of Coordination
Jonathan Beagles

Abstract: As international humanitarian nongovernmental organizations (INGOs) continue to adapt their global governance arrangements in response to changes in the external environment, these changes are creating new challenges for internal coordination. However, we know little about the relationship between these governance arrangements and the forms of internal coordination INGOs adopt. This paper provides a
comparative analysis of 40 INGO families with diverse backgrounds and approaches to humanitarian and development work. It examines the relationship between their global governance arrangements in terms of decision-making, integration, and membership; and the forms of internal coordination they adopt. The finding is that different forms of coordination are associated with membership size and resource disparity, combined with the varying needs for group-level capacity that comes with different forms of decision-making and integration.

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**CHATHAM House – Responsible Business Conference 2022**

03 March 2022

9:00 - 17:00 London | 20:00 – 4:00 Sydney

Environmental, social and governance ['ESG'] issues have been front of mind over the course of the pandemic. Sustainability-related initiatives and regulations have focused on stricter enforcement and monitoring of sustainability criteria signal that we cannot afford to revert to business as usual. In recent years, companies and investors have come under increasing pressure to consider the full spectrum of ESG issues, which carry more transparent and acute liabilities than ever. Additionally, the evolving consensus on corporate purpose highlights that the ‘S’ of ESG is no longer just an ethical and moral consideration, but a growing business and financial imperative.
This conference will explore how to mainstream ESG matters into meaningful business decision-making and will assess what it will take for responsible and resilient businesses to truly succeed in the long-term.

The keynote speaker for this conference is:

**John Glen MP: Economic Secretary to the Treasury, UK Government.**

Some of the panel members for this discussion are:

**James Alexander: Chief Executive, United Kingdom Sustainable Investment and Finance Association.**

**Marcel Haag: Director, Horizontal Policies.**

**Marianne Harper Gow: Director, Corporate Governance and Sustainability.**

**Harpreet Kaur: Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP Asia and the Pacific.**

To register online, please visit [here](#).

**CHATHAM House – Energy Transitions 2022 Conference**

14 March 2022

8:00 - 18:00 London | 19:00 – 5:00 Sydney

Growing calls for a green recovery and increasing public awareness, coupled with commitments by global governments and the private sector, have been crucial steps in paving the path to net-zero. However, the window of opportunity for action is closing and the world remains dangerously off-track to meet the goals laid out in the Paris Agreement. The vulnerability of energy systems has been ever more exposed with price spikes and the impacts of heightened geopolitical tensions on energy security. At the same time, the increasingly competitive landscape of renewable energy technologies is presenting new challenges and opportunities.

This year's conference, hosted in a hybrid format, enables in-person participants and a globally diverse virtual audience to engage in high-level panel discussions between business and industry leaders, policymakers, and the financial community.

The keynote speakers for this conference are:

**Håkan Agnevall: President and CEO of Wärtsilä.**
The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP: Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom Government.

Kadri Simson: Commissioner for Energy, European Commission.

To register online, please visit here.

2022 State of the World’s Volunteerism Report

Volunteerism is a powerful force, and an important part of the fabric of society. Globally, it remains an important vehicle for shaping and advancing development. Its potential to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development that delivers to all is, however, yet to be realized.

As countries and regions grapple with enormous challenges, one thing is clear: no single stakeholder, entity or sector can address these challenges alone. Now more than ever, partnerships are vitally important.

The fourth State of the World’s Volunteerism Report (SWVR) report, titled Building Equal and Inclusive Societies, shows that the ways in which volunteers and state authorities interact, collaborate and partner are vital for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Call for Papers

Call for Papers for a Special Issue in Genealogy Journal

Deadline for Submissions: 31 August 2022

The Genealogy Journal is seeking submissions for the issue: ‘Intergenerational Solidarity at the Beginning of the 21st Century’. The special issue seeks to highlight the fact that intergenerational solidarity should not be narrowed down to only health or social care sectors; Generations are, after all, not only age groups but also socio-cultural and economic formations. International solidarity is not only related to demographic processes – such as population ageing, migration or progressive depopulation – but also to the topics and challenges of democratic order, climate change, resource wars, unemployment induced by digitalization and automation, and education of generations.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this issue, please visit:

- Here for all author instructions; and
- Here for all article processing charges information.

View the full call for papers here.
Call for Papers for a Special Issue of Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership and Governance

Deadline for Submissions: 01 March 2022

The *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership and Governance* is seeking submissions for the issue: ‘The Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Nonprofit Human Service Organizations’. Crises and emergencies can be an opportunity to re-examine ideologies, worldviews and values, organizational structures, and service technologies. They are also an appropriate opportunity to scrutinize the status of organizations in the public sphere and their relationships with other actors. This special issue would provide a platform for theoretical and empirical articles which discuss the mission of Human Service Organizations generally (and especially) in times of crisis.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this special issue, please email hillel.schmid@gmail.com and itaygree@mail.huji.ac.il a:

- 250-word abstract.

View the full call for papers here.

Call for Applications: ISTR PhD Seminar, 10-12 July 2022, Montreal, Canada

Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2022

The ISTR PhD Seminar is open to all enrolled doctoral students doing research in the field of third sector and civil society, across the different regions in the world, and at all stages of their doctoral studies. Past participants in ISTR International and Regional PhD Seminars are welcome to apply. ISTR will cover 3 nights of shared accommodations in the student residences of McGill University as well as most meals.

Doctoral students will engage with senior scholars and peers in extensive intellectual and methodological discussion on their doctoral research, discuss the main theories and developments in the field, reflect upon publication and career strategies, and network within the international ISTR research community. While rigorous and serious, the PhD Seminar is also a supportive and affirming – and dare we say fun – experience for many who enjoy interacting with other students and faculty in the field and hearing the different perspectives they have to offer.

**Key Activities in the PhD Seminar**

Central to the PhD Seminar are the **small group sessions**: each student is allotted time to discuss their doctoral research with and obtain feedback from peers and faculty in the group. Students do not prepare papers for the PhD Seminar.
The PhD Seminar also offers **opening and closing plenary sessions** and at least one **professional development session** with presentations by leading scholars in the field. Additionally, the PhD Seminar will feature the **3-Minute Thesis Competition** (voluntary). The winner will be awarded a monetary prize and their presentation will be featured at the International Conference.

Recognizing that challenges posed by the global pandemic, we are prepared to switch to a virtual schedule if needed.

**Eligibility and selection criteria**

To be eligible for participation in the PhD Seminar, applicants should be:

- Doctoral students at all stages of research, except those in the very final stages. If you expect to defend your dissertation before October 2022, we recommend that you do not apply as you will not likely benefit from the PhD Seminar. In this case, please consider signing up for ISTR’s Mentoring Program.
- Conducting research in the field of third sector and civil society in any academic discipline
- Able to participate in the entire PhD Seminar and International Conference
- Be prepared to present and discuss their doctoral work with peers and faculty, and to participate in an active and constructive way in group discussions

Please visit [here](#) to submit your application. Selected applicants will be notified by April 1, 2022.

**Call for Support for Australian and New Zealand Charities and Nonprofit Survey**

**Deadline for Survey: 15 March 2022**

Charities and nonprofits are central to our response to crisis. Crises impacting our communities are becoming more common part of the domestic and international landscape. Whether this be a result of weather, human impact, financial challenges, or the increasing complexity and challenges faced by the sector, it is apparent that operational challenges also impact governance challenges. Governance remains to be a critical element in maintaining community support for charitable work and, as such, it is essential that a full understanding of the issues involved are obtained.

The University of Otago, New Zealand, are recruiting participants who are:

- Within Australia or New Zealand; and
- Relevant stakeholders of charities (e.g., managers, employees, volunteers, donors or other);

To participate in a survey concerning the consequences of crises for charities in Australian and New Zealand, drivers of these institutions’ preparedness for crises, and the impacts on operation and management control.

Please visit [here](#) to participate in the survey.
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Ryerson University  
Application Closing Date: 28 February 2022  
Position Enquiries: mdionne@ryerson.ca

Germany  
Professorship of Sociological Theory  
University of Rostock  
Application Closing Date: 28 February 2022  
Position Enquiries: dekan.wsf@uni-rostock.de.

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