EDITOR’S NOTE
Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you had a great summer or winter break and are settling well back into a new semester.

Have you shared your feedback on the ISTR 2022 Conference? Please take a few minutes to complete the survey via this link to give your feedback and help us to make our member experience even better!

In the Spotlight, we introduce an Indonesia-based research centre, Center for Entrepreneurship, Change, and Third Sector (CECT). Established in 2001 under the umbrella organization of Trisakti University, CECT has developed two master’s programs with specialisation in CSR/Sustainability and Community Enterprises. Dr. Maria R. Nindita Radyati, the founder of CECT, who is also a former ISTR Board member, wrote the story of CECT. Please go and check it out.

This issue also shares the latest research articles published by VOLUNTAS and NVSQ, covering the topics of episodic volunteering, nonprofit donor market, and social media fundraising. The ISTR has recently announced the Best Papers for VOLUNTAS. The Winner for 2021 goes to Government/Foundation Relations: A Conceptual Framework and Evidence from the U.S. Federal Government’s Partnership Efforts by Stefan Toepler and Alan Abramson,
and the Winner for 2020 goes to *Does Implicit Color Bias Reduce Giving? Learnings from Fundraising Survey Using Implicit Association Test (IAT)* by Abhishek Bhati. Congratulations!

Lastly, the PhD Seminar of the forthcoming ISTR Asia Pacific Conference is still open for application until September 9. *Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies* is also calling for research proposals on the theme of War, Peace, and the Post-Pandemic World: Eurasian Perspectives, due on 30 September. Please do consider submitting your research or help us to promote it among your students and academic networks. Thanks, and enjoy reading!

Best regards,

Qianjin

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**In Spotlight: Third-Sector Research Centres in the Region**

**The Centre for Entrepreneurship, Change, and Third Sector (CECT)**

Maria R. Nindita Radyati, Founder of CECT

CECT Trisakti University is a social enterprise inside Trisaki University, Jakarta, Indonesia. Its establishment was funded by grants from the Ford Foundation for collaborative research with various countries. It included the development of a Master’s degree program curriculum with the specialisation in CSR/Sustainability. CECT also received a grant from the British Council Indonesia to develop a Master’s degree program curriculum with a special focus on Community Enterprises. Hence, CECT is the think-tank for curriculum development for the two programs.

Furthermore, to maintain organizational sustainability, CECT developed relationships with industries by offering consulting services and partnerships for the implementation of CSR programs. Strategically CECT used these results, experiences and lessons learned as material to update the curriculum of the two Master's degree programs.

CECT also created Social Responsibility competitions for companies and organizations through a very strict selection process based on research and using a panel of judges. In such a manner, CECT maintained its relationship with the real sector and its entrepreneurial nature. This strategy enabled CECT to pay all employee salaries as well as its operational costs independently. This model enabled CECT to contribute regularly to Trisakti University's income. CECT’s financial management strategy involved setting aside part of its income as savings. Hence, when COVID-19 first broke out CECT was able to survive
financially, pay full salaries to all employees, and give bonuses on Eid al-Fitr and at the end of the year.

Since 2018, CECT has held a "Faculty Sustainability Competition" to encourage all Faculties within the University to integrate SDGs in teaching, research, and community service programs.

Following global trends, the founder and leader of CECT, Maria Rosaline Nindita Radyati PhD, felt the need to transform CECT by involving all faculties to achieve SDGs. Hence on September 2022, CECT will be renamed THS (Trisakti Hub for Sustainability) and embark on a (re)newed journey! To read more about CECT, please visit here.

Core Academic Journals

VOLUNTAS, Volume 33, Issue 3

I Selected Abstract

You Thought That This Would Be Easy? Seeking An Understanding of Episodic Volunteering

Ram Cnaan, Lucas Meijs, Jeffrey Brudney, Sophie Hersberger-Langloh, Aya Okada, and Samir Abu-Rumman

Abstract: This article is intended as the leading article in a Special Issue of Voluntas devoted to episodic volunteering from a cross-cultural perspective. This article focuses on summarizing and distilling knowledge about episodic volunteering. Based on a thorough literature review, the authors present state-of-the-art knowledge about episodic volunteering divided into key subsections that include: (1) is episodic volunteering a new area or a new era in volunteering? (2) Defining the concept of episodic volunteering, (3) the singularity of episodic volunteering, (4) assessment of the domains where episodic volunteering is most prevalent, (5) the impact of episodic volunteering on the participating individuals, (6) new parties in volunteer organizations, and (7) managing episodic volunteers. Finally, we present current gaps in our knowledge of episodic volunteers, some of which will be covered in this Special Issue, especially understanding episodic volunteering in non-English-speaking countries.

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**I Selected Abstract**

Further Evidence on Competition in Nonprofit Donor Markets  
*Teresa Harrison, and Jeremy Thornton*
Abstract: This article introduces a novel empirical approach to the nonprofit literature that can measure competition between nonprofit organizations. Our approach provides a framework to determine how the number of organizations may be incorporated into empirical competitive analysis. We then systematically estimate the average population needed to support a given number of nonprofits in a market. We find that, for the 10 nonprofit industries examined, markets reach competitive levels once four or more nonprofits have entered. The results suggest that a relatively small number of nonprofits are needed to ensure robust competition. Our findings demonstrate that donor market competition is both predictive in nonprofit entry decisions and remarkably similar to competitive behavior among for-profit firms. We discuss several implications of these findings, in terms of both policy and future empirical research.

Designing Social Media Fundraising Messages: An Experimental Approach To Understanding How Message Concreteness and Framing Influence Donation Intentions
Anli Xiao, Yan Huang, Denise Bortree, and Richard Waters

Abstract: This experiment examined the effects of fundraising message characteristics on donation intentions through a simulated social media campaign. A 2 (abstract vs. concrete message) × 2 (gain vs. loss framing) between-subjects experiment (n = 213) revealed that a message with detailed fundraising outcomes elicited a greater intention to donate through heightened perceived message credibility, perceived transparency, cognitive elaboration, and empathy. Gain and loss framing, however, did not result in significant differences in donation intentions. Theoretically, this study uncovered the psychological mechanisms through which message concreteness increases donation intentions. Practically, results of this study provided implications for drafting effective fundraising messages that can be disseminated on social media.

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ISTR 2022 Conference Evaluation

The ISTR would appreciate receiving feedback from participants of the 2022 Conference. The survey can be accessed via this link, and will take only a few minutes to complete.

VOLUNTAS Best Paper Awards 2020 and 2021

The International Society for Third Sector Research has awarded Best Paper to the following papers from Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations. Each article will be free to download through the end of September.

Winner For 2021


Stefan Toepler and Alan Abramson

Abstract: Interest in collaboration between government and private, grantmaking foundations has grown considerably in recent years both in the USA and abroad. In the USA, one outcome of the increased interest has been the emergence of liaison offices in federal agencies tasked with facilitating partnerships between government and grant making foundations and others, such as corporate philanthropic programs. As the government/foundation relationship is still under-conceptualized, we propose a framework that extends general government/nonprofit relationship typologies to grantmaking foundations and present empirical evidence on the foundation roles that government liaison officers prioritize in developing partnerships with their foundation counterparts. Empirically, the article is based on semi-structured interviews with these officers in U.S. federal cabinet departments and independent agencies. Having foundation funding substitute for government outlays factors heavily for government liaison staff. At the same time, the role of foundations in seeding government innovation plays a relatively modest role, despite the prominence of the foundation innovation role in the literature. Rather than having government scale foundation-identified innovations, government liaison officers emphasize foundations funding support services that provide access to or enhance government programs and foundations providing expertise to help co-design better government programs.
**Winner For 2020**

**Does Implicit Bias Reduce Giving? Learning From Fundraising Survey Using Implicit Association Test (IAT)**

*Abhishek Bhati*

**Abstract:** This article explores the relationship between implicit (unconscious) color bias and giving by answering the research question: How does a donor’s implicit color biases affect giving to beneficiaries living in developing countries? The study draws from a fundraising survey consisting of 750 participants measuring their implicit biases using the Skin-tone Implicit Association Test (IAT) and their willingness to give along with their sociodemographic data. The findings show higher implicit color biases reduce the probability of giving a higher donation (more than $10). The results provide important new evidence about the negative relationship between implicit color bias and giving and highlight ethical concerns regarding the portrayal of beneficiaries in fundraising advertisements.

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**Homelessness Week In Australia**

**To End Homelessness We Need A Plan**

01 August 2022 marked the beginning of the 15th annual Homelessness Week within Australia. This period was created to draw attention to the cause for support of people whom experience homelessness, as well as to promote discussion amongst everyone – including the government, social organizations and experts in the area – to come up with solutions to the problems which cause (and accompany) the increasing numbers of people that live rough.

Provided that the experience of homelessness can be defined in many different ways, and that it stretches across many cohorts of people, it remains essential that awareness be raised as to the impact and negative ramifications of being homeless. This homelessness week, there were a variety of local and national community events that aimed to provide information regarding the importance of housing as a solution, and educating communities on how they can make a difference. Events from this year consisted of:

- Fundraising for integrated community service providers;
- Promoting awareness for people experiencing homelessness through communal lunch, webinars, and high teas; and
- Discussion panels which consisted of, but was not restricted to, the Minister for Hosing and Homelessness, and representatives from YWCA Canberra, Everybody’s Home, and Aboriginal Housing Victoria.
Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM)

Final Report: Rapid Analysis of Family Separation Issues and Responses in the PALM Scheme

The PALM Scheme is commonly known as a means of streamlining Australia’s existing guest-worker migration initiatives with both Pacific Island Countries and Timor-Leste: the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) and the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS).

These initiatives provide temporary employment opportunities in rural and regional Australia, entailing placements of up to nine months within the SWP, and up to three years with the PLS. They do not allow family accompaniment, which can mean prolonged periods of transnational family separation that might place significant strains on social ties and familial relationships. Anecdotal evidence suggests there are some workers and their families who experience severe difficulties with maintaining relationships at a distance (note examples of extramarital affairs, as well as relationship breakdowns and challenges associated with management of childcare and other domestic responsibilities).

To read more about both social and pragmatic issues regarding family separation – from the perspective of labour sending unit staff in Timor-Leste and the PLS – please visit this link.

The 8th AAS-in-Asia Conference

24 – 27 June 2023

Recently, the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and Kyungpook National University (KNU) signed a memorandum of understanding to partner on the 8th AAS-in-Asia Conference. On the 24 – 27 June 2023, the conference will take place on the KNU campus in Daegu, Korea.

First held in 2014, AAS-in-Asia conferences feature panel sessions and roundtables, a keynote address, cultural events, an exhibit hall, and receptions. This offers scholars the opportunity to present their work and network with colleagues in a more intimate setting. Located in south-east Korea, Daegu is easily accessible by air and KTX high-speed rail. Conference participants will be able to select accommodations from a wide range of options (e.g., school dormitories, as well as local hotels).

The conference website will launch soon, with calls for proposals opening in September 2022. To read more about this exciting opportunity, please visit here.
Webinar: Digging Into The Ins and Outs of Interview-Based Qualitative Research

Dr Angela Liew

Interviews are one form of qualitative research, and there has been a growing interest and a number of qualitative publications adopting this approach in accounting. Some novice interview researchers are turning to an interview approach because they could not explore their desired research question of interest through another survey for a number of reasons. However, there are many challenges and roadblocks faced by novice interview researchers entering the field. Firstly, many researchers who use an interview approach are self-trained as many accounting departments do not have comprehensive formal training or hands-on workshops on qualitative research. Secondly, “[formal] guidance tends to be general, contradictory and ambiguous” and this pushes researchers to work through the learning process through a sense of social construction despite being influenced by informal social norms. Key themes explored include:

- Is interview-based qualitative research a valid and reliable research method?
- How many interviews are needed (sample size)?
- How does it compare and measure up to quantitative survey research?

The webinar will be held on **09 September 2022**, at **12:00 AEST**. To register for the event, please visit [here](#). If you have any queries, pre-questions, or comments, please contact: [david.gilchrist@uwa.edu.au](mailto:david.gilchrist@uwa.edu.au).

The 15th Biennial ANZSTR Research Conference

ANZSTR invites all people to participate in the 15th Biennial Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research Conference on **17–19 November 2022**. Hosted at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia the Conference will discuss a variety of themes, including:

- The third sector and neoliberal policy agendas;
- Advocacy and the third sector;
- The role and contribution of volunteers;
- Philanthropy; a force for good or ill; and
- Regulation and accountability in the third sector.

This is a critical time for the survival and sustainable capacity of charities, grassroots organisations, not-for-profits, NGOs, and civil society organisations, what is referred to as the
Third Sector. It is a time of great social and economic upheaval in which the role of the third sector in pursuing the public good is vital. This conference will provide an opportunity to hear about (and report upon) the work that organisations are doing on the frontline of service provision from the grassroots to the national and international levels.

Participants will hear from those with lived experience, scholars and practitioners and discuss how they are operating in a constrained advocacy environment; how important they are for democracy and how resources are being allocated and fought for within the many objectives of the lively and important third sector in Australia and New Zealand. The conference seeks to tease out what is unique about the ways the third sector pursues public good.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

**Call for Papers**

**Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies: The 16th Biennial Conference**

AACaPS invites panel and paper proposals for the 16th Biennial Conference to be held at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia on 2–3 February 2023. The event will be hosted by the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, University of New South Wales, Sydney.

The conference theme is: *War, Peace, and the Post-Pandemic World: Eurasian Perspectives*. In many ways, the dominant news themes in 2022 have been the ongoing impact of the covid-19 pandemic everywhere and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. One focus of this conference will be on how both of these phenomena have impacted the Communist and post-communist societies of Europe and Asia in various ways. But we will also be looking at a much bigger picture – namely, the concepts of war and peace (broadly understood to include, for example, trade conflicts, old and new Cold Wars, culture and soft power competition, etc.) in these regions, as well as contemporary and likely future developments. The topics can be examined from numerous angles, including the political and economic effects and implications of both wars and pandemics; the continuing rise and the implications of authoritarianism; the ramifications for arts and culture; historical comparisons; changing international allegiances and security patterns; education and public health; sustainable development; and more.

In short, while the theme reflects recent developments of the global scale and thus might look somewhat narrow, we welcome presentations that focus on socio-economic, political, educational, cultural, environmental, other public policy topics in the countries of former
USSR, Eastern and South-eastern Europe, and Asia whether they are contemporary or historical.

Please send the following details to aacapsconference@gmail.com by 30 September 2022:

- Name;
- Current institutional affiliation;
- Title / position;
- Postal address and email;
- Title of panel or paper; and
- Panel description and/or abstract of paper (200 words or less).

**Special Issue of the Journal of Management and Organization**

**30 June 2023**

The Journal of Management and Organization is calling for a special issue concerning artificial intelligence (AI) and corporate social responsibility. Significant advancements in AI have been made in recent decades, all of which have had a profound effect on business and society. The incorporation of AI technologies – including (but not constrained to) robots, facial recognition, algorithms, and natural language processing – not only provides corporate benefits but yields potential challenges to the different stakeholders in terms of privacy, discrimination, bias, and surveillance.

As a direct consequence, the question of how to conduct business responsibly in the era of AI comes to the forefront of academic concern. Works regarding the below topics are particularly welcomed:

- What is the evolving role of AI in driving corporate social responsibility (CSR)?
- How does AI change the nature of stakeholder engagement in CSR?
- How can the irresponsible business decisions and behaviours caused by the adoption of AI be alleviated?

More generally, contributions that are related to sustainable behaviours with AI are welcomed. Completed papers must comply with the Journal of Management and Organization guidelines. Papers must be submitted by **30 June 2023**.

To read more, please visit [here](#).
Cultivating the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grants

30 September 2022

With support from Sweden, the Association for Asian Studies is coordinating a $2.68 million dollar project to support scholars located in economically disadvantaged regions of South and Southeast Asia. The project places particular focus on support for scholars from conflict areas and post-conflict countries, and on junior faculty, graduate students, senior and independent scholars, women, and ethnic minority groups.

The four-year transnational initiative will seek to enhance the research capabilities of scholars and universities in select South and Southeast Asian countries as a means of aiding in reducing the vulnerabilities of low and lower-middle income countries in the regions. This opportunity is available to both AAS members and non-AAS members. Grants are available for short (up to 2 months), medium (2-6 months), and long-term (12 months) that advance the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

Those persons who receive CHSS grants will be invited to submit a panel proposal at an AAS-in-Asia conference, where they will have the opportunity to share the results of their research projects, participate in skill-building workshops, and discuss means for publication with their partners based in Asia, Europe, and the US.

For more information, please visit here.

Call For Applications: ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference – PhD Seminar

Active Civil Society: Post-Crises Rebuilding, Mobilising, and Innovating

The International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), in collaboration with the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, University 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 non-profit 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, University Malaysia Sabah.

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 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.

To apply for the PhD seminar, please complete the form (here) before 09 September 2022.

**Job Vacancy**

**Australia**

PHD Scholarship in Investments and Perceptions of Women’s Elite Sport  
Monash University  
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

PHD Scholarship in Rural and Regional News Deserts  
Monash University  
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

PHD Scholarship in Inclusion and Disruption  
Monash University  
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

**Germany**

Research Associate in Journalism and Communication  
University of Berlin  
Application Closing Date: 30 August 2022

Research Assistant Position – Populism and Conspiracy Theories  
University of Tubingen  
Application Closing Date: 18 September 2022
Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy  
University of Tubingen  
Application Closing Date: 18 September 2022

**Hong Kong**  
Vice-Chancellor Early Career Professorships  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Application Closing Date: 30 September 2022

Senior Research Assistant  
The University of Hong Kong  
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

**Sweden**  
PhD Position in Measuring the Quality of Regional and National Consumer Price Indices  
University of Southampton  
Application Closing Date: 31 August 2022

Associate Senior Lecturer in Political Science  
Lund University  
Application Closing Date: 15 September 2022

PhD Student in Culture and Creativity  
Lund University  
Application Closing Date: 14 September 2022

**United States**  
Open Rank Faculty Position in International and Comparative Education  
Stanford University  
Application Closing Date: 30 September 2022

Assistant Director of the Institute for Immigration Research  
George Mason University  
Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Assistant Professor of Political Economy  
University of California Berkeley  
Application Closing Date: 4 October 2022

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