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10th International Conference in Siena

ISTR will hold its 10th International Conference in Siena, Italy from July 10 to 13, 2012. Foundation ForTeS: Fondazione Scuola di Alta Formazione per il Terzo Settore and the University of Siena will host the conference.

Foundation ForTeS: Fondazione Scuola di Alta Formazione per il Terzo Settore (School of Advanced Training for the Third Sector) was created to offer advanced training, grounded in knowledge and skills specific to the Third Sector and social enterprise, to all professions connected to the Third Sector. The school is aimed at directors, managers, volunteers and operators in the Third Sector. Support for the school is provided from the Foundation Monte dei Paschi di Siena, the Provincial Administration of Siena, and Ce.S.Vo.T (Volunteer Service Center of Tuscany).

The strategic elements of the school are the recognition and constant monitoring of instructional offerings and the identification of the current and future needs of the Third Sector in terms of competencies and professional profiles. The Summer School 2010 focused on "The Culture of Evaluation in the Third Sector: Participation, Social Impact and Added Social Value." A Winter School for 50 participants will be held December 15-19, 2010, and will explore "Plural Resources: Potential and Opportunity for the Third Sector." The goal of the workshop



is to explore the plurality of resources which are available: from the territorial community to organizational and managerial innovation; from new financial resources to new cultural ones; from democratic and participatory processes to the political system. The interdisciplinary framework promotes the exchange of experiences, practices, and theories with the goal of creating a community of

best practices for the resources of the Third Sector.

The Siena School of Advanced Training for the Third Sector aims to be the place in which the Third Sector, Public Administration, the academic/scientific community, and the business world meet and reflect together on shared projects, goals, and proposals.

Foundation ForTeS has enriched the Third Sector panorama, by providing opportunity to build bridges among people, organizations, and communities, with the goal to build excellence through dialogue.

The University of Siena is one of the oldest and first publicly funded universities in Italy. The University has a rich history and a great knowledge-related tradition, as well as a strong commitment to research and innovation. Established in 1240, the University has approximately 20,000 students, nearly half of Siena's total population of around 54,000. Today the University of Siena, which has already

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President's Column

Dear ISTR Colleagues,

It's been an enormous honor and pleasure for me, both personally and professionally, to serve as ISTR's President for the past two years and to work with all of you from around the world.

As I turn over this great opportunity to our colleague Brenda Gainer at the end of this month, I thought I'd take the opportunity of this last presidential column to review some of ISTR's achievements over the past several years as the international scholarly organization promoting study and research of the third sector, nonprofits, social enterprise, and philanthropy, and the challenges we continue to face.

We've had significant successes on a number of fronts, and all ISTR members, friends and colleagues should be proud of these accomplishments. Some of those many successes include:

- We have repeatedly and successfully advocated for and defended our core principles of freedom of international intellectual exchange and openness to all viewpoints and scholars, effectively opposing the ideological exclusion of scholars from countries, boycotts, and other practices which threaten the global exchange of ideas
- We have reached out effectively to build participation, membership and engagement from diverse regions of the world where participation was weaker in earlier times, including the Middle East, China, Africa, the Gulf, and other areas
- We have convened highly successful international and regional conferences, especially strengthening the role of our regional enterprises in Latin America and Asia-Pacific
- We have strengthened our linkages to national third sector research groups and specialized organizations around the world, including new national organizations in Taiwan, existing national associations in the US, UK and elsewhere, regional groups such as TrustAfrica, and other organizations such as the Rockefeller Archive Center, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), and other groups
- We have engaged in an intensive strategic planning process supported by the Kellogg Action Lab, spearheaded by our superb consultant Barry Knight, and chaired by our indefatigable and clear-minded colleague Brenda Gainer, our new President
- We have engaged our Board of Directors more broadly and directly in the work of our organization and in our various activities around the world
- We have begun the process of developing ISTR convening and research projects that bring together ISTR colleagues in diverse ways, including – as one example – our workshop on



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the impact of the economic crisis on the nonprofit and philanthropic sector in Asia and the United States that is funded by the Japan Foundation/Center for Global Partnership

- We have engaged in a successful transition in the editorship of our academic journal *Voluntas*, from the highly successful editorship of Rupert Taylor to our new and equally successful editor, Bernard Enjolras.

As an international scholarly association, we also face numerous challenges. Some of those continuing challenges include:

- Continuing to work actively to expand our roles in the international and national scholarly communities, as a convenor of conferences where scholars come together, as a convenor of research and policy discussions, and as a knowledge-based and knowledge-disseminating organization
- Focusing ever more clearly on the four key pillars of revenue generation in order to keep ISTR vital for the years ahead, and for younger scholars and activists – including our conferences; our program and project activities; our membership; and our publishing activities
- Continuing to work on growing and integrating our energetic, important regional conferences into the global work of ISTR, while retaining the vibrancy and initiative of our regional affiliates
- Effectively and energetically continuing to serve, and thus to attract, new generations of scholars, activists, policymakers and others to our ranks and to our activities.

In all these areas and more, ISTR will continue to move ahead in the years to come.

I have been grateful for the opportunity to work with our Board of Directors, conference committees, regional conference organizers, and many others over the past several years. I should particularly note that it has been my great privilege to work closely with our committed, energetic and exceptionally effective Executive Director, the remarkable Margery Daniels. All of us are grateful for her continued exceptional service to ISTR.

It has been my great privilege to serve as President of ISTR, and I am grateful to all of you for that opportunity of working with you. I look forward to seeing all of you at further ISTR conferences and events around the world, and to continuing to work with you in the future.

With best wishes.


Mark Sidel

President, ISTR (2008 – 2010).

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celebrated its 750th anniversary is divided into nine faculties: Law, Medicine and Surgery, Pharmaceutical Science, Political Science, Engineering, Literature and Philosophy,

Economics and Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

The conference venue will be the new building in the city centre that houses the Faculty of Political Science and Law, whose architectural style blends with the secular surroundings creating a balance between preservation and innovation.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ISTR Elects New Board

ISTR is pleased to announce and introduce our newly elected board of directors. Thirty percent of eligible members voted in this election. ISTR would like to express thanks to those members who cast their ballots.

The term of office for the newly elected board members will commence on January 1, 2011. The directors have been elected to serve four year terms.

The Society is grateful to those members who allowed their names to be put forth for the slate of candidates. We are most fortunate to have had a slate of candidates comprised of the broadest representation of researchers and practitioners from various parts of the world, academic disciplines and gender.

Special thanks to the Nominating Committee, chair, Alan Fowler (South Africa), and its members Khaled Al-Serihi (Saudi Arabia), Jacqueline Butcher (Mexico), Ferenc Farkas (Hungary), Jacob Mati (Kenya/South Africa), Felipe Portocarrero (Peru), Per Selle (Norway), Takafumi Tanaka (Japan), Lili Wang (USA) and Annette Zimmer (Germany).



President
Brenda Gainer, Canada

Brenda Gainer is Director of the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program and holds the Royal Bank Professorship in Nonprofit Management at York University in Toronto, Canada.

She has been a member of ISTR for eighteen years and has attended every biennial conference in that time. Her service to ISTR includes membership on Conference Committees

and reviewing for conferences and ISTR's journal, *Voluntas*. She was Co-Chair of the Local Host Committee for the 2004 ISTR conference in Toronto and organized a very successful Canadian fundraising campaign to support that conference.

Elected to the board of ISTR in 2004, Brenda has served ISTR as Chair of the membership committee for many years -- analyzing ISTR's financial and membership data, conducting research on comparable membership-based scholarly organizations and revamping the membership fee structure to achieve the dual goals of equity and sustainability for ISTR members. As President Elect, she led a strategic planning exercise of the board, focused on building the sustainability of the ISTR organization through developing a larger portfolio of funding sources including earned income. Her focus as President will be on developing further excellence in research and scholarship by improving the quality and reach of ISTR's biennial conferences, supporting the growth of the regional networks and developing a wider mix of ISTR activities and publications. A related focus is to continue to build the size and diversity of ISTR's membership globally, with a particular focus on increasing participation by researchers in the Middle East and the Global South.

Brenda's current research interests are nonprofit marketing, life cycle issues of social enterprises and governance of corporate-NGO partnerships. Her published work appears in a wide variety of journals and conference proceedings and she is on the editorial board of a number of academic and practitioner journals. Before embarking on an academic career, Brenda worked in the areas of aboriginal rights, women's issues and culture. Primarily a university-

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based educator, she has undertaken to expand the university's reach into the community by developing capacity-building programs for immigrant and refugee-serving NGOs, social service agencies, social housing managers and tenants, and the co-operative sector. Currently, in addition to her board work for ISTR, she serves on the board of Canada Helps, a web-based social enterprise dedicated to increasing philanthropy in Canada. Her past volunteer work includes board service and/or pro bono consulting for many voluntary agencies and her professional service includes advisory boards for Statistics Canada and other government agencies and two terms as Vice-President of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council.

Newly Elected Directors:



Wendy Earles President Elect

Associate Professor Wendy Earles is a national and internationally recognised human geographer in the third (non-profit) field of research. She has been an executive board member of the international society since 2007 and a member since 1998. She was Academic Co-Chair for the 2009 ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Taiwan and for the 2010 ISTR Biennial International Conference in Istanbul. She is on the International Advisory Board for *Voluntary Sector Review*, an international journal of third sector research, policy and practice, and is an Associate Editor for *Third Sector Review*, the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research Association. She was the managing editor of *Third Sector Review* from 2005-2009 and is a past board member of the Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research Association. Her editorial roles also include membership of the editorial board of a book series - *Studies in Comparative Social Pedagogies and International Social Work and Social Policy*. She has published in third sector, public administration, rural studies and business journals. In early 2009 she was a visiting professor at University College Cork, Ireland, and from July 2009 she has been a Research Fellow at the Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Australia. She conducts her research through university-industry partnerships aimed at evaluation capacity-building in the non-profit and government sectors.



Paul Dekker

A Professor of Civil Society at Tilburg University, the Netherlands, and Head of the Participation and Government research unit of the Netherlands Institute for Social Research | SCP. He studied political science at the Catholic University of Nijmegen and the Free University of (West) Berlin, and received his Ph.D. at Utrecht University in 1989 with a comparative study about governmental planning in Europe. His present research focuses on individual social and political involvement and participation, voluntary associations and the non-profit sector, and public opinion and politics.

He is secretary of ISTR, chair of the Psychopolitics Research Committee of the International Political Science Association, member of the editorial boards of *Voluntas*, *Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, and *Journal of Civil Society*, and member of various boards and advisory committees in the area of science and society in the Netherlands.

Paul Dekker's (co-)edited book publications include *Social Capital and Participation in Everyday Life* (London etc.: Routledge, 2001), *The Values of Volunteering* (New York etc.: Kluwer Academic, 2003), *Civil Society* (Amsterdam: Aksant, 2009), and *Civiness in the Governance and Delivery of Social Services* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2010).



Nabila Hamza

Nabila Hamza is the President of the Foundation For the Future (FFF), an independent and multi-lateral institution aiming to promote democracy, human rights, active citizenship and good governance throughout the support and assistance to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the broader Middle East and North Africa [MENA] region. Prior to that, Mrs. Hamza has been the Executive Director of the Arab Women Center for Training and Research (CAWTAR), a regional center based in Tunisia and funded by UNDP, UNFPA and IPPF. She has worked as expert in the League of Arab States for 10 years.

She holds various leading positions in the public sector in Tunisia and worked as a consultant for UNDP, UNFPA, the European Commission, the Economic and Social Com-

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mission for Eastern Asia (ESCWA). She has been the coordinator of many regional programs, such as the Regional Program for “Combating Violence against Women” (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI).

Mrs. Hamza is a known researcher in social and political science and gender expert. She holds an MA in International Relations and Political Sciences from the University of Sorbonne, Paris. She has published and contributed to a wide range of books and articles on public policies, social development, good governance, gender issues, poverty alleviation and employment in the Arab region. She participated to the elaboration of the first Arab Human Development Report, issued by UNDP.

Moreover, Mrs. Hamza has been founding member of several women’s rights and development associations through which she acquired a wide knowledge of civil society organizations in the Arab countries.



Sami Hasan

Sami Hasan has been involved in teaching and researching different aspects of philanthropy, third sector, and development in universities in Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, and the UAE for the last twenty-eight years. His doctoral dissertation (Waterloo, Canada,

1991) was on voluntarism and local sustainable development planning in resource poor Asia. He also has roughly one hundred publications including refereed journal articles, (invited) peer-reviewed book chapters, and (invited) seminar and conference papers.

He was the principal researcher for a 4-year study on third sector governance in Asia (published as *Comparative Third Sector Governance in Asia: Structure, Process, and Political Economy*, Springer, 2008). Previously (2000-2005), he was also the principal researcher, international coordinator, and (later on) the director, of a project for compiling and disseminating information and data for philanthropy and third sector in a dozen Asia Pacific countries from Pakistan to Japan and Australia (with local scholars). In the recent past, he also has expanded his professional expertise in understanding and disseminating issues related to Muslim philanthropy authoring a book (*Philanthropy and Social Justice in Islam*, ASN, Kuala Lumpur) and other publications including four related entries for the *International Encyclope-*

dia of Civil Society (Helmut Anheier and Stefan Toepler, eds, Springer, 2009). In the course of these academic endeavours, he has performed field research, undertaken research consultancy, presented seminars/workshops in more than a dozen countries (as well as at the DESA, UN, NY), and developed a network of third sector scholars in the region. Since 2000, he has been active in the ISTR activities, in particular working as member, secretary, and co-chair (for 2011) of different academic committees of the ISTR Asia Pacific regional conferences.



Alberto Hernandez

Alberto Hernandez has a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Navarra (Spain) and is Head of the Department of Humanistic Studies, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus. He has been a full time teacher and researcher at Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios

Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus, Humanities and Social Sciences School, since 1995. Alberto’s main areas of research are ethics structure in non-profit organizations, human rights, public policies and civil society participation. Alberto coordinated the 2009 ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Network Meeting in Mexico City.



Lesley Hustinx

Assistant professor at the Center Department of Sociology at Ghent University, Belgium. She earned her Ph.D. in 2003 from the University of Leuven, Belgium, and was a visiting scholar at the Centre for Civil Society at London School of Economics, the School of Social

Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Department of Sociology at the University of Southern California. Her major research interests include societies in transition, citizenship, civil society and voluntary engagement. Her work has been published in *Voluntas*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Journal of Civil Society*, *Social Service Review*, and *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. In 2004, she was awarded the Rudolf Wildenmann Prize of the European Consortium for Political Research. Lesley

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Hustinx is a board member of the Flemish Sociological Association, and of 'Trefpunt Zelfhulp,' the umbrella organization of self-help groups in Flanders, Belgium. She is an active member of the European Civil Society PhD Network, and hosted the 2009 meeting, funded by the Cinefogo European Network of Excellence, in Leuven. She has been an active member of ISTR since 2000, and served on the conference academic committee of the 9th International ISTR Conference in Istanbul.



Hagai Katz (Ph.D., UCLA, 2005) Director of the Israeli Center for Third-sector Research (ICTR) and Chair of the Nonprofit Management Program at the Ben-Gurion University Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management. In the last 14 years, Dr. Katz has been researching

Israeli Philanthropy, Third Sector and Civil Society, Global Civil Society, and the Nonprofit Sector in Southern California, and has published numerous books, reports and articles on these topics. Between 2003 and 2009 he was the data Programme Editor of The Global Civil Society Yearbook Project. Recently he has been on the methodological redesign team of the Civicus Civil Society Index project. He is involved in various nonprofit organizations in Israel in advisory capacities, and has done consulting work with nonprofits and research institutions in Israel and Latin America and the Caribbean. He is engaged in inter-sectoral policy initiatives towards philanthropy, volunteering and civil society in Israel.

Hagai has been a member of ISTR since 1997, and a member of the organizing committee for the two recent ISTR conferences - Barcelona and Istanbul. He is also member of ARNOVA since 1998. He serves on the advisory board of Midot - Rating Nonprofit Organizations in Israel.



Qiushi Liu Qiushi Liu was born in Beijing in September 1963, and received his Ph.D. in sociology from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, in 2003. He is now the executive director and associate professor of NGO Research Center at School of Public Policy and

Management, Tsinghua University. In Beijing. Currently his research focuses on two distinct subjects: NGO's participation in crisis treatment, and the roles of NGOs in HIV/AIDS prevention and control.

Qiushi Liu also serves as the member of Advisory Committee of China Global Fund Programs, board member of Chinese Association of STD&AIDS Prevention and Control, and board member of Beijing Youth Development Foundation.



Jacob Mwathi Mati A Kenyan national and currently an independent civil society research consultant working from Johannesburg, South Africa. Jacob is currently consulting for the United Nations Volunteers, CIVICUS, Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity of the University of Kwa Zulu

Natal, besides serving in the South Africa's Department of Trade and Industry Research Panel as a Research Associate at Sanjeev Singh and Associates. Jacob also serves in the Global Reporting Initiative's Stakeholder Council.

Between 2006 and October 2010, he was as a full time researcher for the CIVICUS Civil Society Index Programme in Johannesburg, South Africa, leaving CIVICUS as senior research officer. He has also previously worked with, or consulted for various civil society organizations and academic institutions in Kenya, India, South Africa, and the USA on Research, Development planning and Management, Policy analysis and Advocacy, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Organizational Development.

Jacob is also a currently a doctoral fellow at the Humanities Graduate Centre of the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, where he is currently finalising a PhD dissertation in Sociology besides mentoring MA research students.

The current board members whose terms continue are: Beatriz Balian de Tagtachian (Argentina), Giuliana Gemelli (Italy), Per Selle (Norway), Naoto Yamauchi (Japan), and Annette Zimmer (Germany).

Congratulations and best wishes to the new ISTR Board of Directors! ■

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Civil Society: Towards Growth and Consolidation

8th Annual Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)
Buenos Aires, 12-14 July 2011

First call for papers

The 8th Annual Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) is proposing an interdisciplinary exchange to analyze, discuss and reflect on the major issues of interest relative to the third sector in Latin America.

To achieve this, researchers, promoters and officials from private and government sectors are invited to participate in the conference that will be held on 12-14 July 2011 at Catholic University Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Similar to the 7th Annual Conference held in Mexico in 2009, the third sector is broadly defined and therefore includes organizations of various types, such as non-government, non-profit, social economy, community, self-help and religious organizations, as well as unions, mutual benefit organizations and cooperatives.

The Regional Conference is focused on the following specific objectives:

- 1) Broaden knowledge in selected issues, their theoretical perspectives, study methodologies and principal results obtained.
- 2) Specify a research agenda for Latin America for the coming years, while taking into account civil society's impact on various institutional areas within a global context.
- 3) Promote a comparative perspective among Latin American countries and intra- and inter-sector cooperation to study issues to overcome situations of inequality and to achieve MDGs.

The 8th Annual ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference will address various issues in terms of dimension, process and impact in accordance with four central themes:

1. **Volunteerism and solidaristic practices** to coincide with the 10th Anniversary of International Year of Volunteers (ITV+10) celebration
2. **Social economy and economy of solidarity and their contribution to regional development** (non-profit organizations that promote economic activities

in the fields of work, health, education, housing, financing and other areas, focused on general interest).

3. **Civil society – government relations** (taking into account especially the new configurations of governments in the region); and civil society – business relations (in accordance with the current economic context).

4. **Legitimacy, transparency and accountability** of activities linked to various civil society sectors.

Other issues of interest

Projects on others issues with content relevant to the third sector in the region may be proposed as well. Their inclusion rests on a decision by the Conference's Academic Committee.

Attendee profile

Invitees include researchers from all countries who study the third sector and civil society (in Latin America, Spain and other countries), professionals, civil society organization members, members of institutions related to the issues and staff of international organizations and government agencies.

Project types

Those interested are invited to present proposals for projects in the following three formats:

- a. **Papers** (by individual or multiple authors to be presented in conference sessions).
- b. **Panel or roundtable discussions** (on an issue related to the conference's central themes) with up to four papers with the name of the coordinator.
- c. **Poster** (to be exhibited during the entire conference).

Projects may be presented in Spanish, Portuguese or English and must be submitted by 20 February 2011.

Proposals must include the following: title of work; corresponding central theme; presentation type (paper, panel or poster); research objectives; methodology and sources used; and three bibliography references. Length is up to 600 words. Proposals may be sent via e-mail to: istr@lasociedadcivil.org.

Projects that meet the basic requirements listed here will be reviewed by independent academic experts from various countries. The name of the authors and the reviewers will be omitted. Only proposals that have a sufficient academic level will be accepted. Once the conference/congress concludes, a series of articles will be selected and reviewed to be included in two volumes that will be published by the organizing committee.

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Acceptance and rejection results will be communicated during the week of 28 March.

Application for travel and lodging grants (limited availability) must be made before 15 April. The complete work must also be sent at that time. Following the analysis period, the corresponding communication will be made on 2 May.

Final versions of accepted work must be sent to the conference organizers before 31 May. Papers have a maximum length of 8,000 words. The first page must state the title of the document, the complete names of the authors and a summary in English and Spanish. The document text must be presented in Times New Roman font size 12 with a line spacing of 1.5.

Questions and comments may be directed to:
ISTR Latin America: istr@lasociedadcivil.org

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'Business Social Responsibility and the Third Sector'

Seventh ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference
Bali 17-19 November 2011

Paper/Panel proposals are sought from researchers throughout the Asia Pacific region reporting research into aspects of the third sector

PROPOSALS MUST BE SENT BY 14 MARCH 2011

Global Business focus on the 'value chain' imperatives of maximising value minimising cost, have failed to link people and their needs, creating ever more poverty, social exclusion, and ethnic conflicts. Globalisation has benefited those people and groups close to political and economic power at the cost of those in the periphery. Third sector organisations (e.g. NGOs, people's organisations, foundations, religious organisations and co-operatives) are forced to fill in the 'gap' through their social entrepreneurship. It is time to take a stock of business social responsibility, its achievements and failures, and to explore issues of social entrepreneurship and other social justice promoting activities of the third sector.

The major themes of the conference thus include:

- Business social responsibility and the third sector
- Social entrepreneurship, social justice, and the third sector
- Third sector in the development of social entrepreneurship
- Social justice, responsibility and change and the third sector
- Governance, management, service delivery, advocacy & constituencies

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Other Conference Themes (Indicative, not exhaustive)

- Philanthropy and social justice
- Volunteering
- Gender empowerment and the third sector
- Globalization, privatization, and the third sector
- MDGs, poverty and the third sector
- Global civil society
- Impact, evaluation and accountability

Comparative studies are encouraged, as appropriate.

The Conference Program is likely to include working group meetings on

A. The challenges of forming and maintaining third sector networks

B. The skills and issues in undertaking comparative third sector research.

There will also be sessions showcasing the ISTR and its activities, and other national and regional research associations, their activities and accomplishments.

Display of posters of, visits of the delegates to, and talks about local third sector organisations will be in the agenda.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held in the Hard Rock Hotel at Kuta, Bali. Accommodation rates will be forthcoming.

Host Institution

The CECT, Trisakti University, Jakarta

The Triskati University, Jakarta, is the oldest and the largest private university in Indonesia (with around 30,000+ students). The CECT (Centre for Entrepreneurship, Change and the Third Sector) is a research centre— a dynamic think-tank in Indonesia offering a unique MBA program with specialization in CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) with support from the Ford Foundation.

Registration Fee

Registration fee will be \$US150 (ISTR members); US\$275 and US\$200 (including one-year ISTR membership fee for middle/high income and low income country institution affiliation, respectively). The fee will include conference materials, lunch, and dinner for two days.

Scholarships

It is recognised that researchers from many countries in the region will need assistance to attend the conference. Thus the Organiser may be able to offer:

Travel scholarships

To cover airfares from and to the country of residence. For travel scholarships, tickets will be purchased by the Host Committee for collection by the scholarship recipients.

Registration/accommodation scholarship

To cover registration and accommodation (for three nights; twin share).

Requests for travel and/or registration/accommodation scholarships should accompany the paper proposal.

Travel and accommodation enquiries: Utie Paramita, istrtravel@yahoo.com

Proposals for papers should:

- indicate the research problem/issue the research addresses
- locate that problem/issue within the literature
- briefly outline the methodology used in the research
- be between 300 and 600 words in length
- be accompanied by brief biographical details: name, qualifications, current position
- be sent to: istrbali@cect-usakti.org

Program enquiries and panel proposals are to be addressed to: Sami Hasan: samiul.hasan@yahoo.com or Jenny Onyx: jenny.onyx@uts.edu.au

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ISTR Africa Civil Society Research Network Conference

Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa
23-27 August 2011

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme: Civil Spaces in Africa: Past, Present and Future

Past and present narratives of civil society in Africa have been, by and large, about 'space' - political, material and symbolic. Inspired by stirring Eastern European examples of anti-state mobilization, the earliest discourses focused on the modalities of reclaiming space for civic agency from authoritarian state forces. Hence the interest, variously, in thematics such as 'expanding', 'opening up' or 'liberating' 'democratic space'. In these early, even heady, articulations, the goal of civil society was envisaged as a simple one: to contest and open up the public arena (one that, until then, the state had largely monopolized) as a way of embedding modes of participation crucial for civic renewal and political regeneration. In a sense, the history of civil society agitation and organizing in Africa over the past three decades is in fact the unfolding of this particular struggle. It invited an inevitable reaction by state elements reluctant to relinquish many of the advantages carried over from colonial governmentality.

Yet, contestations for space are, by definition, always ongoing. Thus, gains and losses are hardly ever permanent, with strategic positionality always subject to the thrust and parry of local, regional and, increasingly, transnational political, cultural and economic forces. Current developments in various parts of Africa provide a vivid illustration of this complex. They create a backdrop for much needed reflection on the current history of space, spaces and space-making in African contexts. Moreover, because of the external normative characteristics of much research on the continent, they also invite a more careful examination of the endogenous nature of civil society and civic agency.

It is against this background that we invite papers

that attempt to deepen scholarly understanding of African civil spaces in their cultural, social, demographic, economic and political pluralities and particularities. Original, conceptual or empirically-grounded contributions are welcome from a variety of social-oriented disciplines - including, but not limited to: history, sociology, economics, demography, geography, cultural studies, literature, and political science.

Papers may be guided by the following questions, though creative subversions are strongly encouraged: What characterizes civil spaces in Africa? What, if anything, is distinctive about such spaces? How have spaces metamorphosed within globalizing geo-political movements and dominant economic processes? How have these forces encouraged or thwarted the production of governable and/or ungovernable spaces across the continent? How can we understand fundamental and emergent forms of civic mobilizing - in primary associational life, in social movements, in mutuality, in charity, in philanthropy? How do we measure their presence and effectivity on the social landscape? What are forms and contours of the new spaces of assertion dominated by anti-state forces? How do we account for their emergence against the background of state retrenchment? In what ways do virtual and material spaces interact, and how do they reinforce or contradict one another? What are the implications of the virtualization of politics for the understanding of state praxis and citizenship? What roles are women, underprivileged and oppressed groups playing in the marking and delimitation of new socio-economic and political spaces? How do new forms of sociality enable us to comprehend the distinctions between private and public spaces, and how tenable are those distinctions?

Paper abstracts (maximum 500 words) exploring these and related questions should be sent to Prof Ebenezer Obadare (obadare@ku.edu)

DEADLINE: 28 February 2011 ■

REGIONAL NEWS

Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research Established

The Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research (TATSR) was officially established on October 2, 2010. Many scholars and practitioners who dedicate themselves to third sector research attended the inaugural meeting. The mission of TATSR includes: the promotion of research, encouragement of the exchange of knowledge and experience, joining the international research community, publication of research, hosting lectures and conferences on the third sector. Professor Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao was elected as president of TATSR. Professor Hsiao is also director and research fellow of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica. Professor Shih-Jung Hsu was then appointed by president Hsiao as secretary general of TATSR. Professor Hsu is also Director of Center for the Third Sector of the National Chengchi University. President Hsiao announced that office of TATSR will be permanently located at the Center for the Third Sector.

The establishment of TATSR is related to the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). The Center for the Third Sector was honored to host the sixth ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference (November 2-4, 2009) which gathered many scholars and practitioners. Professor Hsiao proposed and strongly encouraged participants to establish the TASTR. At the closing ceremony of the conference, Professor Hsu openly announced that TASTR would be established and the Center for the Third Sector would take the responsibility for its establishment. This announcement immediately received support from Professor Mark Sidel, President of ISTR. With one year of this announcement, the application of TASTR was finally approved by the government.

On the day of TASTR's establishment, Mark Sidel (President) and Margery Daniels (Executive Director), sent a congratulatory message, which was printed and read by President Hsiao on the scene. The TASTR is very happy to receive support from the ISTR and will do its best to fulfill its mission.



Professor Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao was elected as president of TATSR at the inaugural meeting.

Message from the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)

On behalf of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), we take this opportunity to warmly congratulate researchers of the third sector and civil society in Taiwan on the establishment of the Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research (TATSR).

We congratulate you on the many years of hard work and research, including the highly successful convening of last year's ISTR Asia Pacific regional conference, that have helped to build the field of third sector research in Taiwan and that have led to this next, successful step -- the formation of the Taiwan Association of Third Sector Research.

ISTR stands ready to work with you in the development of third sector research and studies in Taiwan and to assist your Association in developing its linkages in Asia and around the world.

With our warmest congratulations, and best wishes.

Mark Sidel
President
International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)

Margery Daniels
Executive Director
International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) ■

CALL FOR PAPERS

Announcement of a Special Issue on Economic Self-Help and Mutual Aid for the *International Journal of Self Help & Self Care*

A special peer reviewed issue of the Baywood Journal on the topic of "Economic Self-Help and Mutual Aid" will be Guest Edited by Joyce Rothschild in 2011. The *International Journal of Self Help & Self Care* is a multidisciplinary Journal with a new Editor, Thomasina Borkman, a long time ISTR member. The Journal publishes research papers & experiential reports on self-help or self-care & mutual aid at all levels of analysis. For this special issue we would like to include papers that take a variety of methodological approaches, from the quantitative to the most qualitative. All are welcome. Examples of economic self-help and cooperation might include:

- workers' co-operatives
- consumer co-operatives (such as food co-ops and / or housing co-ops)
- micro-credit enterprises
- even trade union efforts to develop more democracy and voice in the workplace
- any part of the social economy

Overall, we are interested in publishing good quality research that could be grounded in any social science methodological approach and in any examples from any part(s) of the world that help us to better understand significant structural and/or process questions about economic self-help and mutual aid efforts. Some of these questions are: How do these sorts of organizations make decisions and resolve conflicts that may arise? What new norms or processes have arisen in these cooperative and sorts of enterprises that contribute to their success (or failure)? How do these experiments in cooperation relate to the state(s) they find themselves in, and how does this cooperative-state relationship effect their development as they unfold? How are gender relationships (or any personal relationships) different in these sorts of enterprises, compared with conventionally-owned enterprises? How do participants learn new norms or new ways of relating or new methods of decision making in these groups? Overall, we are interested in articles that shed light on what makes these new efforts to build economic cooperation and federations work and why they represent a significant advance in how people can earn a livelihood in a self-managed and self-determined way, without dependence on large state or business bureaucracies.

Submit an abstract of 1-2 pages outlining your topic, theory-base, examples of your literature review, methods, and findings by March 4, 2011, or earlier to Joyce Rothschild's email joycevt@aol.com or to the Journal ijshscd@gmu.edu. We will let you know whether to proceed with a paper within one or two weeks of receiving the abstract. Completed papers will be due May 15, 2011. The special issue will be published in 2011.

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Researching the Social Economy

EDITED BY
Laurie Mook, Jack Quarter, and Sherida Ryan

Researching the Social Economy. Edited by Laurie Mook, Jack Quarter, and Sherida Ryan. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: University of Toronto Press, 2010. 320 pages. Cost: US \$65. To order: <http://www.utppublishing.com/>

While the term “social economy” is used widely in Western Europe and Quebec, it has had minimal currency in English Canada, where the

differences between the public and private sectors and among nonprofits, co-operatives, social enterprises, and community economic development organizations have been emphasized.

The contributions to this volume, flowing from an inter-regional and international network of scholars and community organizations, analyze how the social economy, in its many manifestations, interacts with and shares commonalities with organizations in the other sectors of the economy. Taken as a whole, *Researching the Social Economy* enriches our understanding of how this important cluster of organizations contributes to Canadian society in both economic and social terms, and lays the groundwork for future study.

(Dis)Enabling the Public Sphere: Civil Society Regulation in Africa. Edited by Bhekinkosi Moyo. Midrand, South Africa: Southern Africa Trust and TrustAfrica, 2010. 429 pages. Cost: US \$ 20 hardcover, US \$15 paperback, US \$7 pdf (complete book), US \$2 pdf (individual chapters)

This book emerged in response to the need to fully comprehend the public sphere in Africa and the regulatory environment under which civil society operates. It investigates relations that have developed between states and their citizens as well as interrogates the role that civil

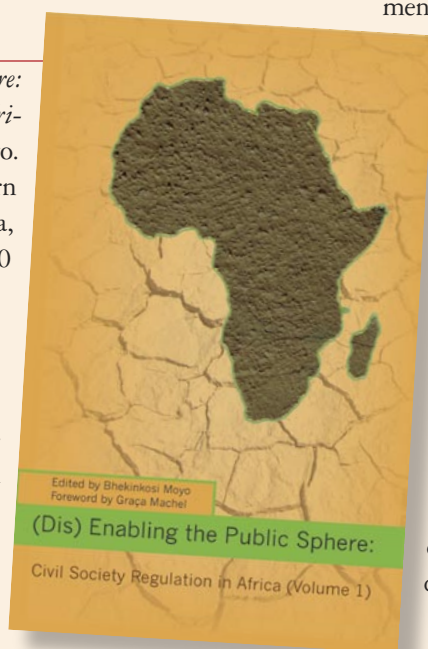
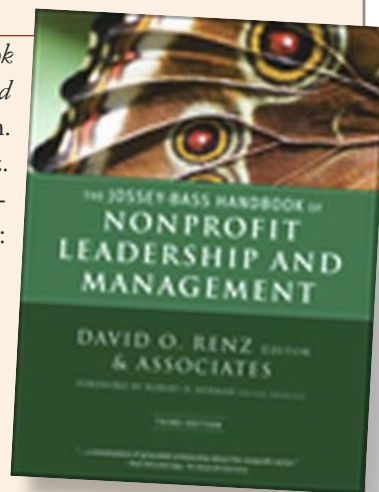
society formations have played in the democratization and governance of Africa’s public sphere.

This is a groundbreaking collection of chapters about what is above and below Africa’s current development path. More than looking at what must be done to propel Africa along a rapid path to pro-poor development and how it should be done, it addresses questions about why that journey sometimes works and at other times does not – from the perspective of African civil society formations. Here, African civic formations make their own assessment of the environment in which they work with governments and each other.

The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management, 3rd Edition. Edited By David O. Renz. Jossey-Bass, 2010. 880 pages. Cost: US \$90. To order: <http://www.josseybass.com/>

The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management brings together leading experts in the nonprofit and management fields to describe effective practice in all the important functions, processes, and strategies of nonprofit management. Based on the most current research, theory, and experience, this comprehensive edition offers useful advice for managing nonprofit organizations and addresses key aspects of practice such as board development, strategic planning, lobbying, marketing, fundraising, volunteer management, financial management, risk management, and compensation and benefits.

New chapters include information and knowledge in areas that have developed and changed substantially since the second edition was published, including: social entrepreneurship, financial leadership and capital structure, demands for new levels of accountability and transparency, and the changing political and legal climate and context.



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A Democratic Architecture for the Welfare State. By Victor A. Pestoff. Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2008. 326 pages. Cost: US \$168. To order: www.routledge.com/

The welfare state faces various challenges in Scandinavia and many European countries today, including a poor work environment in the public sector, a growing democracy deficit, and demographic obstacles. Victor A.

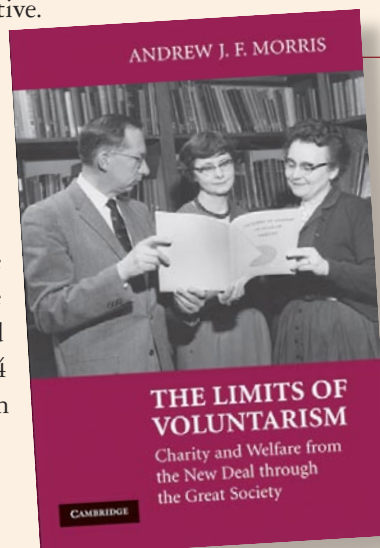
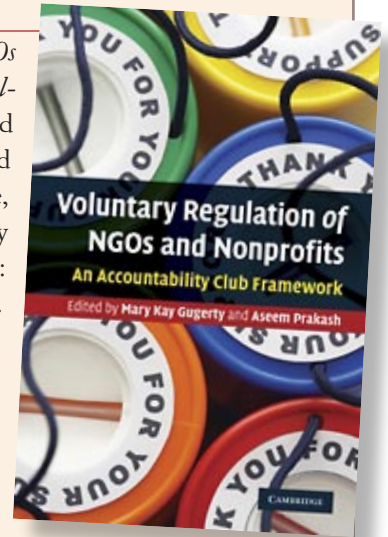
Pestoff argues that the state cannot resolve these challenges alone or together with the market, rather it requires the active participation of citizens and the third sector in order to overcome them and become more sustainable and flexible in the future.

This book addresses the need for a more democratic architecture for the European welfare state, opening new perspectives for developing alternative channels for direct citizen participation at the sub-municipal level of governance. Pestoff finds that neither democratic theory nor welfare state theory devotes adequate attention to the contemporary role of the third sector as a service provider or to greater direct citizen participation in the provision of welfare services. He shifts the focus of analysis from the input to the output side of the political system and explores new ways to promote a greater role for the third sector and more citizen participation in the provision of universal, tax financed welfare services.

Part 1 discusses social economy actors in Sweden and Scandinavia, both from a historical and future perspective. Part 2 explores major issues for the third sector and welfare state, including the allocation of an organization's surplus or profit, work environment and service quality in public services and the third sector, consumer perspectives on the social economy, democratizing medical and health care in Japan, and co-production of childcare services in eight European countries. Part 3 revisits the third sector and state in democratic theory and welfare theory, as well as recognizing major hurdles to the third sector and democratization of the welfare state. Part 4 concludes by summarizing the politics of participation in the welfare state.

Voluntary Regulation of NGOs and Nonprofits: An Accountability Club Framework. Edited By Mary Kay Gugerty and Aseem Prakash. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2010. 322 pages. Cost: £55; US \$90. To order: www.cambridge.org/

How can nonprofit organizations and NGOs demonstrate accountability to stakeholders and show that they are using funds appropriately and delivering on their promises? Many nonprofit stakeholders, including funders and regulators, have few opportunities to observe nonprofit internal management and policies. Such information deficits make it difficult for 'principals' to differentiate credible nonprofits from less credible ones. This volume examines a key instrument employed by nonprofits to respond to these challenges: voluntary accountability clubs. These clubs are voluntary, rule-based governance systems created and sponsored by nongovernmental actors. By participating in accountability clubs, nonprofits agree to abide by certain rules regarding internal governance in order to send a signal of quality to key principals. Nonprofit voluntary programs are relatively new but are spreading rapidly across the globe. This book investigates how the emergence, design, and success of such initiatives vary across a range of sectors and institutional contexts in the United States, the Netherlands, Africa, and Central Europe.

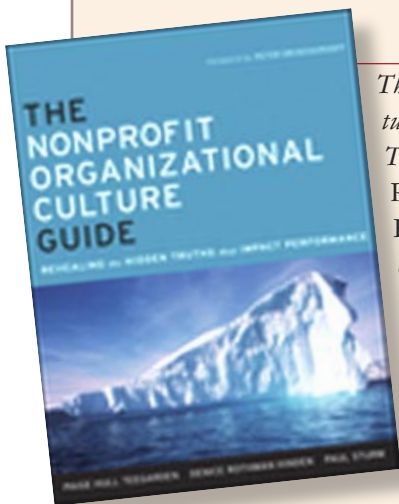


The Limits of Voluntarism: Charity and Welfare from the New Deal through the Great Society. By Andrew J. F. Morris. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2009. 284 pages. Cost: US \$85. To order: www.cambridge.org/

The Depression and the New Deal forced charities into a new relationship with public welfare. After opposing public "relief" for a generation, charities embraced it

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in the 1930s as a means to save a crippled voluntary sector from collapse. Welfare was to be delivered by public institutions, which allowed charities to offer and promote specialized therapeutic services such as marriage counseling – a popular commodity in postwar America. But as Andrew Morris shows, these new alignments were never entirely stable. In the 1950s, charities' ambiguous relationship with welfare drove them to aid in efforts to promote welfare reform by modeling new techniques for dealing with “multiproblem families.” The War on Poverty, changes in federal social service policy, and the slow growth of voluntary fundraising in the late 1960s undermined the New Deal division of labor and offered charities the chance to deliver public services – the paradigm at the heart of current debates on public funding of religious non-profits.



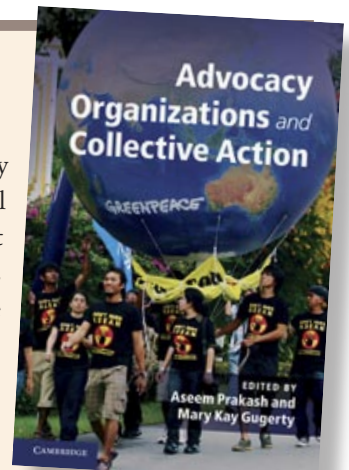
The Nonprofit Organizational Culture Guide: Revealing the Hidden Truths That Impact Performance. By Paige Hull Teegarden, Denice Rothman Hinden and Paul Sturm. Jossey-Bass, 2010. 192 pages. Cost: US \$40. To order: www.josseybass.com/

Although nonprofits have been leaders in becoming culturally competent with the many cultures of their geographic communities, often they are not as adept at figuring out how to be culturally competent inside their organization. The job of a nonprofit leader is to use all the resources of the organization to get more and better mission out the door each day. The culture of a nonprofit is just such a resource, one that until now was not fully decipherable. This book will help you decode and improve your organizations' culture and, as a result, help you develop a more mission-capable organization.

Advocacy Organizations and Collective Action. Edited by Aseem Prakash and Mary Kay Gugerty. Cambridge University Press, 2010. 334 pages. Hardback \$90. To order: www.cambridge.org/

Advocacy organizations are viewed as actors motivated primarily by principled beliefs. This volume outlines a new

agenda for the study of advocacy organizations, proposing a model of NGOs as collective actors that seek to fulfill normative concerns and instrumental incentives, face collective action problems, and compete as well as collaborate with other advocacy actors. The analogy of the firm is a useful way of studying advocacy actors because individuals, via advocacy NGOs, make choices which are analytically similar to those that shareholders make in the context of firms. The authors view advocacy NGOs as special types of firms that make strategic choices in policy markets which, along with creating public goods, support organizational survival, visibility, and growth. Advocacy NGOs' strategy can therefore be understood as a response to opportunities to supply distinct advocacy products to well-defined constituencies, as well as a response to normative or principled concerns.

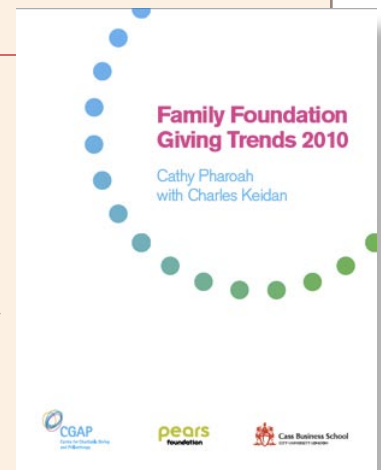


Family Foundation Giving Trends 2010. By Cathy Pharoah with Charles Keidan. London, UK: Alliance Publishing Trust, 2010. 54 pages.

Family Foundation Giving Trends 2010 is the third in a series of annual reports tracking trends in the giving of the largest 100 UK family foundations, comparing them with the US.

Amidst increasing interest in the role of philanthropy in building a better society as public expenditure reduces, this report highlights major family giving through foundations.

Many new family foundations have been established over the last couple of decades, largely funded by the successful entrepreneurs of an era of expanding global markets and capital flows. They include the Waterloo Trust, set up by owners of Admiral Insurance; the Volant Trust, set up by J K Rowling; the Foyle Foundation; the Martin Smith Foundation; and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation. This report looks at the scope of family foundations' activities, and the role that they play in addressing social issues in the UK and abroad today ■



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Israeli Center for Third Sector Research's 14th Annual Spring Conference

Management Practices and Management Training in the Third Sector – Between Business and Social Conceptions

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

Recent years have seen a long and heated competition over prominence in the management of nonprofit organizations and the training of future nonprofit leaders between business and social notions. On one side are those who view the future leadership of the third sector as predominantly socially oriented, and on the other side are those who favor a business approach, stressing marketing, financial management and other business practices.

This year's conference will look at this debate with two plenary sessions. In the conference keynote lecture, Prof. Roseanne Mirabella, Associate Professor of Political Science at Seton Hall University and President of ARNOVA, will look into the "Best Place" debate over the differences in nonprofit management training. In a second session, designed in collaboration with the Excellence Nessuah Investment house, we will discuss financial and ethical dilemmas of managing nonprofit finances and investment decisions by nonprofit organizations. In a third plenary session, we will reveal our findings from a new study of the management of corporate social responsibility in Israeli publicly traded firms. As in the past, the conference will also feature parallel sessions in which scholars, students and practitioners from different academic institutions will present new research on the third sector in Israel.

Nonprofit Policy Forum

We are pleased to announce the publication of the first issue of *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, the first professional journal devoted specifically to public policy as it affects and involves nonprofit organizations. NPF is international in scope and addresses policy issues and processes at every level - local, state or province, national and global. The first issue covers a range of important topics including foundations addressing social change, new forms of social business, public-private partnerships and the effectiveness of nonprofit policy advocacy. Contributing authors hail from the United States,

Israel and Japan. As a special feature, we offer an interview with Ambassador Andrew Young. Dennis R. Young is the Editor-in-Chief.

Whether you are a nonprofit leader, public official, scholar or engaged citizen, *Nonprofit Policy Forum* should be of interest to you. You can access NPF at <http://www.bepress.com/npf/>. For a promotional period, the first volume of *Nonprofit Policy Forum* will be available free of charge. Associations wishing to provide access to their members should contact publishing@bepress.com

Voluntary Sector Data Store

The Open Data movement is likely to be of interest to third sector researchers and activists alike. The approach - publishing datasets that previously were publicly unavailable or hard to find, promoting their use by the public, sometimes matching with other data, and using data to highlight need or hold government to account - has gained much momentum recently, though much of this has been in government. We think third sector organisations can not only benefit from the release of greater amounts of data, but that they can also benefit society by releasing their own data. We've made a start by releasing some of our own data, plus we've suggested some simple tools that can be used. These can be found at our new site, The Voluntary Sector Data Store: <http://data.ncvo-vol.org.uk/> We are happy to add datasets suggested by ISTR readers.

Charitable Giving in the UK

Charities Aid Foundation and NCVO have published estimates for charitable giving in the UK for the year 2009/10. We are reporting small increases in the proportion of the population giving to charity, plus a small increase in the mean monthly donation. When population change is also factored in, these changes combine to produce higher overall estimates of giving than in 2008/09 (ie the year during which the UK experienced recession), but a lower overall total than 2007/08. The report also contains details of causes, methods and use of gift aid.

The report is available for download: <http://bit.ly/ikyWE1>

A short slide pack highlighting the top line estimates is available here: <http://slidesha.re/gbuML4>

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Centre for Civil Society at the London School of Economics Closed September 2010

Below is the Closing Statement from Professor Jude Howell regarding the closing of the Centre at LSE.

Dear CCS friends and colleagues,

As of September 2010 I will be taking up a new position as Professor of Development Studies in the Department of International Development, here at LSE. Sadly, this marks the end of my directorship of the Centre for Civil Society, and also, with no successor available, the closure of the Centre for Civil Society at the LSE. However, I will continue to work on civil society from my new home at LSE, carrying out research and organising workshops and events.

As many of you know, the Centre for Civil Society has a long history at the LSE. It was established at LSE by Professor David Billis and Professor Margaret Harris as the Centre for Voluntary Organisation and pioneered the MSc programme on Voluntary Sector Organisation. With the appointment of Dr David Lewis in 1995 (now Professor of Social Policy and Development in the Department of Social Policy), the Centre initiated the first specialist MSc programme in NGOs and Management.

Following Professor Billis' retirement in 1997, Dr Helmut Anheier took up the post of Director in 1999 and presided over the renaming of the Centre as the Centre for Civil Society. Dr Anheier left in 2002 to take up a professorship at the University of California, Los Angeles, leaving Dr Lewis to hold the reins as Acting Director.

With my appointment in 2003 the Centre has taken on an increasingly international flavour, reflected not least in the re-naming of the MSc programme as NGOs and Development. Dr Armine Ishkanian, currently Director of the MSc programme, has played a central role in maintaining the international reputation of the course. The flagship project of the Centre was the ESRC Non-governmental Public Action (NGPA) programme, which involved 37 international projects all over the world.

The programme was distinct in several ways – its pioneering promotion of comparative work across the North and South; its embrace of a broad range of non-governmental public action that went beyond NGOs and voluntary sector organisations; and its commitment to bringing theory and practice together, not least through the Practitioner Fellowship Scheme.

Apart from the NGPA programme the Centre has hosted a range of research projects on topics such as civil society and gender; post-conflict reconciliation and civil society; the War on Terror, civil society and aid; civil society in Central Asia; humanitarianism and civil society. Its associates, staff and visiting fellows have researched civil society issues across many countries, including the UK, China, Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, India, Central Asia.

The Centre's lunch-time seminar series, public debates and workshops have attracted substantial numbers of researchers, practitioners and policy-makers over the years. The Centre has also been home to several PHD students, who in recent years have established a PHD civil society network across LSE. In a nutshell the Centre has been the hub of considerable research and practical activity.

With the Centre closing, the website will unfortunately close too from October 2010. However the contents of the website will be held in archive form. Please refer to the links provided on this page to direct you to the further resources available. The ESRC NGPA website <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/NGPA/> and the GWOT website <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/GWOT/> will remain active.

I am hugely grateful to the sterling support of the current Centre Manager, Jane Schiemann, who has worked for the Centre since 1991 and Maria Schlegel and Christine Whyte, who have played important administrative roles in various aspects of the Centre during my Directorship. There are many people who have played an active role in the life of the Centre during my directorship and have made it an enormous pleasure for me to direct the Centre. It is impossible to name them all but particular thanks are due to Nick Deakin, Richard Fries, Jeremy Lind, Siobhan Daly, Ben Jones and Nisrine Mansour.

So finally I should like to thank all of you for making it such a pleasure and honour to direct the Centre over the last seven years. I hope we can continue to find ways of working together in the future.

With warm wishes,

Professor Jude Howell j.a.howell@lse.ac.uk

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The European Research Network on Philanthropy (ERNOP)

Philanthropy and Civil Society: European and Transnational Perspectives

International Conference, 7 June 2011
WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Deadline for paper proposals: March 1 2011
Send papers and proposals to: conference@ernop.eu
<http://www.geveninederland.nl/file/151/101202-call-for-papers-final-2-.pdf>

ANSER/ARES 2011 Conference

Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER)
Building Communities: Exploring the Contributions of Nonprofits and the Social Economy
Fourth Annual Conference, June 1 to 3, 2011
University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University, Fredericton

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 11, 2011
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6YZKJRW> or by email to anser.ares@gmail.com
http://www.anser-ares.ca/files/conf11/UNBCallAnnouncement2011-Eng%20_1_jq.pdf

3rd EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise

Social Innovation through Social Entrepreneurship in Civil Society
Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark, July 4-7, 2011
Abstracts due by January 28, 2011 by email: emesconf2011@emes.net
http://www.istr.org/3EMESconf_call_FINAL.pdf

The Center for the Study of Philanthropy in Israel

The Art and Culture of Giving, May 15-16, 2011
Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, Mt. Scopus Campus

Abstract deadline: January 15, 2011
Abstracts sent to: philanthropy@savion.huji.ac.il
<http://www.istr.org/HUJ%20callforpapersresearchers.pdf>
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In Memoriam

Howard P. Tuckman, Ph.D., former dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration and dean of the faculty of business at Fordham University of New York, died suddenly in his New Jersey home on October 13, 2010.

Prior to joining Fordham University, Dr. Tuckman was dean of Rutgers Business School for seven years and Dean of the School of Business for five years at the Virginia Commonwealth University. During his tenure, Dr. Tuckman started a joint exchange executive MBA program with China, establishing new schools in Shanghai University and Beijing University.

Tuckman was a prolific scholar: he had written or co-authored seven books and more than one hundred peer-reviewed articles on educational finance, education in developing countries, finance of government and the economies of wealth. He was the recipient of a Brookings Economic Policy Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Graduate Fellowship. ■

Members News

As of October 1, 2010, **Pamala Wiepking** has joined the Erasmus Center for Strategic Philanthropy (ESCP) at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Prior this Pamala was at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. As an assistant professor in Rotterdam she will continue to focus her research on household giving and philanthropy. Her main topic of interest considers the explanation of cross-national differences in philanthropic giving. As part of this project, she is looking to bring together researchers as well as micro datasets from different countries that include questions on giving and volunteering. More information can be found at Pamala's website. Researchers interested in this project are invited to contact Pamala directly. Pamala will remain in her position as secretary on ERNOP board. Her new contact details:

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For the second time in his career, **Jon Van Til** has been awarded the position of Fulbright Specialist. Van Til will be assigned to the ELTE University in Budapest and will be in residence there for six weeks during for the academic year 2010-2011. Van Til's first appointment as Fulbright Specialist was in 2006 at the University of Ulster's INCORE (International Conflict Resolution), which he also served as Fulbright Distinguished Professor in 2004.

His tasks during his new assignment will involve advising on the development of new master's level programs in the area of applied social science at the ELTE University, delivering a series of public and academic lectures, and consulting with community based organizations on issues of peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Van Til is Professor Emeritus of Urban Studies and Community Planning at Rutgers University (Camden) and currently serves as Executive Secretary of the Civil Society Design Network, an international group of senior scholars and activists. He is also President of the Fulbright Association of Philadelphia/Delaware Valley and teaches occasional courses at Rutgers and the University of Colorado (Denver).

Amy Singer of Tel Aviv University has received the ARNOVA Best Book Award for her book, *Charity in Islamic Society*. The book, published by Cambridge University Press in 2008, explains the basic concepts and institutions of Muslim charity, including the obligation to give on an annual basis. Charitable endowments shaped Muslim societies and cultures in every era. This book demonstrates how historical circumstances, social status, gender, age and other factors interacted with religious ideals to create a rich variety of charitable practices, from the beginnings of Islam to the present day.

Eva Garrow of the University of California, Los Angeles, received the RGK/ARNOVA Prize for New Research at ARNOVA's 39th Annual Conference.

Takayuki Yoshioka, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, received an Emerging Scholars Award and **Catherine E. Herrold**, Duke University, was a participant at the ARNOVA Doctoral Fellows Seminar during the 2010 conference. ■

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December 29-30

Redefining the Roles of Business, NGOs and Governments: A Mission for a Better Global Society. Organized by Justice K.S. Hegde Institute of Management, Nitte, India.
Contact: conference@jkshim.ac.in

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February 15-18

1st Academic International Conference 'Exploring Leadership & Learning Theories in Asia' (ELLTA). The Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia
Contact: inquiries@ellta.org

March 10-11, 2011

The Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University, "Women World Wide Leading through Philanthropy." Chicago Chase Tower, Chicago, Illinois, USA Contact: www.philanthropy.iupui.edu

March 23-24

4th World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, "Defining the Roadmap for the Next Decade" L'Amphitrite Palace Resort, Morocco. Contact: www.thewcmp.org

March 24-27

Benchmark 3.5 – Fourth conference on the development of non-profit/nongovernmental management, voluntarism, and philanthropy as a field of study in higher education. Organized by Nonprofit Academic Centers Council and University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Services. Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa, San Diego, California. Contact: www.nac-council.org

April 6-8

3rd International Research Conference on Social Economy of CIRIEC, "The Social Economy, Prop of a New Model of Sustainable Economic Development." Valladolid, Spain.
Contact: www.ciriec.ulg.ac.be/

April 11-13

15th Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), "Value, Innovation and Partnership," Trinity College Dublin, Chartered Accountants House, Dublin, Ireland. <http://irspm2011.com/>

April 13-15, 2011

Creating a New Normal: Advancing Governance Theory and Practice. Sponsored by The Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, The University of Missouri, Kansas City. Kansas City, MO, USA Contact: NeverB@umkc.edu or RenzD@umkc.edu

May 4-5

Center for the Study of Philanthropy in Israel International Conference, "The Art and Culture of Giving." Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. Contact: philanthropy@savion.huji.ac.il

June 1-3, 2011

Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) 4th Annual Conference "Building Communities: Exploring the Contributions of Nonprofits and the Social Economy University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Contact: <http://congress2011.ca/>

June 9-10

8th Workshop on the Challenges of Managing the Third Sector. The European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM), Galway, Ireland. Contact: www.eiasm.org

July 4-7, 2011

3rd EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise, "Social Innovation Through Social Entrepreneurship in Civil Society." Roskilde University, Denmark.
Contact: www.emes.net/index.php?id=514 or info@emes.net

July 12-14, 2011

VIII Latin American Regional Conference, "Civil Society: Toward Growth and Consolidation." Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact: istr@lasociedadcivil.org

August 23-27

ISTR Africa Civil Society Research Network Conference, "Civil Spaces in Africa: Past, Present and Future." Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa. Contact: Ronelle Burger: rburger@sun.ac.za

November 24-26, 2011

Seventh ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference, "Business Social Responsibility and the Third Sector." Hard Rock Hotel, Kuta, Bali, Indonesia. Contact: Samiul.hasan@yahoo.com; jenny.onyx@uts.edu.au ■