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The app will feature local area restaurants, transportation information, and will connect you to other participants and hear what everyone is saying on social media. It's free, so download now!

ISTR Conference Blog

Our ISTR Conference Blog is the place to go for a richer level of detail about the upcoming ISTR Conference. The blog features discussions about some of the sessions planned for the conference, reflections from past ISTR PhD seminar students, descriptions of some of the conference special events, blogs that offer some context of the Dutch civil society sector, and suggestions for how to spend your time in Amsterdam. Sign up today by visiting: <https://istrconference.wordpress.com/> and clicking on the follow button.



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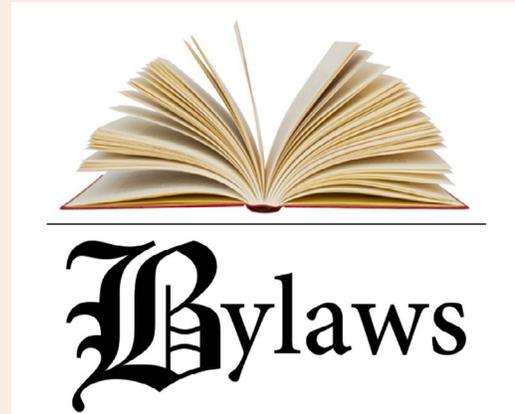
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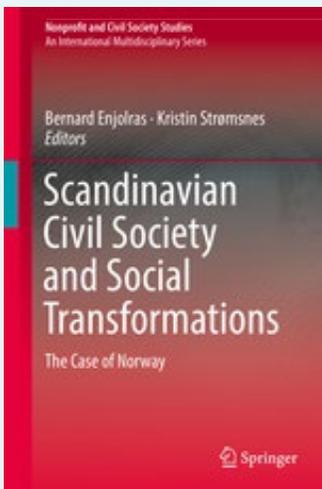
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New Developments at ISTR

On 6 June 2018, a Memo was sent Society members outlining new developments for ISTR. New Bylaws for ISTR, Inc. have been created and will take effect on 1 January 2019. The association has become a nonprofit 501 c 3 organization incorporated in the state of Maryland. At the same time, ISTR is in the process of separating from our host, Johns Hopkins University. The full memo can be found at: <https://www.istr.org/page/ByLaws>



Booknotes



Scandinavian Civil Society and Social Transformations: The Case of Norway. Edited by Bernard Enjolras and Kristin Strømsnes. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer International Publishing, 2018. 185 Pages. Cost: EBook US \$79.99; Hardcover US \$99.99. To order: <https://www.springer.com/us/>

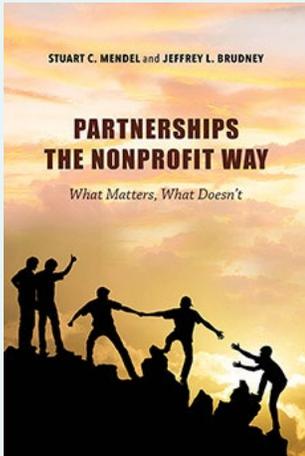
This book aims at presenting a conceptual apparatus and empirical analysis of the ways Nordic civil society is affected by social transformations by focusing on the Norwegian case. The Norwegian empirical focus allows identifying processes and factors of change that are relevant outside this context and enable us to understand, on a more general basis, the relationship between social transformations and transformations affecting the voluntary sector. This book will make an original contribution to the field of comparative civil society studies both by

Research News

The Global Philanthropy Report: Perspectives on the Global Foundation Sector has been published online. This report seeks to develop a knowledge base to address the size, scope, and practice of institutional philanthropy across the globe. The report is written by Paula Johnson (lead author) in collaboration with 20 research partners around the world. <https://www.istr.org/page/OnlinePubs>

A Call for Papers for a Special Issue of the *Journal of Business Ethics*, “The Ethics of the Commons,” is open until 15 December 2018. This call is aimed at providing an overarching perspective on the ethical dimensions and drivers of the phenomenon labelled “the commons.” www.istr.org/calls

increasing the available knowledge on the Nordic civil society model and by analyzing the societal transformations affecting civil society over time.



Partnerships the Nonprofit Way. What Matters, What Doesn't. By Stuart C. Mendel and Jeffrey L. Brudney. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2018. 240 Pages. Cost: Hardback US \$85.00; Paperback US \$40.00; EBook US \$39.99. To order: www.iupress.indiana.edu.

Collaboration and partnership are well-known characteristics of the nonprofit sector, as well as important tools of public policy and for creating public value. But how do nonprofits form successful partnerships? From the perspective of nonprofit practice, the conditions leading to collaboration and partnership are seldom ideal. Nonprofit executives contemplating interorganizational cooperation, collaboration, networks, partnership, and merger face a bewildering array of challenges.

In *Partnerships the Nonprofit Way: What Matters, What Doesn't*, the authors share the success and failures of 52 nonprofit leaders. By depicting and contextualizing nonprofit organization characteristics and practices that make collaboration successful, the authors propose new theory and partnership principles that challenge conventional concepts centered on contractual fulfillment and accountability, and provide practical advice that can assist nonprofit leaders and others in creating and sustaining strategic, mutually beneficial partnerships of their own.

Continuity and Change in Voluntary Action. Patterns, Trends and Understandings. By Rose Lindsey and John Mohan with Elizabeth Metcalfe and Sarah Bulloch. Bristol, UK: Policy Press, 2018. 224 Pages. Cost: Hardback £60; EBook £ 21.59. To order: <http://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk>

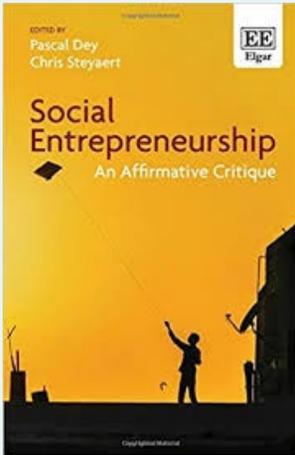


There are great expectations of voluntary action in contemporary Britain but limited in-depth insight into the level, distribution and understanding of what constitutes voluntary activity. Drawing on extensive survey data and written accounts of citizen engagement, this book charts change and continuity in voluntary activity since 1981.

How voluntary action has been defined and measured is considered alongside individuals' accounts of their participation and engagement in volunteering over their lifecourses. Addressing fundamental questions such as whether the public are cynical about or receptive to calls for greater voluntary action, the book considers whether respective government expectations of volunteering can really be fulfilled. Is Britain really a "shared society", or a "big society", and what is the scope for expansion of voluntary effort?

This pioneering study combines rich, qualitative material from the Mass Observation Archive between 1981 and 2012, and data from many longitudinal and cross-sectional social surveys.

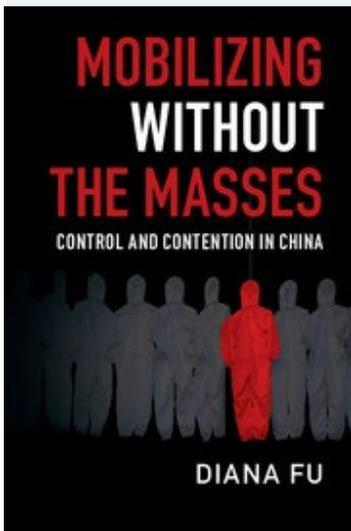
Part of the Third Sector Research Series, this book is informed by research undertaken at the Third Sector Research Centre, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and Barrow Cadbury Trust.



Social Entrepreneurship: An Affirmative Critique. Edited by Pascal Dey and Chris Steyaert. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018. 328 Pages. Cost: Hardcover US \$135.00. To order: <https://www.e-elgar.com/>

Pascal Dey and Chris Steyaert provide a timely critique on the idea of social entrepreneurship and its reputation as a means for positive social change. The book uses different traditions and modes of critique to interrogate, disrupt and reimagine the concept of social entrepreneurship.

Presented in five parts, each individual contribution uses a different critical perspective to analyse and assess social entrepreneurship in its mythological, ideological and performative constitution, looking for its democratic possibilities and alternative affirmations. Using varied analytical approaches, the resulting work highlights the need for a greater recognition of the unintended effects of social entrepreneurship and in doing so, adds nuance to a concept that has gone relatively unchallenged. In addition, each chapter identifies intriguing points for further research.

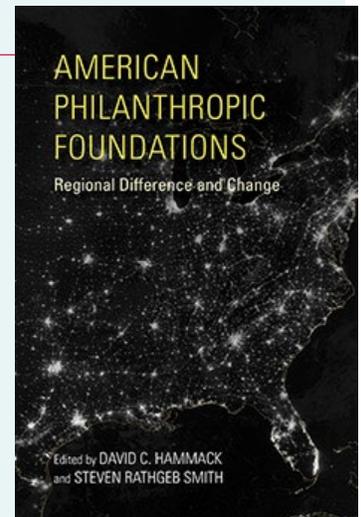


Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China. By Diane Fu. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2017. 206 Pages. Cost: Paperback £ 21.99, Hardback £ 69.99, EBook US 22.00. To order: <http://www.cambridge.org/>

When advocacy organizations are forbidden from rallying people to take to the streets, what do they do? When activists are detained for coordinating pro-

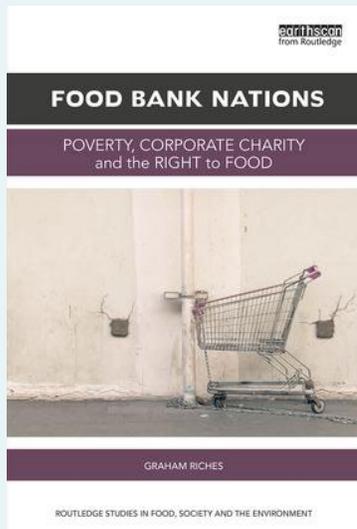
tests, are their hands ultimately tied? Based on political ethnography inside both legal and blacklisted labor organizations in China, this book reveals how state repression is deployed on the ground and to what effect on mobilization. It presents a novel dynamic of civil society contention - mobilizing without the masses - that lowers the risk of activism under duress. Instead of facilitating collective action, activists coach the aggrieved to challenge authorities one by one. In doing so, they lower the risks of organizing while empowering the weak. This dynamic represents a third pathway of contention that challenges conventional understandings of mobilization in an illiberal state. It takes readers inside the world of underground labor organizing and opens the black box of repression inside the world's most powerful authoritarian state.

American Philanthropic Foundations: Regional Difference and Change. Edited by David C. Hammack and Steven Rathgeb Smith. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2018. 432 Pages. Cost: EBook \$41.99; Paperback \$42.00; Hardbook \$95.00. To order: <http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/>



Once largely confined to the biggest cities in the mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes states, philanthropic foundations now play a significant role in nearly every state. Wide-ranging and incisive, the essays in *American Philanthropic Foundations: Regional Difference and Change* examine the origins, development, and accomplishments of philanthropic foundations in key cities and regions of the United States. Each contributor assesses foundation efforts to address social and economic inequalities, and to encourage cultural and creative life in their home regions and elsewhere. This fascinating and timely study of contemporary America's philanthropic foundations vividly illustrates foundations' commonalities and

differences as they strive to address pressing public problems.



Food Bank Nations: Poverty, Corporate Charity and the Right to Food. By Graham Riches. Routledge, 2018. 204 Pages. Cost: EBook \$19.98; Paperback \$39.95; Hardback \$150.00. To order: <https://www.routledge.com/>

In the world's most affluent and food secure societies, why is it now publicly acceptable to

feed donated surplus food, dependent on corporate food waste, to millions of hungry people? While recognizing the moral imperative to feed hungry people, this book challenges the effectiveness, sustainability and moral legitimacy of globally entrenched corporate food banking as the primary response to rich world food poverty. It investigates the prevalence and causes

of domestic hunger and food waste in OECD member states, the origins and thirty-year rise of US style charitable food banking, and its institutionalization and corporatization. It unmasks the hidden functions of transnational corporate food banking which construct domestic hunger as a matter for charity thereby allowing indifferent and austerity-minded governments to ignore increasing poverty and food insecurity and their moral, legal and political obligations, under international law, to realize the right to food.

The book's unifying theme is understanding the food bank nation as a powerful metaphor for the deep hole at the centre of neoliberalism, illustrating: the de-politicization of hunger; the abandonment of social rights; the stigma of begging and loss of human dignity; broken social safety nets; the dysfunctional food system; the shift from income security to charitable food relief; and public policy neglect. It exposes the hazards of corporate food philanthropy and the moral vacuum within negligent governments and their lack of public accountability. The advocacy of civil society with a right to food bite is urgently needed to gather political will and advance 'joined-up' policies and courses of action to ensure food security for all.

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