ISTR 15th International Conference
12-15 JULY 2022

Call for Contributions
Conference Theme: Navigating In Turbulent Times: Perspectives and Contributions from the Third Sector

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 29 OCTOBER 2021

Celebrating 30 years of the ISTR community, we anticipate that the ISTR 2022 Conference will be the first in-person, large-scale conference for the researchers and practitioners in the third sector worldwide to reunite and learn from each other since 2018. The eventual return to pre-pandemic normality will offer rare opportunities to reform institutions, reshape discourses and rebuild trust and identities. The third sector once again plays a critical role in these processes and public discussions. Paper, poster, panel and roundtable proposals from around the world reflecting work that is theoretical as well as empirical, uni-disciplinary as well as multidisciplinary, and pertaining to all continents, are welcomed.

They will be classified according to the following subthemes:

- The Third Sector and the (Post-)Pandemic
- The Third Sector, Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- Social Movements, Democracy and Political Participation
- Advocacy, Technology and Virtual Spaces in Post Truth Era
- Philanthropy and Voluntarism in Local and Cross Border Contexts.
- Institutions and Third Sector Regulatory Environment
- Management and Governance of Third Sector Organizations
- Hybridity and the Third Sector
- Teaching on the Third Sector
- Diversity, Inequalities and Civil Society
- Social Economy, Social Innovation and the Third Sector
- Other Third Sector Related Topics

Submitted abstract must be less than 500 words in length. References not included in word count.

Please see our guidance for How to Write a Conference Abstract and review our Sample Abstracts before you submit

Upcoming Online Events

We are pleased to announce the following online events organized by ISTR members and open to the public.

Book Club: The Routledge Handbook of Taxation and Philanthropy

Wednesday, 29 September 2021
17:00-18:00 Geneva (CET)

Check your time zone

Register here

Speakers:
Prof. Henry PETER, Head, Geneva Centre for Philanthropy (GCP), University of Geneva

Dr. Gedre LIDEIKYTE HUBER, Senior lecturer (Tax Law), University of Geneva

Moderator:
Loetitia GILL, Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Philanthropy, University of Geneva
The Routledge Handbook of Taxation and Philanthropy is the first volume providing a comprehensive multidisciplinary analysis of the interaction between taxation and charitable giving. It seeks to bring new insights into this field through 30 academic articles addressing the subject matter from different perspectives, covering neuroeconomics, sociology, political science, psychology, affective sciences, philosophy, behavioral economy, and law. The Handbook is structured around four topics. The first part consolidates contributions to the justification of tax incentives for philanthropic initiatives. The second part ventures into the economic and technical aspects of tax incentives for philanthropy, exploring and comparing various models and their respective efficiencies. The third part addresses the tax issues arising from cross-border philanthropy. Finally, the last part of the handbook explores the phenomena of corporate philanthropy and social entrepreneurship. We believe that these works offer a number of promising ways to contribute to the further development of the complex field of taxation related to philanthropic activities and build solid foundations for further studies on this topic.

Roundtable: Restricting NGOs: From Pushback to Accommodation

Thursday 7 October 2021
16:00 Central European Time (CET) / 10:00am New York /
11:00 am Uruguay

Check your time zone
1 hour and 30 minutes - Open to the public

Register here

In this roundtable conversation, contributors to the homonymous July 2021 special issue of Global Policy (edited by Kendra Dupuy, Luc Fransen and Aseem Prakash) will discuss trends in the clampdown on CSOs, focusing on how particular types of organizations are impacted (including the ways in which restrictions impact on organizational operations), how restrictions can change the balance between civil society actors and rival ideological perspectives and enable the rise of new civil society actors attacking existing CSOs, how they can shape popular attitudes and donor funds and, most importantly, how civil society organizations respond to restrictions and attempt to push back.

For more Online Events visit the ISTR Website; Click here

Speakers:

Luc Fransen, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Marjoke Oosterom, Research fellow and lecturer, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)- University of Sussex (UK)

Inés M. Pousadela, Senior Research Specialist, CIVICUS; Professor at Universidad ORT (Uruguay)

Lise Rakner, Professor, Department of Comparative Politics-University of Bergen (Norway)

Lisa-Marie Selvik, Ph.d. candidate, Department of Comparative Politics-University of Bergen (Norway)

Kendra Dupuy, Senior Researcher, Fridtjof Nansen Institute; Affiliated researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo & Chr. Michelsen Institute (Norway)

Moderator:
Increased Impact Factor Announced!
The latest Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate, 2020) have recently been released and we are delighted to reveal that the Impact Factor for VOLUNTAS has risen to 2.468!

This metric is a reflection of the citations of articles published in 2018 and 2019. Thanks to the entire editorial team, VOLUNTAS continues to be a highly cited resource in its respective disciplines. Special thanks to our Co-Editors-in Chief, Taco Brandsen, Ruth Simsa and Susan Appe. Congratulations!!

Other accolades for the journal include;
In 2020, the journal rose 4 ranks in the 'Social Issues' category in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI).
Voluntas is now #8 in journals for Google Scholar Rankings in the category “Public Policy and Administration.”

To celebrate this new Impact Factor, we have curated a selection of highly cited articles from recent years and they will be open access beginning September 3, 2021 until October 15, 2021.

Top Cited Article 2020
Urban Social Movements and the Right to the City: An Introduction to the Special Issue on Urban Mobilization
Anna Domaradzka

The Social Economy in a Context of Austerity Policies: The Tension Between Political Discourse and Implemented Policies in Spain
Rafael Chaves-Avila & Teresa Savall-Morera

Fundamentals for an International Typology of Social Enterprise Models
Jacques Defourny & Marthe Nyssens

Third Sector Organizations and Migration: A Systematic Literature Review on the Contribution of Third Sector Organizations in View of Flight, Migration and Refugee Crises
Michael Garkisch, Jens Heidingsfelder & Markus Beckmann

Beyond Nonprofits: Re-conceptualizing the Third Sector
Lester M. Salamon & S. Wojciech Sokolowski

Understanding Service Contracting and Its Impact on NGO Development in China
Rong Zhao, Zhongsheng Wu & Chuanjin Tao

Welcome to Voluntas’ Newly Appointed Co-Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Galia Chimiak

The ISTR Board of Directors at its annual June meeting voted unanimously in favor of the appointment of Dr. Galia Chimiak to the Voluntas Editorial Team starting in January 2022 with Dr. Susan Appe and Dr. Fredrik Andersson.

Dr. Galia Chimiak is an active Voluntas editorial board member since 2015. She is Associate Professor at the Civil Society Department at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Science. She is a sociologist by training and her research interests are in civil society, development cooperation and global education. Galia’s work is interdisciplinary drawing on sociologist, political studies as well social psychology, among others, and this will be value added to the editorial team.

Dr. Fredrik Andersson was previously appointed by the ISTR board in December to join the new editorial team in January 2022 as well. He is Associate Professor at Indiana University’s Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Indianapolis, an affiliated faculty member with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and has formal affiliation with the Stockholm School of Economics in Sweden. Fredrik brings an interdisciplinary perspective in entrepreneurship and public affairs and his research areas include nonprofit governance, social enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Finally, Dr. Susan Appe is currently serving in the editor-in-chief role with Dr. Taco Brandsen for 2021. Taco will step down at the end of 2021 and Susan will continue on the editorial team. Susan is Assistant Professor, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, SUNY, New York, and has formal affiliations with univer-
Our Colleague Behind Voluntas’ Tweets
ISTR welcomes Voluntas editorial board member, Dr. Marlene Walk, as the journal’s inaugural Social Media Editor. In addition to serving her role as an active editorial board member—which requires reviewing many articles and helping with the strategic direction of the journal—Marlene is also carving out space for Voluntas on Twitter. Voluntas’ Twitter handle was launched in April 2021, thanks in part to Marlene. Editor-in-Chief Susan Appe checked in with Marlene to ask her a couple questions about her research and her service to Voluntas.

Dr. Marlene Walk is Assistant Professor at Indiana University’s Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Indianapolis. Her research interests focus on human resource management, the meaning of work, organizational change, and volunteering and volunteer management. Marlene joined the Voluntas editorial board in January 2021.

Susan Appe: Marlene, we are so excited to have you on the Voluntas editorial board. And now we have given you more to do with leading our Twitter efforts. Thank you! Before we talk about that, let’s hear about what you are working on and how you got here. What brought you to studying volunteering and nonprofits?

Marlene Walk: I have been a long-term volunteer in my youth and later, as a social worker; have worked with volunteers in many capacities. Once I switched to academia, I was both drawn to study volunteers but also employees. With my research I aim to find answers to questions like: who works for nonprofits and why? And what individual and organizational factors helps them stay?

Susan Appe: What do you want the public and your colleagues to know about your research? Why is your topic important?

Marlene Walk: You really want me to be self-congratulatory here? Ok, here you go – I think knowing about what draws individuals to the sector, their motivations, but also their experiences while in the sector – be it as employee or volunteer – matters. It matters for them as positive experiences and perceptions can facilitate commitment and can have tons of other positive side effects, but it also matters for the organizations. Nonprofits could not do the work they do without motivated and committed volunteers and employees.

Susan Appe: You are active on Twitter (@marlene_walk), what is your favorite part of being on Twitter as an academic?

Marlene Walk: you mean aside from procrastinating my own work? No, seriously, I appreciate the conversations, when other academics share their work, and celebrate each other. I also like that most of our main professional associations are active on Twitter and share content.

Susan Appe: What advice would you give ISTR members and Voluntas authors and readers about being on Twitter?

Marlene Walk: When we started talking about the Voluntas Twitter presence, it was our idea to share information about the journal, but also to highlight certain articles and their authors. We aim to celebrate the good work that happens in and around the journal – authors, editors, editorial board members. The account is still growing, as such, I recommend following us! @VoluntasJournal

Do follow us on Twitter! @VoluntasJournal
**ISTR 2021 Virtual Conference by the Numbers**

Challenging times made a virtual conference essential and we are grateful for everyone who collaborated, attended, presented, and joined the international research community for four days in July! The time zones made it possible for members to have meaningful participation and expand the Society’s role as a convenor of global third sector academic issues. All registrants can access the session recordings for the next 5 months on the virtual site.

- 525 Registrants representing 58 countries
- 144 students
- 39 subsidies provided
- 2 time zones
- 2 plenary events
- 103 paper sessions
- 23 panel sessions
- 16 roundtables
- 14 networking events
- 16 ARIMA paper sessions held in parallel
- 2 pre-conference sessions of the Nonprofit Education Research Summit
- 56,772 views of the conference platform page

**Reflections**

As a first time attendee of the ISTR Global conference, a presenter and a moderator, it is with great pleasure that I announce that the just concluded 2021, 14th International ISTR conference was enormously insightful and informative.

As the senior specialist strategic sourcing for Save the Children, I symbolize this auspicious non-profit organization as “the world’s citadel of child care”, and a board member of Zonta Club; a non-profit organization fostering the empowerment of women and girls globally, attending this conference as a non-profit practitioner gave me the opportunity to share true life experiences of the positive impact of third sector organizations in all capacities and also gave me insight into more opportunities and gaps to filled by the sector. It is worth mentioning, that my employer values the information gathered from the ISTR conference and deems it as a great opportunity for increased knowledge on programmatic approach through research.

The virtual conference was excellently organized with high level constant, effective and efficient communication on how to navigate through the online platform. The secretariat office hour’s meetings with friendly staffs, bridged the gap that such a virtual conference would have created. The Timing and scheduling of the conference allowed flexibility for attendance.

Knowledge and value add is priceless, as researchers from all over the world who are quin-
essence of humane character and experts in the fields share their academic work and findings.

Papers presented are very relevant and decidedly comprehensive. As a moderator I was privileged to dialogue with presenters and other participants and in the process further research in relative to the third sector were identified.

Networking opportunity to meet researchers who are like minded and passionate about the same causes was an added advantage.

I definitely look forward to the next conference.

Thank you

Dr. Tiffany Oloke, CNP, CPSM, Save The Children

The Nonprofit Higher Education Summit

As a pre-event of the ISTR International Conference and co-sponsored by the Toyota Foundation, the Nonprofit Higher Education Research Summit was held virtually on July 11th and July 12th. The purpose of the summit was to trace the development of nonprofit education programs in East Asia, determine the extent to which curricular options for future nonprofit leaders exist in these countries, and explore the challenges presented to future programmatic development by the social, economic, and political environments of the region. Scholars participated from China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States. Both sessions were moderated by Roseanne Mirabella (Seton Hall University) bringing the Asian scholar research team and external panelists together to share research findings and insights from comparative perspectives. This Summit aimed to report on collaborative research findings, compare and contrast findings on a country, regional and international basis, and receive feedback from leading NGO education scholars.

The first day of the Summit featured presentations about the nonprofit education programs in East Asia, and focused on their development, components of the curricula, and the disciplinary locations of the courses/programs. Countries/regions covered are: China (Qihai Cai, Macau University of Science and technology & Li Yang, Beijing Normal University), Japan (Aya Okada, Tohoku University & Yu Ishida, Miyagi University), South Korea (Sung-Ju Kim, North Carolina State University & Bok Gyo Jeong, Kean University), Taiwan (Helen K. Liu, National Taiwan University & Li-Ch Liu, National Taitung University), Hong Kong (Sung-Ju Kim, Bok Gyo Jeong, Helen, Liu, & Qihai Cai). Presentations offered the following findings: We found nonprofit higher education in East Asian countries/regions have been growing commonly in cases presented at the Summit; driving forces for this growth varied, but the professional management impulse was commonly found. In addition, even though researchers in this project investigated East Asian nonprofit management programs based on a Western nonprofit management education framework (developed by Mirabella & Wish), the East Asian programs appear to have developed based on their unique circumstances in terms of historical and societal contexts in the nonprofit/civil society sector at the East Asian countries and societies.

The second day of the Summit started with a brief synthesis of the East Asian cases by Bok Gyo Jeong (Kean University) to facilitate the discussion. Invited panelists provided their invaluable feedback for in-depth discussion. Discussants included: John Casey (Baruch College, CUNY), Norm Dolch (University of North Texas), Angela Eikenberry (University of Nebraska, Omaha), Maureen Feit (Seattle University), Helen Wise (Louisiana State University at Shreveport), and Naoto Yamauchi (Osaka University). Some of the notable commentaries include consideration of supply and demand sides of nonprofit higher education in Asia; impacts and tensions from the accreditation system; the balance between service and advocacy functions in nonprofit higher education; the reflection of post-colonialism, democratization, and social equity values; significance of historical context in the East. These comments culminated into the following fundamental question: is it possible or even desirable to apply a Western and U.S.-based ‘nonprofit lens’ uniformly to all Eastern societies?

The Summit was a significant milestone and scholarly event for nonprofit higher education research on the global scale, bringing Eastern and Western perspectives together and putting past, present, and future in one grand picture. The team’s research has produced individual country/regional level research articles, and the results from the Summit will become the basis for comparative research publications in the foreseeable future.

A recording of the Summit is available on the ISTR Conference Platform.
For a long time, volunteering lacked standardized data sets allowing methodologically robust comparative analyses and global policy making. Starting from 2011, the International Labour Office (ILO) and the United Nations (UN) have provided global statistical standards for organization-based and direct volunteering which offer path-breaking opportunities.

The global statistical standards on volunteering are however only relatively known. They also have to face difficult methodological and substantial challenges: Can they really account for the local varieties of volunteering in the different areas of the world? Does their adoption further develop our knowledge of volunteering both at national and international level?

Beyond illustrating which innovations these statistical standards bring and critically assessing the tensions between the global guidelines and the local differences, the book shows how the ILO and the UN standards can be implemented into national statistics and which advancements in the understanding of characters, antecedents and impacts of contemporary organization-based and direct volunteering they allow. The Volume takes Italy as an illustrative case that offers global value.

This multidisciplinary book demonstrates that a holistic approach to the implementation of the ILO and UN guidelines permits to virtually balance international statistical standards and locally embedded cultures as well as to move knowledge of volunteering forward in a complexity-driven agenda. The book provides tools, evidences and inspiration for scholars, statistical agencies, practitioners and policy-makers.

Next time you log into your ISTR account you will notice some changes to the profile section of our website. Most importantly, the new features of our “ISTR Community” should make it easier for you to access information and documentation about your membership account. We have also activated a newsfeed and improved the search features of the database for members only. As we roll out the changes, this new system will serve as more of a one-stop-shop to engage with ISTR, including making it easier for committees, affinity groups, and PhD alumni to connect and keep in touch. This is a work in progress – we welcome your feedback and suggestions as we move forward. Let us know what you think! Log in and bookmark this page: LINK.

ISTR Mentoring Program Updates

Our mentoring program is off to another good start with 38 mentoring pairs. Mentors and mentees are expected to participate in 3-4 conversations over the course of a year; though many end up being in more regular contact. Mentors do not replace the role of faculty advisor; so minimal reading is involved. Rather, conversations focus on suggestions related to publication, funding, networking, research methodologies, academic institution navigation, and work-life balance. ISTR takes great care in making our mentoring matches in the hopes that it will help students and early career scholars find valuable connections. The deadline to participate has closed this year, but don’t hesitate to reach out to ISTR staff for suggested contacts if you are looking to connect with another member informally. We are always happy to give you ideas for how to find other members with similar interests.
In Memorium

In 2020, the Australian philanthropic community and academic colleagues reacted with great sadness at the passing of Dr. Christopher Baker.

Christopher had a long association with the Centre for Social Impact (and its forerunner, the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment and Philanthropy), at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia (CSI Swinburne), where I work. Christopher was an early alumnus of the university’s Master’s degree in Social Investment and Philanthropy (now a Master of Social Impact), and went on to complete his PhD at Swinburne in 2010.

Christopher joined CSI Swinburne’s forerunner as a Research Fellow following the completion of his PhD, and he played a key role in significant projects such as the ‘Giving Australia 2016’ research initiative funded by the Australian Government. He was a member of ISTR, and presented a paper on Chinese-Australian diaspora philanthropy at the ISTR’s 2012 conference in Siena, Italy. After retiring, Christopher had remained closely connected to CSI Swinburne as an Adjunct Research Fellow.

His PhD research focused on charitable bequest giving – it was a landmark contribution, providing much needed data on patterns of bequest giving in the state of Victoria and making other significant findings. Christopher’s research has continued to inform initiatives to grow bequest giving, and will continue to do so – having been cited most recently in Philanthropy Australia’s ‘Blueprint to Grow Structured Giving’ launched in April this year.

I first met Christopher in my previous role, when I was the Advocacy & Insight Manager at Philanthropy Australia, and he was at CSI Swinburne. His warm and caring nature was evident from the very beginning, as was his passion for philanthropy and growing giving in Australia.

Although I did not actually have the privilege of working with him as a colleague at CSI Swinburne, as he retired just before I commenced in my current role – I did inherit his office and desk, and the symbolism of ‘following in his footsteps’ in that way is certainly not lost on me.

Christopher’s passion for philanthropy and for the common good was demonstrated in many different ways. He was a big supporter of community philanthropy, serving on the board of the Inner North Community Foundation for many years, including in the role of chair. He was an inaugural donor to the Impact 100 Melbourne giving circle, and established sub-funds (which is what we call donor advised funds in Australia) with the Australian Communities Foundation as well as the Inner North Community Foundation.

He was not only a strong believer in the importance of growing charitable bequest giving in Australia – these beliefs were matched by actions. Together with his late partner Ms Kerri Hall, Christopher left a large bequest to the Inner North Community Foundation – including the proceeds from the sale of their home, which sold earlier this year for AU$1.6 million (US$1.2 million). This remarkable act will support a range of causes and organisations through the ‘Bakers Dozen Social Justice Fund’.

Christopher had remained active in the Swinburne Philanthropy and Social Impact Alumni group, which has established the Dr Christopher Baker Memorial Scholarship to support students enrolled in the Master of Social Impact delivered by CSI Swinburne.

Therefore, Christopher’s impact and legacy will continue to be felt and remembered in many different ways.

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