ISTR 2022 Conference News

Plenary Session: Mapping the Nonprofit World: The Global Comparative Project

Keynote Speaker: Helmut Anheier, Hertie School, Germany & Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA, United States

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Call for Nominations: ISTR Board of Directors

The 2022 ISTR Nominations Committee invites you to submit nominees for President Elect and the Board of Directors of ISTR.

The Nominations Committee encourages the ISTR community to suggest fellow members for consideration. Nominators should explain why they believe their proposed nominee’s accomplishments, background, and experiences would make them a good choice for an ISTR leadership position.

The nominations committee aspires to nominate a slate of accomplished scholars and practitioners who reflect the diverse membership of ISTR. To achieve this goal, the committee relies on ISTR members to forward suggestions and make recommendations. Self-nominations are also encouraged.

Nominations are due by July 29, 2022.
A Mentee’s Reflection

I am Yutaka Tanabe, an independent researcher and a social entrepreneur in Japan. I am a member of ISTR since 2012, and now I am 51 years old. As an independent researcher in the field of social entrepreneurship, I was always aspiring to join a research community. Basically, independent researchers are lonely in my understanding. They (of course, including me) are separated from universities or research organizations, and have little opportunity to learn academic mindset and tips in their daily lives. Attending a research conference annually would be the limited opportunity. Actually, I had difficulty to write papers — I was at a loss in spite of my big dream. So, I signed up for the ISTR mentoring program in June 2021 to get more opportunity. I was worried, because the mentoring program is mainly for young researchers; I was 50 when I signed up. However, the ISTR program manager welcomed me, and kindly matched me with Dr. Sung-Ju Kim, North Carolina State University as the mentor, by saying, “Yutaka is an interesting member of ours.”

My experience with the mentor was always great. In spite of very busy days, Dr. Kim shared his time for the mentoring for about an hour every two months since August 2021. I prepared a presentation material for every mentoring session to share my updates and questions. I asked Dr. Kim about following questions; “What do you think is important to improve Academic English skills and research skills?”, “What, do you think, is a good research question?”, “How do you position research ethics?”, etc. Dr. Kim always seemed to enjoy the dialogue with me fortunately. In order to answer my questions, he shared me a lot of pieces of information comprehensively. For example, he introduced me the textbook of “Introductory Econometrics A Modern Approach” (Wooldridge). I bought it immediately after the mentoring session by Amazon.com. Finally, I’ve got rhythm by the mentoring. I wrote two papers in Japanese; one was published by JANPORA (Japan NPO Research Association) in March, and another will be published by Kobe University in July 2022. Dr. Kim was delighted very much.

The mentoring program helped me hugely. Dr. Kim shared with me not only academic tips but also the growth mindset for academic activities. Gradually I got more confidence because I learned a lot and am connected to collective wisdom. Then I found a recruitment by the University of Nagano in January 2022; they were looking for a practitioner for the Chief Curator of Center for Social Innovation Initiatives (CSI). I applied, and was recruited by the University finally. I moved from Tokyo to Nagano in March and started my new career from April. Nagano is one of the most beautiful areas in Japan and the University facilitates social innovation and entrepreneurship to tackle social issues locally and globally. I strongly believe thanks to the ISTR mentoring program I got a new opportunity to start a new life. I really appreciate Dr. Kim and ISTR.

Yutaka Tanabe, University of Nagano , Japan
ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2022
Information and Call for Contributions

ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference
7-9 December 2022
Sabah, Malaysia

Hosted by the Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy

Active Civil Society: Post-crises rebuilding, mobilising and innovating

Since 2020, the world has been marked by dramatic dislocations and disruptions including the Covid-19 pandemic and political changes across the region and globally. These crises have had variable effects on third sector organisations and civil society in particular, with reports of constrained resources, outmoded communication/collaboration technologies and passive responses. Yet, civil society survives and thrives as it actively develops community crises responses, forms networks of mutual aid, mobilises action and innovates to achieve new outcomes.

The Covid-19 pandemic has infiltrated all walks of life and the effects on civil society and the third sector have varied between nations and across different segments of society. These include the mobilisation of volunteers, but also the recognition that volunteering has changed, as have the ways of recruiting, managing and supporting them. Funding has been disrupted in all sectors, with philanthropy stretched to deal with urgent issues, government funding demanded by all but limited, low donations, often due to the disruption of fundraising events. More positively, extensive use of communication technologies have allowed for innovations, although it has also highlighted the digital divide. Post-crisis life therefore presents opportunities to rebuild, and innovate and we invite papers that reflect on these changes and the ‘new normal’ that can guide third sector organisations in the future.

Crises, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, are felt unequally across generations, socio-economic structures and in different regions. Civil society is instrumental in mitigating the worst effects of these impacts, to advocate for democratic solutions, mobilise and connect communities and highlight and work against discriminations. Again, post-crisis reflection enables learning about how best to rebuild, mobilise and innovate.

Research is important in learning, publicising and developing innovations, yet the crisis has disrupted the lives of researchers who are family members, teachers, and civil society members as well. Access to empirical data has been restricted in some instances and required innovations and perseverance. Papers that present innovations in method, theory and practice are welcomed, as noted below.

ISTR ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE STREAMS

Researchers are invited to submit papers under the following streams:

1. Civil Society’s Active Response/s to Crises
2. Civil Society and Democratisation
3. Developing Southern Theory for Third Sector Studies
4. Digitization/technology, Open Government and Civil Society
5. Emerging Methodologies, Theory and Practice
6. Sustainability and environmental issues in civil society Organization and Leadership
7. Philanthropy
8. Partnerships and Collaborations, including Corporate Social Responsibility
9. Regulation and change
10. Social Enterprise
11. Sustainable Development Goals: working towards their achievement
12. Third Sector Innovation in Welfare, Education and Health
13. Environmental civil society
GENERAL INFORMATION

Forms of Participation: Papers, Panels, Roundtable, and Posters

Abstract Submissions

To be considered for review, an abstract of not more than 500 words (not including references) must include:

- A statement of the empirical or theoretical concern.
- A short summary locating the concern within a wider literature.
- A concise account of the empirical or theoretical methodological approach.
- The main arguments of the paper and an indication of the supporting evidence.
- A statement of the main conclusions and their relevance to an international audience.

Abstracts not meeting these requirements will be declined by the ISTR Conference Committee.

Sample abstracts are available for review here and on our conference web page. All abstracts should be prepared and written in English. Conference Papers and Panels will be organised in parallel sessions. Submissions by practitioners, emerging scholars, and Masters and doctoral students engaged in research are very welcome.

If your submission is accepted and you wish to present your research at the conference, you must be a paying member of ISTR and must formally register for the conference.

Submissions for Panels, Papers, Posters & Roundtables

All panel, paper, poster, and roundtable proposals for the Conference must be submitted using ISTR’s online submission service. You will be required to choose one of the conference themes which best fits your abstract.

To submit your paper or poster abstract using our online portal provided by Oxford Abstracts, please visit: https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/2312/submitter

You will need to create an account before you submit your abstract.

Special Note on Panel Submissions: A panel submission is a proposal for a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number) on a particular topic or issue. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper. Panel proposals that do not include full abstracts and author information for each paper will not be considered. The person submitting the panel proposal must be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all proposed paper presenters commit to attending the conference.

Please note that papers which are part of a submitted panel cannot be submitted separately as an individual submission. If the submission is submitted twice by the same author it will be rejected.

Special Note on Posters and Poster Submissions: A poster proposal is an alternative to presenting a full research paper. New researchers in particular are invited to share work-in-progress by means of a poster if they wish. This is an opportunity to display a poster about completed and/or ongoing research. Posters will be displayed online throughout the conference and a designated session will be scheduled in which participants can meet with authors to discuss their work. Full instructions on poster formats will be provided to those accepted for presentation.

Special Note on Roundtable Submissions: Roundtables encourage discussion and interaction among delegates. The roundtable format offers short (max. 10 minute) presentations around a common theme, with ample time for discussion. Proposals should include details on the theme or topic of discussion and its relevance, along with the names of the organizers/participants. Roundtables typically include no more than five (5) presenters. Please describe what each presenter is expected to contribute.

Innovative roundtable formats are invited. To propose content using a new session format, please choose the roundtable format and then provide a description of the format and how the session will function. Then provide a description of the proposed content, including the topic(s), its relevance to the Third Sector, and the names of the organizers/presenters. Please describe how each presenter is expected to contribute.
IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract submissions: **September 1, 2022**
Notification of acceptance/rejection to authors: **October 3, 2022**
Deadline for presenter conference registration: **October 31, 2022**
Deadline for final submission of papers: **November 30, 2022**
Conference starts: **December 7-9, 2022**

QUESTIONS

Any questions may be directed to Secretariat@istr.org

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Read the May Newsletter from **ISTR's Latin America and Caribbean Network**
MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to the ISTR Members published in the most recent edition of Voluntas. Volume 33, Issue 2 is now available online.

Marlou J. M. Ramaekers, Informal Volunteering and Socialization Effects: Examining Modelling and Encouragement by Parents and Partner

Natasha Nicholls, “I have Felt so Much Joy”: The Role of Emotions in Community Sponsorship of Refugees

Armine Ishkanian, Who Needs the Experts? The Politics and Practices of Alternative Humanitarianism and Its Relationship to NGOs

Shawn Teresa Flanigan, Book Review of Amateurs Without Borders: The Aspirations and Limits of Global Compassion by Dr. Allison Schnable

The Aspen Institute’s Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation released a report it commissioned, Stories from the Frontier: Breakthroughs, Challenges, and Recommendations from the First 5 Years of Open 990 Data, authored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University. The report details how open Form 990 data is empowering change throughout the nonprofit sector.

ISTR members Carol Brunt and John Casey have published "The impacts of marketization on international aid: Transforming relationships among USAID vendors" in Public Administration and Development.

The paper is available via open access online at http://doi.org/10.1002/pad.1977

Read more here
Resilient Urban Communities Conference

Call for Papers

RUC Conference and Seminars: 6th to 8th December 2022
Nairobi, Kenya

Submission of Abstracts Deadline: 3rd August 2022

Resilient Urban Communities (RUC) is a collaborative African-German research project that addresses select Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 4 on Quality Education and SDG 11, which focuses on Sustainable Cities and Communities. As the complexities of urban life in Africa grow, social enterprises, communities, and 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, infrastructure, transport, education, migration, violence and gender equality.

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