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

2020 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. 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. Sustainability and Environmental Issues in 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: **August 1, 2021**

Notification of acceptance/rejection to authors: **September 15, 2021**

Deadline for presenter conference registration: **October 15, 2021**

Deadline for final submission of papers: **November 26, 2021**

Special programming for PhD Students: **December 7, 2021**

Conference: **December 8-10, 2021**

QUESTIONS

Any questions may be directed to Secretariat@istr.org

CONFERENCE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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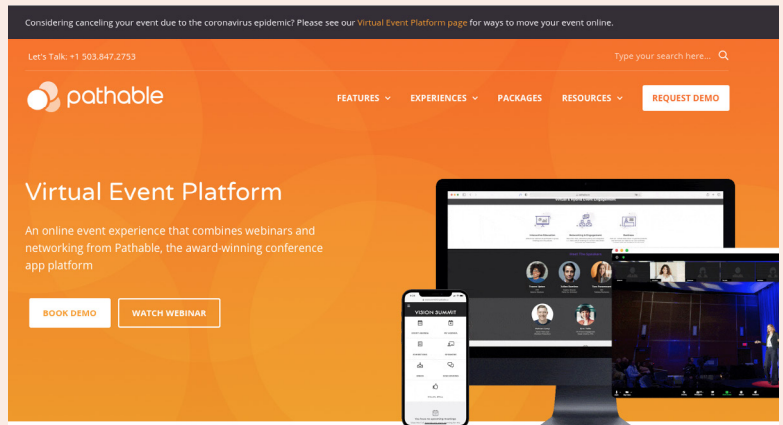
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Local host contact: istrmalaysia@ums.edu.my

ISTR Virtual Conference Update (12-15 July 2021)

ISTR's Virtual Conference planning is well under way. We are developing a user-friendly experience for our members, so that authors are able to present their research to their peers and participants are able to join the discussion without technical complications or barriers.

ISTR has signed a contract with Pathable. This virtual events platform is well-tested, straightforward, and importantly it speaks to our membership database & abstracting system. We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks to make sure everyone—presenters, moderators, and participants -- are comfortable using the platform. Here are some key features of interest: The program will be split into two time blocks so that ev-



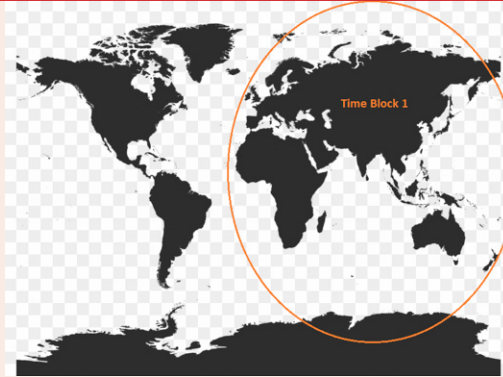
everyone can participate during normal waking hours. All sessions will be recorded so you can watch anything that happened while you were sleeping.



Time block 1

- 6:00 - 10:00 UTC
- 8:00-12:00 Berlin
- 14:00-18:00 Hong Kong
- 16:00-20:00 Sydney

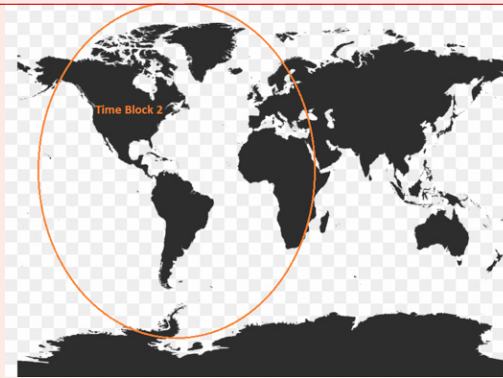
[Check your time here](#)



Time block 2

- 14:00 - 18:00 UTC
- 16:00-20:00 Berlin
- 9:00-13:00 Mexico City
- 7:00-11:00 Seattle

[Check your time here](#)



The platform will use Zoom meetings software, so presenters will be able to share PowerPoints and moderators will have host controls of the room. Authors can also upload handouts along with papers in advance of their presentation. Don't forget, papers are due online June 10! The conference will feature a mobile app so that you have more options for how and when you connect.

In addition to the main conference program, participants will have access to two pre-conference events before the start of the formal conference. These are the ARIMA International Colloquium and Nonprofit Education Research Summit: Discussing and Comparing Eastern and Western Nonprofit Higher Education Programs

Join by computer, tablet, or phone.



You will be able to create your own schedule that displays the events you plan to attend in your own time zone. The Schedule at a Glance is now **online**. Networking is important, so you will be able to easily conduct meetings 1:1 with anyone else in the conference (no need to send a zoom link!).

NEW THIS YEAR

Are you affiliated with an academic or independent research center with a focus on the third sector? We invite you to share your reports & publications and information about your academic & training programs at the conference. An important part of the Society's mission is to support the production of knowledge on the global third sector. All centers with a focus on the third sector are eligible to showcase their work with a paid conference registration.

Sign up here!

Have you recently published a book? We will also feature publishers on the conference platform. Please let us know (secretariat@istr.org) and we will invite your publisher to exhibit.

Voluntas News

Voluntas now on Twitter! The Editors-in-Chief of Voluntas are excited to announce that the journal is making its debut on Twitter! Please subscribe to our Tweets as a follower: @VoluntasJournal. We intend this to be a further resource for our Voluntas community, both authors and readers alike.

The Evolution of Third Sector Research and the Journal Voluntas: The Editors’ Impressions

Former Voluntas Editor Ruth Simsa & Editor Taco Brandsen reflect on the last 5 years of publishing trends in Voluntas. The piece was recently published in the February issue of Voluntas (Vol. 32, Iss. 1).

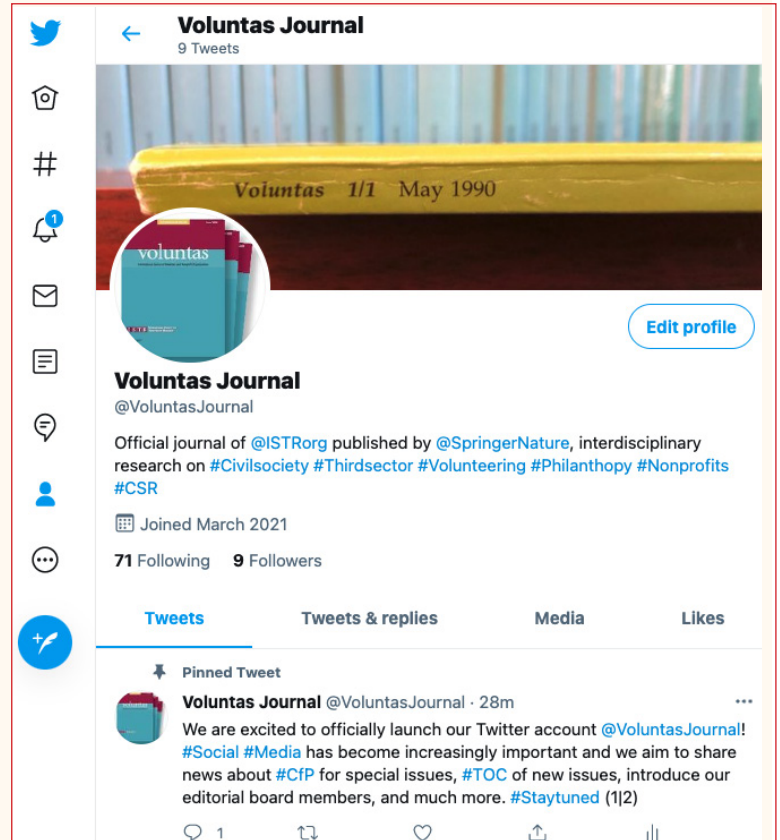
Abstract: More than 5 years ago, we started as editors-in-chief of Voluntas. This was a great honour and responsibility. It also led to an intensive learning curve. With on average three e-mails per day, it meant more than 5000 e-mails between the two of us. Between 2016 and 2020, we received 2200 manuscripts, over one per day (weekends and holidays included). Occasionally, it felt like a hopeless battle against a never-ending stream of texts. But it has also given us a unique opportunity to watch the development of the field, of shifting centres of gravity, surges of interest and downward curves. In this short editorial, we would like to reflect on the development of the journal and third sector/non-profit research in general.



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Call for Special Issue

“Civil Society and Nonprofits at a Crossroad: Critical Perspectives on Technology and Democracy”

[Click here](#) to read the full call.

Guest Editors:

- Alessandro Sancino, The Open University (UK) & University of Milan-Bicocca (IT)
- Roseanne Mirabella, Seton Hall University (US)
- Laura Mariani, University of Bergamo (IT)

The guest editors welcome contributions using critical perspectives to explore the ways in which technology and digitalization threaten democracy and freedom in civil society spaces as well as, alternatively, ways in which they might enhance civil society and democracy. For consideration, please send your extended abstracts (between 400 and 700 words) by May 15, 2021 to Prof. Laura Mariani: laura.mariani@unibg.it.

Any questions about the special issue can be directed to Prof. Laura Mariani: laura.mariani@unibg.it.

Online Resource

Using the Open Library When Your Library is Closed

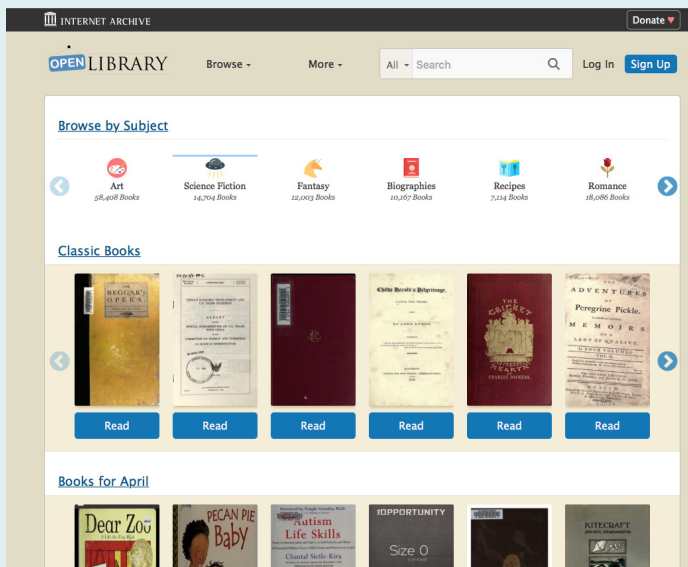
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Among the many challenges facing scholars during the COVID-19 Pandemic, was the problem in getting access to older works that were locked up in libraries across the world. One source that became a real lifesaver over and over again is the Internet Archive's Open Library (<https://openlibrary.org/>). To use this library, all you need is an Internet connection and you can setup an account.



The Open Library is a growing resource that operates on the principle of “controlled digital lending.” Each book that is available to borrow (either for one hour or in many cases, 14 days), is physically held in their facilities. The number of digital loans that can take place for a book is equal to the number of copies that they own - so it operates fundamentally the same as a print library.

The searching can be done by bibliographic information like author and title or as a full text search (great for finding a quote).

While you cannot download or print from the Open Library, this is a great way to find an elusive book chapter or section.

One way to work around the lack of downloading is to take screenshots of the pages. The Firefox browser works very well here as does Chrome with the FireShot app.

- Directions using Firefox:
- Once you find the chapter or section you want, right click over that page and choose the option on the bottom - “Take a Screenshot”
- Click on the page you want - it will automatically size to just that page.
- Click on copy or download on the bottom. You can download individual pages and then use a program that combines PDFs to pull the pages together. The pages will be given names that keep them in order.
- It can be clunky, but once you get the hang of it, it will move through quickly.

The copy you generate would be for your use. If you want to post it, you need to seek permissions as normal.

Graphic Novels

Three graphic novels, *Dragon Tale*, *Mad Spicy Resto* and *The O's Lab*, have been created by Dr. Yanto Chandra and his team including Hinyi Cheuk, Kaho Albert Yu, Wai Yu Chan, and Wing Ki To.

These comics are a timely and novel contribution to social entrepreneurship, and specifically, to demonstrate how scholars can offer unconventional approaches in narrating social issues and their solutions through social entrepreneurship. The authors not only unpacked the “how” of





day-to-day social entrepreneurship, but also the “why” of value co-creation and stakeholder participation. These comics are a must-read for anyone interested in and are practicing social entrepreneurship.

The e-comics are now avail-

able via Google Play. Some sample pages can be seen in each comic below by clicking the blue button “Free Sample”.

https://play.google.com/store/books/details/HINYI_CHEUK_DRAGON_TAIL?id=6tknEAAAQBAJ

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Book Series in Philanthropy, Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organizations Announced

We are pleased to announce the launch of Georgetown Studies in Philanthropy, Nonprofit, and Nongovernmental Organizations, a new series led by Gregory R. Witkowski, Columbia University. This series emphasizes critical approaches to understanding formal/informal giving and institutions engaged in the social economy, both domestically and internationally. It brings to light the multiple tools that can advance visions of the social good and, using a critical lens, examine racial and social inequality built into the sector. The series emphasizes how cultural traditions continue to affect us even as new technologies disrupt our practices and shape our work. The series will publish books focused on the United States, but also encourages transnational and comparative approaches. Our aim is to publish one or two books per year starting in Fall 2022 with scholars and practitioners as the audience.

The editorial board includes prominent scholars with diverse interests:

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| Lucy Bernholz | Stanford University |
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| Chao Guo | University of Pennsylvania |
| Fredrick Harris | Columbia University |
| Erica Kohl-Arenas | University of California, Davis |
| Michael Moody | Grand Valley State University |
| Bhekinkosi Moyo | University of the Witswatersrand |

Greg Witkowski is a senior lecturer in nonprofit management at Columbia University and affiliate faculty at the National Center on Disaster Preparedness. His publications have focused on either localized or transnational giving in the United States and Germany. He can be reached at gw2367@columbia.edu.

Hilary Claggett, the Senior Acquisitions Editor of Global Business, will oversee this series for Georgetown University Press. The press publishes approximately forty new books per year, as well as two journals, with an active list of almost 1,000 titles. These publications primarily service a global audience of higher education teachers and students and the scholarly community, and many also reach the general reading public. The content and pedagogy unite people across different cultures speaking different languages and illuminates, clarifies, and responds to some of the world’s most difficult questions and challenges. These works, written by an international group of authors representing a broad range of intellectual perspectives, focus on international affairs, languages & linguistics, religion & ethics, global business and the global economy, and topics related to the Washington, DC, region.