**Virtual Conference Update** (12-15 July 2021)

Conference registration remains open and you are invited to register; Click here and attend!

**Plenary Sessions**

**Monday, July 12 at 12:00 pm UTC**

**Resistance and Mutual Aid Under Repressive Regimes: Hong Kong and Myanmar**

21st century democracy protest movements have common features, one of which is the robust participation of civil society actors and organizations. While each country trajectory is unique, civil society forces often both spark and sustain resistance movements. They also work to deepen rule of law and cultures of democracy during a transition process. While protest movements worldwide are on the rise, so are alarming trends toward authoritarian rule. This session will examine two society case studies, Myanmar and Hong Kong, in order identify some of the commonalities and distinctions in civil society response. The recent military coup in Myanmar demonstrates the fragility of ten years of small forward steps. In settings like Hong Kong, where decades of partial democracy is now being brutally reversed. Researcher/activists on the panel will analyze ‘leaderless’ movement strategies (the idea to “be water”). They will explore how tactics must be agile in moving between public protest, economic forms of resistance, and, when repression is extreme, modes of mutual aid for a “community of suffering.” Readings will be shared in advance to enhance the discussion.

This session will feature academics Ngok Ma (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Tharaphi Than (Northern Illinois University), and Kinman Chan (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) in a curated conversation moderated by Barbara Ibrahim (American University of Cairo).

**Wednesday, July 14 at 12:00 pm UTC (Open to the public, pre-registration required)** Click here

**Civil Society and Resilience: Finding the Common Thread in the Face of a Global Pandemic**

This session brings together academics and the voices from the field. It begins with the stories from six organizations around the world that have faced challenges from the pandemic and have changed and transformed to survive. Each has a unique story about how they managed, pivoted, and embraced new opportunities.

Join the world tour from Brazil, Italy, Nepal, Nigeria, Canada, and South Africa – followed by an analysis and discussion of resilience and new possibilities -- a conversation with Nana Afadzinu (West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) Ghana), and Rob Macmillan (Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University, UK), moderated by Dipendra KC, Thammasat University, Thailand.
Join us for these networking sessions!

July 12
Africa 9:30 – 10:00 UTC
Latin America and the Caribbean 17:30 – 18:00 UTC
PhD Seminar Alumni 17:30 UTC

July 13
Asia Pacific 5:00 – 5:30 UTC
PhD Seminar Alumni 9:30 UTC
Teaching & Learning 17:30 UTC

July 14
Law & Regulation 13:30 UTC
Center Directors 17:30-18:30 UTC

Visit the Academic & Independent Research Centers – over 30 centers are sharing their reports, publications, training programs, videos, and more.

Pathable Platform details will include an introduction video and FAQs to make your virtual experience easy!

President’s Column

Are you counting down the days yet? Just four weeks to go until the curtain goes up on ISTR’s first global virtual conference on Global Civil Society in Uncertain Times: Strengthening Diversity and Sustainability. And what an adventure lies ahead of us from July 12 to July 15 inclusive! Over four days and across two time zones, more than 400 ISTR members will present their papers and share their research findings. Our speakers will come from over 50 countries, and we’ll have 23 panels, 18 roundtables and over 100 parallel sessions to choose from. While some of you are sleeping, others will be presenting but I hope that wherever you are in the world, you will be able to join us for our two great plenary sessions on July 12 and July 14, which speak to the incredible resilience of NGOs and the lessons we have learnt and can share on civil society sustainability.

The last 18 months have been tough. The global pandemic has changed so many things – our work lives, our family lives, not to mention our ability to travel. ISTR, too, has pivoted to help members stay connected by running more online webinars, virtual book clubs and affinity group meetings, not to mention a recent highly successful international virtual PhD seminar for our next generation of non-profit scholars (read the report inside this newsletter). If we had to find an unintentional silver lining to our pandemic setting, I guess it would be that this ISTR conference will create our lowest ever collective carbon footprint – just think, no one has had to get on a plane or take a train or any other form of transport to participate in this year’s conference! For many of us, teaching semesters have just ended, and exam grading season is hopefully nearing its conclusion, so I encourage you to take a well-deserved deep breath, sit back, and join us from the comfort of your own home.

My Presidency to date has been a virtual one and it has made me realise that what connects us together as the ISTR family is not determined by us being in the same place or even in the same time-zone. What binds us together is a shared curiosity about the third sector and how it works and shared enthusiasm or passion to make it work better. We come from many countries, we speak many different languages, we work across an array of disciplines, but we share common conversations and common concerns, and we strive – as ISTR’s mission statement says -- to develop a global community of scholars, researchers and practitioners who celebrate diversity, non-profit and philanthropic commitment to society and rigorous interdisciplinary approaches in third sector research. As we discuss global civil society in uncertain times, I’m so grateful to the constancy and dedication of our wonderful ISTR team -- Margery Daniels, Megan Haddock and Robin Wehrlin -- who take up and run with Board ideas for collaboration and turn them into interactive “real life” virtual events. I’m also very appreciative of the stalwart efforts of our conference co-chairs, John Mohan and Patricia Mendonca. It has been a long road to this conference, but their quiet optimism and hard work will see us shortly across the starting line. We’ll all be keeping our fingers crossed for a glitch-free, user-friendly experience and a big thank you to the whole team for all of the careful conference planning that
has brought us to this point in time. Having fully embraced the online environment this past year, I think that we will all be anticipating better times ahead with a return to physical gatherings. I’m looking forward to the day in the hopefully not-too-distant future when I can meet you in person and perhaps welcome you to a regional conference or our next international conference in Montreal next year.

For now, I wish you a restful summer, a chance to recharge your third sector batteries and I look forward to seeing you online at the conference. Please do enjoy the many sessions on offer, join us for the regional and affinity group meetings, come along to the great plenary sessions, and say hello to all of the academic centres, publishers and sponsors who will be joining us in our virtual conference hall-way. And if you have yet to register, it is not too late! You can still join us in this celebration of all things non-profit by clicking here. Remember, just four weeks to go and counting!!

Oonagh B. Breen, President ISTR

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Regional News
ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

Active Civil Society: Post-crisis Rebuilding, Mobilising and Innovating
8-10 December 2021
Sabah, Malaysia

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

Call for Contributions
Submit an abstract for a paper, panel, roundtable, or poster
Deadline: August 1, 2021

Keynote Speaker: Meredith Weiss is Professor and Chair of Political Science at the University at Albany, State University of New York and director of Rockefeller College’s Semester in Washington Program. She has published widely on social mobilization and civil society, the politics of identity and development, electoral politics and parties, institutional reform, and subnational governance in Southeast Asia, with particular focus on Malaysia and Singapore. www.istr.org/page/AsiaPacific

The Regional Network of Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR-LAC) invites the research community to submit individual and roundtable proposals for the:

REGIONAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

“25 years of the ISTR network for Latin America and the Caribbean: A look at the research on Third Sector in the Region”

October 13 y 14, 2021
Deadline for submissions: July 15, 2021

The International Society for Third Sector Research, ISTR, was founded in 1992 and its mission consists of “Developing a community of diverse academics, researchers and practitioners, with a commitment to philanthropy and non-profit entities to seek rigorous and interdisciplinary approaches in research on the Third Sector:”
The ISTR Regional Network for Latin America and the Caribbean was founded during ISTR’s 2nd International Conference, held in 1996 in Mexico City, with the objective of strengthening the work between the community of researchers and others interested in creating, discussing and developing knowledge related to the Third Sector and its impact at the regional level.

25 years after its creation, the LAC Network invites the research community to contribute to creation of a symposium that will consider and reflect on the challenges and perspectives facing the future of research on the Third Sector and Civil Society in the LAC Region.

This symposium is envisioned as a set of discussion forums held over 2 days of reflecting on our 25th anniversary. We are seeking proposals for topics and speakers that will provide different perspectives on the themes reflective of the third sector research community and its historical development in the region.

Presentations may result in the generation of a paper; but it is not required for this symposium. These discussions may also contribute to the development of research, such as abstracts submitted to future ISTR conferences: Montreal 2022 or São Paulo 2023 or for a special regional issue of *Voluntas*.

Submissions may include proposals for individual presentations, roundtable discussions, or alternative and innovative formats.

**Individual work:** features the work of one presenter. It may include completed research or a research proposal. It can result in a paper with co-authors, but the development of a paper is not required.

**Roundtables:** this format encourage discussion and interaction among delegates and does not involve writing papers. The roundtable format offers short 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 no more than five (5) organizers/participants. Please describe what each presenter is expected to contribute.

Innovative/Alternative formats: Share a format not proposed here. To propose content using a new session format, please 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.

**Suggested topics:**
- Achievements and challenges of research on the Third Sector and Civil Society in the region: a timeline
- Particular research debates of individual countries
- Current and future situation of research on the Third Sector and Civil Society
- Voluntary action and citizen participation
- Civil Society, State and markets in democratic contexts.
- Social movements, political participation and public policies
- Development and sustainability: the role of Civil Society
- Legal and fiscal frameworks for Civil Society Organizations
- Governance, management, adaptation and sustainability of organizations.
- Social responsibility, social impact businesses, cooperatives
- Social economy, social innovation and Third Sector
- Multisectoral alliances
- Models of Philanthropy
- Emerging areas of theory, pedagogy and practice

**Guidelines:**
- Send proposals to the Regional Secretariat e-mail: istrlac.sec@gmail.com
- The proposal should be not more than 500 words and must include: the participation format theme, description, names and affiliation of the participants. References are not included in the 500-word count.
- The official languages of the Symposium will be Spanish and Portuguese
- Presentations in English are accepted and speakers may also do so in this language.
- All presenters must be paying members of ISTR. If your proposal is accepted you agree to join the Society. Special accommodations will be considered for civil society practitioners invited to roundtable discussions.

The 2021 Academic Committee will review proposals and choose those to be presented at the 25th anniversary symposium. Final decisions will reflect a balance of topics, perspectives and regional representation.
Key dates:
July 15, 2021: Proposals submission deadline.
August 15, 2021: Notification of accepted proposals.
October 13 & 14, 2021: Regional Virtual Symposium “25 years of the ISTR network for Latin America and the Caribbean: a look at the research on Third Sector in the Region”

About the ISTR Regional Conference - São Paulo, 2023
The global health crisis, due to COVID-19, has impacted the way meetings and conferences of researchers are carried out around the world. The ISTR / LAC Regional Conference that was scheduled for São Paulo in 2021 will be held in person in 2023 at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in that same city.

2021 International PhD Seminar
May 24-28, 2021

By the Numbers:
• 39 PhD Students from some 21+ nationalities enrolled in universities in 18 countries
• 12 faculty, 3 of which were 2012 PhD Seminar alumni
• 6 small groups of students met 4 times during the week
• 1 opening keynote by Peter Frumkin describing 8 good ideas & strategies for emerging scholars
• 2 keynote speakers: Maria Faina Diola “Research for Policy Development” and Matthew Bennett “Biological Responses to Prosocial Behavior”
• 2 sessions on Getting Published, including a conversation between Taco Brandsen (Voluntas) and Feminda Handy (NVSQ) and “The Joys and Pains of Publishing” interactive workshop.
• 3 informal networking sessions
• 12 submissions to our Three Minute Thesis competition (see the videos on our conference website!).

Congratulations to first place winner Emma Willems and second place finalist Karin Yvonne Bierman and thanks to the Penn Center for Social Impact Strategy for sponsoring the prizes.

What some students said was their key takeaway:
“The power of collaboration and the feeling of “not being alone” in this PhD journey”
“It is the realisation that as PhD students, have our ups and downs as part of the learning process. The seminar for me was an opportunity to share my challenges and experiences, as well as, learning from my peers and faculty.”
• Remember literature reviews are other people’s work for you to analyse and critique.
• Remember to draw on your networks for support and guidance.
• Probably the most important thing for me is to say that you are all doing important and interesting work and I look forward to seeing how you all progress and finish.”

Thanks Dr. Megan Paull, Murdoch Business School, Murdoch University, Australia for sharing the lessons generated by this group.

PhD Seminar Faculty Co-Chairs:

Anna Domaradzka, Director at Robert Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

Aya Okada, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University, Japan

PhD Seminar Faculty:

Florentine Maier, Senior Researcher, Institute for Nonprofit Management, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Humberto Munoz Grandé, Coordinator of the Doctorate in Social Responsibility at the Universidad Anáhuac México & Professor at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana and Universidad Iberoamericana, México

Peter Frumkin, Professor, Mindy and Andrew Heyer Chair in Social Policy, Faculty Director, Center for Social Impact Strategy, Director, MS in Nonprofit Leadership Program, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Faina Diola, Associate Professor at the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) of the University of the Philippines Diliman

Allison Schnable, Assistant Professor, Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, USA

Helen K. Liu, Associate Professor; Department of Political Science & The Graduate Institute of Public Affairs, National Taiwan University

Tereza Pospíšilová, Assistant Professor; Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, The Czech Republic

Matthew Bennett, the Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

Megan Paull, Senior Lecturer - Management; Co-Director - Centre for Responsible Citizenship and Sustainability; College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences; LEAD convenor; Murdoch University, Perth, Australia

Li Yang, Associate Professor & Director; China Academy of Social Governance, School of Sociology, Center for International NGOs and Foundations, Beijing Normal University

Madalena Raptopoulos’ reflection about the 2021 Ph.D. Seminar:

It was an amazing experience to participate in the 2021 Ph.D. Seminar and to have the opportunity to discuss my thesis with highly qualified and specialized professors, as well as with other doctorate candidates in Third Sector research. I received many suggestions to complement the literature review and regarding the methodology and its limitation. I believe that all the Ph.D. students or candidates of this sector should look for a similar experience, regardless of their research stage, because the colleagues and faculties always have another view, which was not contemplated until the moment. Additionally, it was a special moment for networking and one week with lectures and presentations that are very relevant for someone who is starting a research career, like me. I feel too much honored to be selected to integrate the group this year and extremely grateful to the ISTR and all the kindly faculty for that, as well as Megan Haddock for the wonderful organization of the event.

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Member News

Professor’s Call to Action Against Sexual Misconduct in Academia Published Widely

Dr. Kimberly Wiley, assistant professor at the University of Florida, and Dr. Sarah Young, assistant professor of political science at the University of North Georgia (UNG), co-authored the article “Erased: Why faculty sexual misconduct is prevalent and how we could prevent it,” which was published in the Journal of Public Affairs Education in February. Since then, 13 other scholarly journals published an adapted editorial version of the original manuscript. This article is shining a light on faculty sexual misconduct in academia.

It is unprecedented in the 200-year history of public administration research in the U.S. for a letter of this kind to be published in multiple academic journals, Young said.

Dr. Kimberly Wiley has been a member of ISTR since 2016. She is the Assistant Professor of Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development in the Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences at the University of Florida. She earned her doctorate from Florida State University in Public Administration with an emphasis on nonprofit organizations. Dr. Wiley has thirteen years of nonprofit experience in the field of victim advocacy in local, state, and national organizations. She is a public administration, nonprofit, and public policy scholar with particular interest in organizations and public policy addressing gender-based violence.

The Center for Grantmaking Research connects researchers, funders and grantees

The Center for Philanthropic Studies at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands) has a new subsidiary center. Launched in March 2021, the Center for Grantmaking Research (GrantmakingResearch.nl) aims to stimulate the co-creation of knowledge on different philanthropic grantmaking practices and their consequences. The Center connects researchers, program officers, charity lottery professionals, nonprofit managers, fundraisers, government officials and other stakeholders.

Unrestricted funding

The new knowledge center studies different ways of effective philanthropic grantmaking. The first project examines the advantages and disadvantages of unrestricted funding. This study is led by prof. Pamala Wiepking, who holds the part-time chair ‘Societal significance of charity lotteries’ at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in addition to her position as Visiting Stead Family Chair in International Philanthropy at the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. This research is supported by a generous contribution from the Dutch Postcode Lottery.

Future research could include other practices like participatory grantmaking, high-engagement philanthropy, social impact bonds, impact measurement and matching grants. Every researcher and practitioner is invited to join the network, and we are very much looking forward to your ideas and insights on effective grantmaking.

Philanthropic Studies

GrantmakingResearch.nl is part of the Center for Philanthropic Studies at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The Center for Philanthropic Studies is the leading center on philanthropy in the Netherlands and Europe, hosting research on all aspects of philanthropy, including charitable giving, foundation grants, blood donations and volunteering.

Springer Nonprofit and Civil Society Studies Book Series

The New Social and Impact Economy: An International Perspective

Editors: Benjamin Gidron and Anna Domaradzka. Springer, 2021. 304 pages. To order: Click here

This edited volume discusses the development of the new social and impact economy in ten countries around the globe. The new social and impact economy is an attempt to conceptualize developments after the 2008 economic crisis, which emphasized the pitfalls of the Neo-Liberal economic system. In the aftermath of the crisis, new organizational entities evolved, which combined social and business objectives as part of their mission. Using data gathered by two recent international research projects—the ICSEM project and the FAB-MOVE project—the book provides an initial portrait of the forces at play in the evolution of the new social and impact economy, linking those to the past crisis as well as to Covid19 and comparing the emergence of the phenomenon in a varied group of countries.

The book begins with an overview of the classical definitions of social economy and proposes a comprehensive concept of new social and impact economy, its characteristics, and sources. Ten country chapters as well as a comparative chapter on international social economy organizations follow. The volume concludes with an overall analysis of the data from the country chapters, forming a typology of social economy traditions and linking it to recent Post Capitalism trends.
Creating a conceptual framework to analyze the new phenomena in social economy, this volume is ideal for academics and practitioners in the fields of social economy; social, economic and welfare policies; social and business entrepreneurship in a comparative fashion; social and technological innovation as well as CSR specialists and practitioners.

In Memorium

On April 4th Jeffrey L. (Jeff) Brudney, Betty and Dan Cameron Family Distinguished Professor of Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector, passed away after a brief illness. Jeff was without doubt one of the leading scholars in the nonprofit sector and management community. His death is a saddening and immense loss.

I met Jeff for the first time at a conference in 1995 when I was still doing my PhD. Jeff being Jeff, he was extremely welcoming to this Dutch newbie. Just like he always was for many students and developing scholars in our field. At conferences like ISTR you would find Jeff talking to first time participants and established scholars like himself in the same vein.

I deeply admire Jeff for this ongoing capability and willingness to be a mentor for countless young scholars in our field, from all over the world. The added value of this mentorship cannot be underestimated. It was amazing and heartwarming to see how many developing and established scholars from all over the world came over for a short conversation when sitting down with Jeff. These conversations would always be with a genuine interest in the other. I guess I am not the only one who was then astonished by how many small private details Jeff would still remember upon meeting the next time.

I had the great honor of teaching volunteer management together, co-writing several papers, visiting him at several of his institutes and serving as co-Editors in Chief of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly. Over the years Jeff has become a very welcome academic visitor, congenial and friend in Rotterdam, where he always impressed locals with his “bakery Dutch”.

Jeff accomplished a great deal as a scholar. Jeff is known in the field for his insightful and creative metaphors and article titles (e.g., “ratchet volunteer management,” the “volunteer commons”), interesting papers, his engaged presentations at conferences, his impeccable writing and editing skills, his humor and his incredible collection of snow globes. Jeff has been part of many international collaborative research projects. He was the well-deserved recipient of countless recognitions for writing best papers and other academic achievements, including the ARNOVA “Award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research.” It reflects how the whole community admired him.

According to Jeff, his scholarly achievements were only possible due to Nancy, the love of his life. Together they have three children and three grandchildren.

Jeff will be dearly missed by us all. Let us keep remembering and honoring him by using his impressive academic legacy in our own work.

Lucas Meijs
Nonprofit Policy Forum: Call for Papers

Alan Abramson, Mirae Kim, and Stefan Toepler of George Mason University will become the new editorial team of the journal Nonprofit Policy Forum in July 2021, following the highly successful tenure of founding editor-in-chief Dennis Young and managing editor Linda Serra.

NPF is pleased to welcome the submission of unsolicited manuscripts year-round. NPF publishes original, high-quality research and analysis from all scholarly disciplines and all parts of the world that address important public policy issues affecting nonprofits, philanthropy, and social enterprise. A double-blind peer review process is used to select papers for publication.

NPF is published quarterly by De Gruyter in open access format and is fully available at www.degruyter.com/loi/npf. Open access is made possible by NPF’s generous institutional sponsors: the Humphrey School of the University of Minnesota; the Urban Institute; the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University; the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNO-VA); and the Stockholm Center for Civil Society Studies. NPF’s editorial board consists of leading scholars from 20 different countries in Europe, Asia, North America, and Australia. The journal is indexed in Scopus (Q2) and the Emerging Science Citation Index (ESCI) and is searchable in the Web of Science Core Collection.

Articles published in NPF address a broad range of nonprofit public policy issues. Subject areas include but are not limited to: government funding, tax, and regulatory policies related to nonprofits and philanthropy; nonprofit advocacy and lobbying; other aspects of nonprofit-government relations; social enterprise and sector boundary issues; global/cross-national NGO issues; and developments in policy fields such as health care, social justice, the environment, education, and the arts that affect nonprofits.

NPF invites research papers of 5,000-8,000 words as well as shorter special features such as policy briefs, commentaries, case studies, interviews, and book reviews. Proposals for special issues are also welcome. More detail on how to submit manuscripts to NPF is available on NPF’s website, www.degruyter.com/loi/npf.