ISTR Welcomes New Voluntas Editors

Three Co-Editors-in-Chief of Voluntas, Susan Appe, Fredrik O. Andersson and Galia Chimiaik were appointed for a three-year term beginning January 2022. This appointment was made by the board of directors of the Society following the recommendation of the Voluntas Editorial Search Committee in December 2020. The Search Committee was comprised of Mario Aquino Alves (Brazil), chairperson, Andrea Bassi (Italy), Shauna Mottiar (South Africa), Ruth Simsa (Austria), Sonia Tello Rozas (Canada), and Fengshi Wu (Australia).

Susan is Assistant Professor, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, SUNY, New York, and has formal affiliations with universities and NGOs in Latin America and East Africa. Susan’s research is global in scope and has focused on development studies, nonprofit management, and philanthropy.

Fredrik 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.

Galia 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 sociology, political studies as well social psychology, among others.

This new team will build on the journal’s past and current accomplishments and strengthen the academic standing of the journal. They will be informed by ISTR’s goals to develop and implement an inclusive global research agenda and will focus on expanding the geographical coverage of the journal.

We are grateful for the tremendous contributions of the outgoing Co-Editors in Chief, Ruth Simsa and Taco Brandsen. Under their leadership, every measure of the journal’s strength has increased. As reported previously, the Voluntas Impact Factor has risen to 2.468. 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.” Thanks to the entire editorial team, Voluntas continues to be a highly cited resource in its respective disciplines.

ISTR Welcomes New LAC Regional Liaison and Newsletter Editor

A new regional liaison and newsletter editor, Professor Pablo Marsal of the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina, has been appointed for 2022-2023. Pablo has been a Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences since 2014 and Coordinator of the Observatory of NGO since its establishment in 2019. The main objective of the NGO Observatory is to become a source of public, precise, systematic and truthful information in relation to the activities carried out in Argentina by associations, foundations, non-governmental and civil society organizations.

Pablo has been an active member of the Society for many years attending both international and
regional conferences since 2001. We look forward to working with Pablo and his team in Buenos Aires to expand the regional outreach in all parts of Latin America & the Caribbean.

We extend deep appreciation to the outgoing secretariat – a joint effort between Centro Mexicano para la Filanthropia (CEMEFI), and Centro de Investigación y Estudios sobre Sociedad Civil (CIESC). The four year term was managed by Romina Farias, Director of Research, CEMEFI, Jacqueline Butcher, Director, CIESC, and Cristina Rey – our outstanding consultant. Highlights from their 2018-2021 term include: Medellin 2019 Conference, 25th Anniversary Symposium (Virtual 2021), online programs, professional development workshops, newsletters, and more.

You will be hearing from Pablo soon with the latest news with the regional network! Be sure to let him know about any news you have to disseminate in the region by emailing him at istr.lac.sec@gmail.com.

**ISTR and Voluntas Latin America Paper Development Workshop**

On 11 and 12 November, ISTR and Voluntas held a Paper Development Workshop for the special call: *Civil Society in Latin America: Experiments, Resilience, New Utopias*

Guest editors Patricia Mendonça and Humberto Muñoz Grandé launched the call in trilingual format (Spanish, Portuguese and English) during ISTR’s Global Virtual Conference in July 2021. The goal was to make the process more inclusive in receiving papers and carrying out the workshop, aiming to encourage more authors in the region to send their work to *Voluntas*.

The call received 24 submissions, of which 13 were selected to participate in the workshop, being well balanced between the three languages. During the workshop, participants had the opportunity to learn more about the profile of the contents and debates published in *Voluntas*, and participated in individual sessions to discuss their work.

Final submission to *Voluntas* will be completed in March 2022, and ISTR/Springer will provide 8 grants for translating Spanish and Portuguese papers.

In addition to the guest editors, the workshop included the participation of the editor-in-chief of *Voluntas*, Susan Appe, and discussants who commented on the works individually (Carolina Andion, Marlei Pozzebon, Guadalupe Serna Pérez, Lívia Pagotto, Adriana Reynaga Morales, Carlos Courdurier Real, Alicia Márquez Murrieta, Genauto Carvalho-França Filho).

We would like to thank everyone who made this initiative possible!

Read the full call in English, Spanish, and Portuguese [here](#).

**ISTR 14th International Conference Working Papers Series Now Online**

Twenty papers were accepted from the 2021 Virtual Conference [Read the Papers](#).
ISTR Award for Civil Society Policy Impact Research 2022
Applications due February 21, 2022

Two awards of $1,500 each will be given for evidence of research documenting effective civil society action resulting in a demonstrable public policy change. Submissions should cover one policy case study or an interlinked set of cases that took place during the preceding decade. Location may be anywhere in the world, with particular interest in cases from the global South. The policy change could be at local, national or regional level.

PhD Seminar: Call for Applications 10-12 July 2022, Montreal, Canada Deadline to Apply March 1, 2022

The ISTR PhD Seminar is open to all enrolled doctoral students doing research in the field of third sector and civil society, across the different regions in the world, and at all stages of their doctoral studies. Past participants in ISTR International and Regional PhD Seminars are welcome to apply. ISTR will cover 3 nights of shared accommodations in the student residences of McGill University as well as most meals.

In Memoriam

Marion Fremont-Smith

Marion’s books Governing Nonprofit Organizations (2004, 2008), and her earlier Philanthropy and the Business Corporation (1972), are standards in our fields, establishing new baselines for thought and research on nonprofit governance and regulation in the United States.

Tribute by Mark Sidel

Johns Hopkins Center For Civil Society Studies Ceases Operations

Following the passing last year of founder and director Dr. Lester Salamon, the Center for Civil Society Studies officially ceased operations January 14, 2022.

A legacy website has been developed to serve as a permanent repository and archive of the Center’s work over its 35-year history in hopes that the research and resources available there will continue to fulfill the Center’s mission to “strengthen and mobilize the capabilities and resources of all three sectors—government, civil society, and business—in addressing today’s, and tomorrow’s, complex problems.”
UPCOMING ISTR EVENTS

**Book Club**
The Routledge Handbook of Volunteering in Events, Sport and Tourism

Wednesday February 16, 2022
8:00 New York • 14:00 Brussels • 21:00 Perth

[Event Details](https://www.istr.org/page/OnlinePrograms)

**Panel Discussion**
Responding to Crises: Civil Society Experiences in Different Asia-Pacific Regimes

Wednesday February 23, 2022
9:30 New Delhi • 12:00 Kuala Lumpur • 15:00 Sydney

[Event Details](https://www.istr.org/page/OnlinePrograms)

**Book Club**
In Defense of Philanthropy

Wednesday March 2, 2022
9:00 London • 19:00 Sydney

[Event Details](https://www.istr.org/page/OnlinePrograms)
MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to the ISTR Members published in the most recent edition of Voluntas. Volume 32, Issue 6 is now available online.

Bernard Enjolras, Explaining the Varieties of Volunteering in Europe: A Capability Approach

Marianne Staal Stougaard, Co-producing Public Welfare Services with Vulnerable Citizens: A Case Study of a Danish-Somali Women’s Association Co-producing Crime Prevention with the Local Authorities


Roseanne Mirabella, Book Review: Rebecca Tiessen, Benjamin J. Lough, and Kate E. Grantham (eds.), Insights on International Volunteering: Perspectives from the Global South

ISTR board member Dr. Maria Faina L. Diola was recently promoted to Full Professor at the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) of the University of the Philippines Diliman. Read More

Taco Brandsen has been named Board President of the EMES International Research Network. He is currently Professor of Public Administration at Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.  

Dr. Jacob Mwathi Mati has been appointed Associate Professor and Deputy Deputy Director at the Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment, Wits Business School in South Africa. Read More

Dr. Beth Breeze has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) “For services to Philanthropic Research and Fundraising”. Read More
Dr. John Casey, Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management, Baruch College, City University of New York

Best Article for the first 10 years of JNEL

“Comparing Nonprofit sectors Around the World: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?” JNEL, Vol. 6, No.3 (2016)

Rupert Graf Strachwitz's paper "What is Civil Society? A Primer" has been published in English. The full paper is available for download here

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