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The International Society for Third-Sector Research is an international and multidisciplinary scholarly association to promote research and teaching about the Third, Voluntary, or Nonprofit Sector.

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## CONFERENCE NEWS

### 10th International Conference in Siena

July 10-13, 2012

#### New in Siena!

**W**hat has your ISTR membership done for you? Did you make new friends? Do you feel part of our community? Started new collaborations? Got a chance to disseminate your ideas? Got published? Increased your tenure chances? All of the above?!?

Now you have an opportunity to share your ISTR experience with others.

In Siena, ISTR members who would like to share their ISTR experiences and stories will have an opportunity to make a short video recording their thoughts. You provide the content and ISTR will provide the camcorder, a quiet room and a volunteer to help. The recordings will be edited into short videos to be showcased on ISTR's website and Facebook page.

#### Social Media for Siena

Tweet #ISTR2012 to join the conversation for this year's conference! To receive news and updates throughout the conference, follow our blog at <http://istrsiena2012.wordpress.com/>

#### Special ISTR 20th Anniversary Event

Tuesday, July 10th – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Changing Ideas and Debate on Civil Society and the Third Sector Over Twenty Years of ISTR: A Forum of ISTR Scholars Over Two Decades*

Aula Magna



#### Meeting to Focus on Third Sector Research in China

Recognizing the importance and growing vitality of third sector research in China, ISTR invites conference participants who are directly active on third sector research or collaborative activities in China to an informal brainstorming session on potential ISTR activities in China.

The session will be led by ISTR board members Mark Sidel, who has worked with Chinese institutions in this field for three decades, and Liu Qiushi, who is a senior research scholar in one of China's most well-known NPO research centers.

The discussion will be held on Wednesday, July 11, in Room 4, at approximately 1:30 pm (immediately following the Asia Pacific Regional Network Meeting).

#### New Members Reception

The Board of Directors of the International Society for Third Sector Research invites new members of the Society to a New Members Reception

Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Università degli Studi di Siena, Via Mattioli, 10  
2nd Floor Terrace

#### Regional Network Meetings

Wednesday, July 11 at 12:30 pm

Africa Civil Society Research Network, Room 2

Asia Pacific Regional Network, Room 4

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Network, Room B

## President's Column

Dear ISTR Colleagues,

We have a short ISTR newsletter this time and you can probably imagine why—we're all extremely preoccupied right now with "down to the wire" preparations for the 10th International Conference and 20th Anniversary celebration starting in a couple of weeks in Siena, Italy. Despite the many changes in the last twenty years, our purpose now, as then, remains the same—to convene a truly international gathering focused on the dissemination of third sector research, the discussion of ideas and issues pertaining to our work, and the formation of a collaborative and networked community.

This will be a large event: at this point we have registered over 650 participants from 66 countries who will be participating in four full days of presentations and discussion. How far we have come from the 265 participants who gathered for our first conference in Pécs, Hungary in 1994! Those of you who will be attending the conference should be sure to attend the opening roundtable on Tuesday, July 10, where a panel of past presidents and other leaders will discuss the evolution of the field of third sector research over the last twenty years. This is an excellent opportunity not only to hear from a number of people who have been influential in our field but for conference participants to join them in discussing and mapping the future direction of third sector research.

When we look at the program for the upcoming conference we are particularly proud of some of the new features we have added this year that support our focus on building and sustaining excellence in our field. Look for the series of three panels focusing on the professional aspects of research: journal publishing, book publishing and the craft of reviewing. These sessions are designed to build skills by allowing you to ask questions of the experts. Don't miss the AGM where we will honour not only the best PhD dissertation, as we have done for some years now, but also the researchers who have produced the best article published in *Voluntas* and the best poster at the conference. Following on the success of the special invited sessions at the last international conference, we will be presenting five of these sessions this year. These are specially marked in the program so look for them as you browse through the list of conference activities.



*Brenda Gainer*

One of the new projects we have been spending a great deal of time building during the last year is an initiative to help PhD students gain specific knowledge of and form professional networks within the field of third sector research early in their careers. We are grateful to Lesley Hustinx who took on the difficult task of organizing the inaugural program and has worked tirelessly over

the last year to bring this idea to fruition. The object of this program is to encourage young scholars to identify with third sector research as a legitimate field of study and to give them the means to pursue a scholarly career in this area as they finish their dissertations and move into academic jobs. The seminar will be launched two days before the conference starts and 50 students will gather to discuss their dissertation work with peers and established faculty members; attend plenaries on theory, methodology and career planning; and establish the beginning of an international network. Steven Rathgeb Smith will be the keynote speaker for this event and we are grateful to him as well as the other faculty members who are generously giving their time to the students in this way.

All the PhD students from the seminar will be in attendance throughout the conference and I urge "old" ISTR members to reach out and welcome them—and all the other new members as well!--to our organization. And if you're a new member yourself, please be sure to attend our special welcome reception on the first day of the conference just before the opening plenary. This is where you can meet the board and other new ISTR members and start to develop the connections that being a part of the ISTR community provides.

Even if you're not going to be able to attend the conference in person this year, there are a number of ways you can share in both the intellectual stimulation as well as the sense of collegiality the international conference typically provides. As usual, we will be urging presenters to disseminate their work to the international community after the conference by reworking and submitting their work to *Voluntas* or our Working Paper series. We will also be recording the plenaries and streaming these live as well as making them available on the new ISTR webpage after the conference is over. The conference program is listed on our web page so look up the timing of these events in

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your time zone and join us live if you wish. I will have my smart phone with me at the plenaries and if you want to join the Question and Answer session, email me immediately at [bgainer@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:bgainer@schulich.yorku.ca) and I will try to get your question or comments into the discussion!

This year also sees the introduction of a few other features designed to allow members who are not able to attend the conference to savour some of the experience. You can follow the conference blog at <http://istrsiena2012.wordpress.com/> where our team will be posting regularly as the conference proceeds, or join the ongoing conference conversation on twitter at #ISTR2012. The launch of "ISTRtube" encourages all conference participants to drop in to our recording room and make a short clip about what membership in ISTR has contributed to their professional lives. We will edit these into short videos to post links on the conference page where you can enjoy them after the conference. The 20th Anniversary roundtable will also be taped, edited and posted. We hope that many of you who are not able to

attend the conference will watch these and then add your voices to the discussion on the ISTR Facebook page.

This is going to be the longest and fullest conference program we have ever presented and many people have worked for over two years in its planning and preparation. I am very grateful to the board members and all the other volunteers who have contributed to this 20th anniversary conference and I want to thank all of you for your efforts. I want to end this conference column by thanking, on behalf of all of the members of ISTR, our Executive Director, Margery Daniels, for the extraordinary dedication, knowledge, skill and just plain hard work that she has put into this event—and, much more than that, for having contributed those talents to building ISTR itself over the past twenty years! ■



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## Member News

The Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, a part of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, has awarded its 2012-2013 Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in the amount of \$22,000 to **Allison Schnable**, a Ph.D. candidate at Princeton University.

Schnable's research examines the rapidly growing environment that has developed as a result of "voluntary entrepreneurs" seeking to deliver charitable aid in poor countries. She explores religious and secular organizations together to attempt to account for this broader trend toward grassroots assistance and understand the different organizational resources these voluntary entrepreneurs use. Her dissertation, *Voluntrepreneurs: The Growth of American Grassroots Development Organizations*, looks at the extensive growth of 8,000 new religious and secular relief organizations and the institutional models—religious missions, secular nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and social entrepreneurship—that these voluntary entrepreneurs draw on as they engage in relief and development work aboard.

**Jacob Mati** has received his PhD and completed his Thesis at the Department of Sociology, the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. His thesis is titled 'The Power and Limits of Social Movements in Promoting Political and Constitutional Change: The Case of the Ufungamano Initiative in Kenya (1999-2005).'

**Sulaiman Khalid** has been promoted to Professor in the Sociology Department at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto in Nigeria. Sulaiman received his B.A. from Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Bayero University, Kano. Dr. Khalid specializes in Sociology of Development, and has done extensive research on government development, and published over 30 papers in various journals and books. ■

## MEMBER INSIGHTS

## Jacob M. Mati's Reflections on the Completion of a PhD

By Jacob Mwathi Mati

In one of the masterpieces of African literature, *Things Fall Apart*, the renowned Nigerian author, Chinua Achebe writes: "If a child washes his hand he could eat with kings." This saying is used to capture possibilities of people of humble beginnings scaling great heights if they wash off the deficiencies of their ancestry/origins. In so many ways, this captures my own intellectual trajectory thus far. My academic pursuits have been an endeavour to remove the uneducated 'dirt' and hopefully scrape a chance for a different kind of future not just for myself, but for many more who look up to me for inspiration. I say this not to disparage my humble origins and the great life lessons from the same, but to register the fact that I come from what president Barack Obama, in his inaugural address, termed the forgotten corners of the world. Getting a PhD in that part of the world is no mean feat. To help illustrate this, my parents are people of meagre earnings. My mother has never been to school, while my father was too poor he had to drop out for lack of fees after only six years of schooling. Most of their age mates where I come from have equally never been to school. But as fate would have it, the sons and daughters of that generation of Atharaka who inhabit the lower Eastern parts of Kenya, still face mountainous challenges in the pursuit of modern education. Much of this is of course driven by prevalent poverty.

In an environment like this, the challenges are not limited to poverty. The lack of social networks helpful in advising on opportunities and resources out there can also be incapacitating. As such those who have made it to a PhD level from that part of the world, as my own story testifies, have had to overcome quite a lot. My PhD story is one that shows that the dearth of local networks can be overcome by reaching out to regional and/or global connections, given a chance. The thought of studying for a PhD began, at least at the mental level, around 2000 after spending three years doing everything and nothing in particular with a BA honours from Moi University. I then decided that I needed to go back to school if I were to change the material circumstances that I found myself in. But I had no money to pay for my graduate education, neither in Kenya nor abroad. In Kenya, there were almost no scholarships around that time,



especially if you were not a government or a university employee, and more than that, politically or ethnically well connected. The admission opportunities I got at several UK universities, all came with a fees only (at EU rates) scholarship. The same fate befell me for admissions I had for some Dutch universities where I was admitted. Raising the remainder of the fees was a gargantuan task.

As I continued struggling, I saw an opportunity in the name of a volunteer sending organisation (VSO Jitolee) that was recruiting Kenyans and sending them to serve in other developing countries. Under the circumstances, I applied and was taken. I was sent to India and served for two year (2003-2005). On coming back to Kenya, VSO paid me a resettlement grant enough to afford my graduate education in Kenya. But at the same time, another opportunity arose to continue volunteering in South Africa with CIVICUS. Graduate education at Wits University was then still a bit affordable for African students before they introduced divisions between the Southern African Development Community (SADC) students and non-SADC students and made it cost an arm and a leg for non-SADC students. I figured that since I did not have a job in Kenya, I could as well head south. But I was late for registration in 2006 and had to defer my registration for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at Wits to 2007. I am glad the decision to defer turned out to be a great one as I got the University's post graduate merit award and some invaluable experience for a year while volunteering at the CIVICUS' Civil Society Index in 2006. Part of this experience was an exposure to an organisation known as International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR). I came to know of it through my boss at the time, who had organised a panel at the Bangkok conference. Although I did not attend this conference and was still not a member of ISTR, I became interested in the past conference papers that I easily found on the website.

From my reading of these papers, I began to identify an area I wanted to study for my MA research. As 2007 approached, I was looking forward to enrolling at Wits. My contract at CIVICUS was also coming to an end, but they indicated their desire to retain me in the project. I was luckily allowed to take my studies and continue working for them. This way, I was able to afford paying for my living in Johannesburg. The relationship was further helpful as CIVICUS exposed me to ac-

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tivism at the heart of the Global Call to Action against Poverty that I studied for my MA thesis.

In 2008, as I completed my MA, I got a provisional offer for PhD studies at the Department of Sociology of Wits University. My dream of studying for PhD finally began unfolding. The same year, I became a member of ISTR and attended the Barcelona conference. It was an experience that provided numerous networking opportunities with all the giants in the academy that I had only hitherto met through their written work. Since then, I have remained linked to this group and have attended the 2010 conference as well as the 2009 Asia-Pacific and 2011 Africa regional conferences. Going back to the proverb that I started with, perhaps Achebe should have added that kings can help a child they want to dine with, clean its hands. For I feel that the mighty names that I have interacted with in the course of my PhD project in the last couple of years have literally helped me clean my hands. This is specifically so because I as an upcoming third sector scholar, I have benefitted a lot from my experiences and interactions with professional colleagues in ISTR not to mention the critical comments I have received on conference papers that I have presented in various conferences in the last couple of years. These reviews and comments have enabled me to complete my PhD thesis which was examined and passed (incidentally by professors who are towering members of ISTR) in April 2012. I am scheduled to graduate in a ceremony later in the year.

Besides the critical comments and reviews on my vari-

ous presentations that I treat as the help I have received in washing my hands, a towering figure in ISTR asked me whether I would be open to nominations to stand for office in the ISTR board in 2010. I politely told him I did not think I was, in anyway, at that level yet. But he insisted, telling me that ISTR and especially the Africa regional network needed people like me. I accepted without giving myself as much chance in being elected. When the election results were announced and was informed I had been elected, I truly felt humbled and honoured by everyone in ISTR. I take this honour greatly and since then, been part of a group of colleagues from the region that helped organise the 2011 regional network conference through which we have been growing ISTR a little bit more. I would love to see the Society develop greater visibility in Africa because I know, from my own experiences, that many more upcoming civil society scholars would tremendously benefit from the same. This is especially so for scholars in a region that, unlike many others, has few professional scholarly associations.

I hope to harness these networks to secure a post-doctoral fellowship to publish my PhD thesis in the coming year. I also look forward to a continued collaboration with many more members of the Society.

*Jacob Mwathi Mati recently completed a PhD in Sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand. He currently holds a short-term post-doctoral fellowship at the Wits Humanities Graduate Centre until the end of October 2012. ■*

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## INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

### ISTR Institutional Members 2012/2013

ISTR is pleased to announce the following forty-one institutional members for 2012/2013. These memberships provide significant support to the Society. They are listed on the website with direct links to their respective websites.

#### *Supporting Institutional Members*

Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Portugal

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Canada

Rockefeller Archive Center, USA

#### *Institutional Members*

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Singapore

Centre for Social Impact, Australia

Centro di Documentazione sulle Fondazioni, Italy

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of Lichtenstein, Lichtenstein

Charles Kettering Foundation, USA

Ersta Skondal University College, Sweden

European Research Network on Philanthropy (ERNOP),  
Netherlands

Foundation for the Future, Jordan

Hochschule Osnabrueck, Germany

Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of  
Sussex, United Kingdom

Institut für Stiftungsrecht und das Recht der Non-Profit  
Organisationen, Germany

International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), USA

Israeli Center for Third Sector Research (ICTR), Israel

MACK Center, University of California, USA

National Council for Voluntary Organizations (NCVO),  
United Kingdom

Nonprofit Management Group, WU Vienna, Austria

Pears Foundation, United Kingdom

PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies, Estonia

Qubica, Italy

Regis University, USA

Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), India

Spes - Associazione Promozione e Solidarietà, Italy

Sveriges Kommuner och Landsting, Sweden

Moynihon Institute for Global Affairs, Syracuse University,  
USA

The National Knowledge & Development Centre of  
Volunteering, Denmark

The National Volunteer Center, Denmark

TrustAfrica, Senegal

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme, Germany

University California Berkeley, United States

Center for Philanthropy Studies, University of Basel,  
Switzerland

University of Kent, United Kingdom

University of Salford, United Kingdom

University of San Diego, Caster Family Center for Nonprofit  
and Philanthropic Research, USA

University of Southampton, United Kingdom

University of Texas at Austin, RGK Center for Philanthropy  
and Community Service, USA

VSO, United Kingdom

VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands ■

## ERNOP STUDY

## ERNOP Starts with Study on Foundations Supporting Research and Innovation in the EU

By Barry Hoolwerf, ERNOP Project Manager

The European Research Network On Philanthropy ([www.ernop.eu](http://www.ernop.eu)), lead by VU University Amsterdam, has been commissioned by the European Commission to study foundations supporting research and innovation in the EU 27. The study is an example of the successful cooperation between philanthropy researchers in Europe, brings valuable insights about foundations supporting science, and will contribute to the collaborative study of philanthropy in Europe.

In the last centuries, all kind of foundations have been advancing science in many fields. Some important medicines, breakthroughs in economic research and information technology would not have taken place if there were not have been foundations that stepped up to their place and provided initial seed money to start many fundamental and/or applied research. However, still little systematical research has been done to document the contribution of foundations to the field of research and innovation.

In 2009, the European Foundation Centre (EFC) finished the FOREMAP project. The Foundations Research and Mapping project was the first attempt to systematically document foundations' contribution to research and innovation in Europe. Four countries were selected to pilot a mapping methodology, which has been designed for application across the EU. Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, and Sweden, characterized by a diverse background in foundations and research, formed the first pilot group. The results showed a diverse and nuanced picture of foundations supporting research in the respective countries and immediately ignited a wish to expand the study to all countries of the EU. The complete study can be downloaded from [www.efc.be](http://www.efc.be).

The findings from the FOREMAP project highlighted the benefits of expanding such a mapping to all EU Member States in order to get a comprehensive picture of research- and /or innovation-funding foun-

dations. A better understanding of the sector would allow policy-makers to give fuller consideration to the role and important contribution of foundations when developing research and innovation policies. As regards European research- and/or innovation-funding foundations, it would help develop their activities by increasing their knowledge and understanding of their European peers and by identifying new approaches and practices that they could implement.

Furthermore, in perspective of the economic slowdown in the European Union, the expansion of new economic powers in Asia and South America and growing importance of global problems, the EU challenge to gain competitive advantage at the world's economic stage in more important than ever. Strengthening the European knowledge economy is one important pillar to achieve this goal, and insight in foundations' contributions to research and innovation may turn out to be a premise for this.

For this, ERNOP has been commissioned to study foundations' contribution to research and innovation in the EU. ERNOP's aim in this study is to quantify and assess foundations' financial support and policies for research and innovation in the EU, make a comparative analysis between EU Member States, and identify trends and the potential for future developments in this sector. The basis for the work will be the collection of data on the characteristics and activities of research-funding foundations in each EU Member State.

The collection of such data is crucial not only to allow a better understanding of the role foundations play in advancing research across Europe, but also to increase and improve the visibility and impact of research-funding foundations across all sectors of society. Finally, it will contribute to ERNOP's mission to advance, coordinate and promote excellence in philanthropic research in Europe.

For more information about this study, contact Barry Hoolwerf, ERNOP Project Manager, [l.k.hoolwerf@vu.nl](mailto:l.k.hoolwerf@vu.nl) or Barbara Gouwenberg, Project Manager, VU University, [b.m.gouwenberg@vu.nl](mailto:b.m.gouwenberg@vu.nl) ■

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## Italian Research in Philanthropy Awards (IRPAs)

### Four Research Project awards in the field of philanthropy April 2012

The “Dipartimento di scienze economico-sociali e matematico-statistiche” of the University of Torino and the “Centro di ricerche sulla cooperazione e il nonprofit” of the Catholic University of Milano, invite research proposals in the field of philanthropic foundations.

The awards aim to encourage and support specific research activity in the domain.

The winning proposals (maximum four) will be awarded a €4,000 grant each.

Both theoretical and empirical research projects will be eligible (Italian, international or comparative) in the following – as well as connected - fields:

- Analysis of large donations to foundations;
- The role of fiscal and regulatory policies in determining the creation of foundations;
- The role of fiscal and regulatory policies in determining donations to foundations;
- Analysis of investment policies of foundations;
- Analysis of grant-making policies of foundations;
- Foundation governance and organization and their impact on effectiveness and efficiency;
- Role of foundations in the direct and indirect provision of welfare services (hospitals, schools, nursing homes, etc.);
- Role of foundations in the direct and indirect provision of cultural goods (museums, theatres, opera houses, etc.);
- Relationships between foundations and public authorities.

The proposals will be selected - on the basis of their quality, originality and relevance - by an “Evaluation group” whose members are:

1. Helmut Anheier (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin and Centre for Social Investment, Heidelberg)
2. Gian Paolo Barbetta (Catholic University, Milan)
3. Marco Demarie (Compagnia di San Paolo, Torino)
4. Maurizio Ferrera (University of Milano and Fondazione Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino)
5. Peter Frumkin (University of Texas at Austin, Austin)
6. Steen Thomsen (Copenhagen Business School)
7. Gilberto Turati (Dipartimento di Scienze economico-sociali e matematico-statistiche, University of Torino).

The “Evaluation group” will consider – in particular – methodological accuracy, knowledge of relevant literature as well as the general structure of the research project. Research projects must be sent to the “Evaluation Group” by September 9, 2012 to the following e-mail address: [cooperazione.ricerche@unicatt.it](mailto:cooperazione.ricerche@unicatt.it).

The research proposals – written in English – must contain:

1. The research title
2. Name, surname and authors’ affiliation
3. Up to four keywords
4. An extended research abstract (maximum length 5,000 characters) with the indication of:
  - a. Current knowledge of the research area under investigation
  - b. Research objectives
  - c. Methodology
  - d. Expected results.

By October 2012 the “Evaluation group” will choose the four winners and will award each author (or group of authors) a maximum grant of €4,000 for the development of their research projects. Grants will be paid in two installments: €1,000 when winners are announced and €3,000 at the end of the research work, whose conclusion will be certified by submission of the relevant research results in electronic format and their approval

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by the “Evaluation Group” which will be notified to the Authors.

Research projects are expected to be completed and handed in by May 2013. Results will be presented and discussed during the “Fourth workshop on foundations” that will take place in the fall of 2013 at the “Università Cattolica di Milano.” Also non awarded authors will be invited to present deserving research results at the “Fourth Workshop on foundations.”

Information: Nicoletta Vaccaro, “Centro di ricerche sulla cooperazione e il nonprofit,” Università Cattolica di Milano, Tel +39-0272343366; e-mail: cooperazione.ricerche@unicatt.it.



**C**EDES and IDRC are launching a competitive Call for Proposals for research teams to conduct four country studies. The selected teams will undertake policy-oriented research on the linkages between the demographic transition and financial constraints in four systemically important de-

veloping countries. The country studies are part of a global research project on Asymmetric Demography and Global Financial Governance.

The country studies are to focus on: the linkages between demographic trends, the current account, and international financial flows; the ability of the domestic financial system to respond to the requirements regarding the allocation of investment, savings and risks associated with different stages of the demographic transition; and the design of initiatives for developing countries to take advantage of the demographic dividend and demographic-driven capital flows.

Eligible developing countries for these case studies must be systemically important (i.e. members of the G-20) and the country teams’ research institution must be based in a developing country. Priority will be given, nonetheless, to proposals concerning four countries: Brazil, China, India, and South Africa.

Each of the four selected proposals will be awarded USD 45,000 to finance wages, research expenses and the dissemination at the national level. Research teams are invited to submit Expressions of Interest by June 30th, 2012. ■

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*International Journal of Co-Operative Management*  
for the special issue:

### “The Governance of Co-operative Housing: Current Challenges and Future Perspectives”

#### Topical Background

In recent years, the issue of co-operative housing governance has gained increasing importance across different academic fields as well as within public policies in many countries. Changes in the institutional environment of social housing, such as the reduction of public subsidies, have redefined the role and identity of co-operative housing providers. On the one hand, co-operative housing initiatives often fill the gap left by the withdrawal of the state. Co-operative housing organizations also emerge in partnership arrangements for ur-

ban renewal and development as they are considered to have potential for achieving improved service quality, strengthening social cohesion, and even fostering political empowerment of residents. On the other hand, the liberalization of social housing policy and the changing competitive environment have led to a professionalization and stronger market orientation of co-operative housing organizations.

Against this background, two strands of governance research related to co-operative housing seem to be relevant for this special issue: First, external governance research deals with current transformations in the policy context of social housing and the increasing involvement of housing co-operatives in institutional arrangements in different governance spaces (neighbourhoods, cities and regions) as well as multilevel governance environments. The second strand of research deals with what can be called internal or organizational governance. Here, mainly scholars from management

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and organizational studies engage in the debate on the efficiency of internal coordination, control and accountability mechanisms, especially focusing on the measures through which co-operative housing organizations are directed.

### Goal of this Special Issue

For this special issue, we invite high-quality contributions that strive to identify and answer some of the crucial issues related to the internal and/or the external dimensions of governance in housing co-operatives. We believe that the analysis of co-operative governance in the housing sector cannot be reduced to organizational approaches alone but has to be complemented and enriched by external, institutional governance perspectives. To address this two-way interaction of internal and external governance, there is a need for transdisciplinary dialogue, critical reflection on the concept of governance, and specific conceptual frameworks to examine co-operative housing sectors and their institutional contexts.

We welcome articles reporting on new empirical research as well as theoretical contributions dealing with the topics of how housing-co-operatives are governed internally and their external governance capacity. Furthermore, the special issue aims at reflecting the considerable differences which exist in relation to the concept of co-operative housing between different countries and even cities. In order to push forward transdisciplinary governance research on housing co-operatives, we invite contributions from fields such as management and organizational studies, to political science, spatial development and planning as well as urban sociology.

### Delineation and Illustrative Areas of this Special Issue

The special issue welcomes papers from scholars of diverse disciplinary backgrounds, theoretical contributions, and empirical studies including cross-country comparisons and multilevel analyses. It covers different topics, such as:

- interrelation of housing co-operatives and their institutional context (e.g. restructuring of housing policy and provision, welfare-state restructuring)
- housing co-operatives and sustainable development
- housing co-operatives and sociopolitical issues (e.g. social cohesion, mixed neighbourhoods, community building)
- comparing co-operative governance with approaches in public and private housing

- exploring different organizational governance approaches within the co-operative housing sector (e.g. member-based, market-oriented)
- analyzing role of boards, stakeholder relations, ownership structures, accountability issues, legal aspects of governing housing co-operatives
- governance and innovation in co-operative housing
- relations between housing co-operatives and their members/residents (e.g. “tenant mentality” versus “ownership mentality”)

The term “co-operative” is not limited to legally incorporated “co-operatives” but is conceived in a wider sense as member-based organizations which are governed according to co-operative principles.

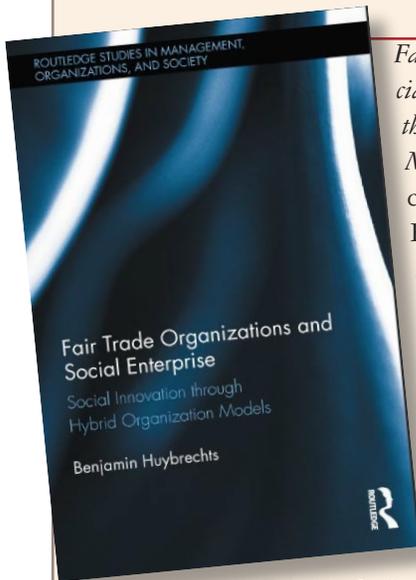
### Publication Process

- 15th October 2012: submission deadline for extended abstracts (400 to 800 words). Abstracts should outline the problem, clearly state the research question and line of arguments, and sketch the methods applied and the expected results. Abstracts should be sent to [ricc@wu.ac.at](mailto:ricc@wu.ac.at).
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- 15th March 2013: submission deadline for full papers (length of approx. 4,000 words), papers will go through a double-blind peer review process
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## BOOKS NOTES



*Fair Trade Organizations and Social Enterprise: Social Innovation through Hybrid Organization Models.* By Benjamin Huybrechts. New York & London: Routledge, 2012. 240 Pages. Hardback \$125.00. To order: [www.routledge.com](http://www.routledge.com)

For several decades, social enterprises have been pioneers in the conception and implementation of a pathbreaking social innovation: Fair Trade (FT).

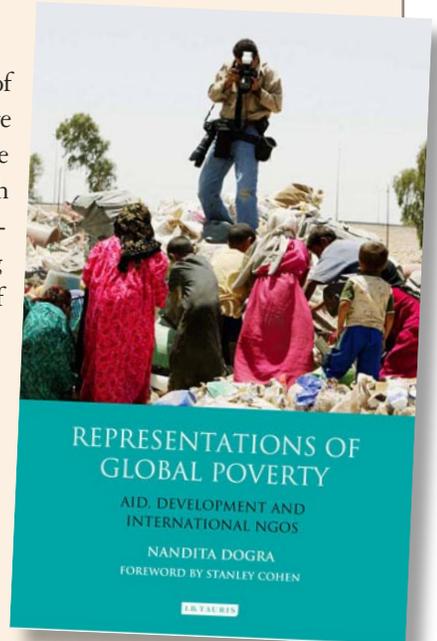
Fair Trade Social Enterprises have created a movement which has challenged mainstream trading practices and offered development opportunities for disadvantaged producer groups in the South. Starting from a niche market aimed at convinced customers, FT has expanded and entered mainstream retailing outlets, growing in visibility and market share, while simultaneously experiencing diversification of its organization models. While pioneer Fair Trade Social Enterprises in the early years were largely non-profit organizations relying on voluntary work, they have become increasingly diversified in terms of legal forms, governance models and organizational practices. These diversified models seem to reflect the hybrid nature of FT itself, through different ways of combining a commercial activity (trading of FT products), a social mission (support to producers), and an explicit or implicit political message (often expressed through education and advocacy).

Based on the study of Fair Trade Social Enterprises across Europe, this book builds a typology of organization models for FT. Author Benjamin Huybrechts further examines how the different organization models combine the economic, social, and political dimensions of FT, and how they manage the possible tensions between these dimensions. *Fair Trade Organizations and Social Enterprise* proposes a range of theoretical approaches to interpret the diversity of Fair Trade Social Enterprises and offers concrete avenues for managing social enterprises and hybrid organizations in general.

*Representations of Global Poverty: Aid, Development and International NGOs.* By Nandita Dogra. London, UK: I.B.Tauris, 2012. 256 Pages. Hardback UK £54.50. To order: [www.ibtauris.com](http://www.ibtauris.com)

Through the efforts of increasingly media-aware NGOs, people in the west are bombarded with images of poverty and inequality in the developing world. Representations of Poverty is a comprehensive study of the communications and imagery used by international NGOs to represent the developing world. In this book, Nandita Dogra examines the full cycle of representation - integrating analyses

of the public messages of international development NGOs in the UK with the views of their staff and audiences. Exploring the Europeanised discourses inherent in appeals to this notion of a 'common humanity', she argues for a greater acknowledgment of NGOs as significant mediating institutions which can expand understandings of global inequalities and their historical causation.



*Dialogues in Critical Management Studies: The Third Sector.* Edited by Richard Hull, Jane Gibbon, Oana Branzei and Helen Haugh. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2011. 318 Pages. Hardback UK £72.95. To order: [www.emeraldinsight.com](http://www.emeraldinsight.com)

The Third Sector is of increasing economic and political interest but has been relatively ignored by Critical Management Studies. The Sector includes charities and a range of organisations such as non-governmental, nonprofit, voluntary and community, but also those trading for a surplus but with prominent social commitments, such as housing associations, credit unions, worker or consumer co-operatives and social enterprises. This book presents cutting-edge international research from a variety of critical perspectives.

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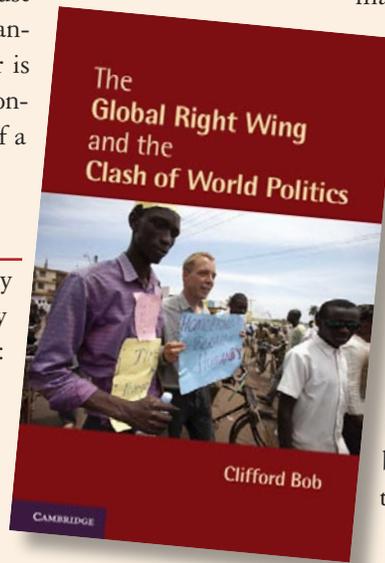
The chapters include case studies from Japan, South Africa, Canada, Denmark, France, Wales and England, as well as a number of theoretically-based explorations of key issues in the analysis of the Third Sector. The chapters have been developed from presentations and lively discussion at the Critical Management Studies Workshop, Montreal, August 2010. "DCMS" is an innovative series applying Critical Management Studies to tightly specified topics. Each chapter is followed by a 1,000 word Commentary from a fellow contributor to the volume, and each volume is the product of a collaborative and developmental workshop.

*The Global Right Wing and the Clash of World Politics.* By Clifford Bob. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2012. 240 Pages. Paperback US \$26.99. To order: [www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org)

This book is an account of transnational advocacy, not by environmental and rights groups, but by conservative activists. Mobilizing around diverse issues, these

networks challenge progressive foes across borders and within institutions. In these globalized battles, opponents struggle as much to advance their own causes as to destroy their rivals. Deploying exclusionary strategies, negative tactics and dissuasive ideas, they aim both to make and unmake policy. In this

work, Clifford Bob chronicles combat over homosexuality and gun control in the UN, the Americas, Europe and elsewhere. He investigates the 'Baptist-burqa' network of conservative believers attacking gay rights, and the global gun coalition blasting efforts to control firearms. Bob draws critical conclusions about norms, activists and institutions, and his broad findings extend beyond the culture wars. ■



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Ford Foundation Awards Rockefeller \$3.2 Million To Preserve and Store the Foundation's Records and Maintain Access to its Public Collections

The Rockefeller Archive Center, repository for the records of the Rockefeller family, Rockefeller philanthropies, and other nonprofit organizations, will now house the archive of the Ford Foundation, the second-largest philanthropy in the USA.

The Rockefeller Archive Center, which was created in 1975 in a Rockefeller family property called Hillcrest, is headquartered in Pocantico Hills in Westchester County. The Center already houses the archives of a broad range of nonprofit organizations, including the Social Science Research Council, the Asia Society and the Foundation Center.

The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization, with more than \$10.5 billion in assets and \$500 million in annual giving. It works with

courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

The Ford Foundation Archive documents the Foundation's extensive international leadership in economic development, human rights and microfinance, as well as major U.S. movements, including the environment, civil rights, legal aid, and women's rights, and such domestic challenges as urban development and reproductive health.

The records of the Ford Foundation join a collection in which scholars can currently research the origins of such hallmark organizations as the University of Chicago, the Museum of Modern Art, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Colonial Williamsburg, Spelman College, the Asia Society and Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital. In addition, the Rockefeller Archive Center houses the records of

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the building of Rockefeller Center, Riverside Church and the Cloisters; the creation of National Parks such as Acadia, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton, Great Smokey Mountains, and Virgin Islands and the early history of organizations as diverse as the League of Nations, the London School of Economics, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and the Mount Palomar Observatory. In addition to transferring the archive, the Ford Foundation has awarded the Rockefeller Archive Center a grant of \$3.2 million to store and care for the collection and to maintain its accessibility to a broad international community of researchers.

The Ford Foundation Archive is the most recent non-Rockefeller family addition to the Rockefeller Archive Center, which has become the premier center in the U.S. for documentary research on foundations and philanthropy. The Rockefeller Archive Center originally brought together the records of the Rockefeller family and major Rockefeller philanthropies, including the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Rockefeller University. In 1985, the Archive Center board decided to accept the records of non-Rockefeller philanthropic and nonprofit organizations.

The records of the Commonwealth Fund and the Russell Sage Foundation were the first non-Rockefeller records to be added to the collection, and in subsequent years, they were joined by the records of the Social Science Research Council, the John and Mary Markle Foundation, the Lucille P. Markey Charitable Trust, the Charles A. Culpeper Foundation, the Foundation for Child Development, the Near East Foundation, the William T. Grant Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson National Foundation, the Asian Cultural Council, the Trust for Mutual Understanding, the Population Council, the Trilateral Commission, the Asia Society, the Foundation Center and many other non-profit organizations.

Over the past 35 years, some 6,000 researchers have visited the Rockefeller Archive Center. In recent years, about 300 researchers have visited each year, while the staff has responded annually to an additional 800 to 900 inquiries from offsite researchers. Researchers working in the archives are senior scholars and graduate students, journalists and documentary film-makers, local historians, genealogists and members of the general public. Many have come from Europe, Latin America and Asia.

Their work in the archives has yielded some 700 books, more than 900 articles, and hundreds of dissertations. An Archive Center survey in 2001 concluded that articles draw-

ing on its materials had been published in no fewer than 238 journals around the world, testimony to the Center's global scholarly reach.

## 4th International Social Innovation Research Conference (ISIRC)

*12-14 September 2012*

**Hosted by the Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham.**

Each year ISIRC brings together the international academic community focusing on social entrepreneurship, enterprise and innovation. This year ISIRC has received paper submissions from six continents and more than 30 countries. Confirmed plenary speakers include:

- Professor Dennis Young, Georgia State University: The State of Theory and Research on Social Enterprise.
- Dr Alex Nicholls, Oxford University: The Politics of Social Innovation: An International Comparison.
- Professor Graham Smith, University of Southampton: Associative Democracy and the Social Economy: Exploring the Regulatory Challenge.
- Dr Pascal Dey, St Gallen University: Social Enterprise in the United Kingdom Nonprofit Sector: A Multifaceted Relation.
- Dr Paul Tracey, Cambridge University: Ethnography as Method for the Study of Social Entrepreneurship.
- Dr MariaLaura Di Domenico, University of Surrey: Title to be confirmed.

Online registration for ISIRC is now open and should be made through the University of Birmingham Online Shop: [www.bhamonlineshop.co.uk/](http://www.bhamonlineshop.co.uk/)

The cost for those booking before 31 July 2012 will be £300 for the three day event.

Immediately preceding ISIRC Birmingham will also host the NCVO / VSSN Researching the Voluntary Sector Conference making this potentially the largest gathering of civil society researchers ever in the UK.

For further information on ISIRC please visit the conference website (<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/NewsandEvents/ISIRC/tabid/875/Default.aspx>) or contact the conference organiser, Simon Teasdale ■