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ISTR Elections for Board of Directors

The election is now open for the Board of Directors for the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). All members are encouraged to vote to select the new board. Biographical information is available for all candidates. Please vote for President-Elect and up to seven (7) at-large members of the board.

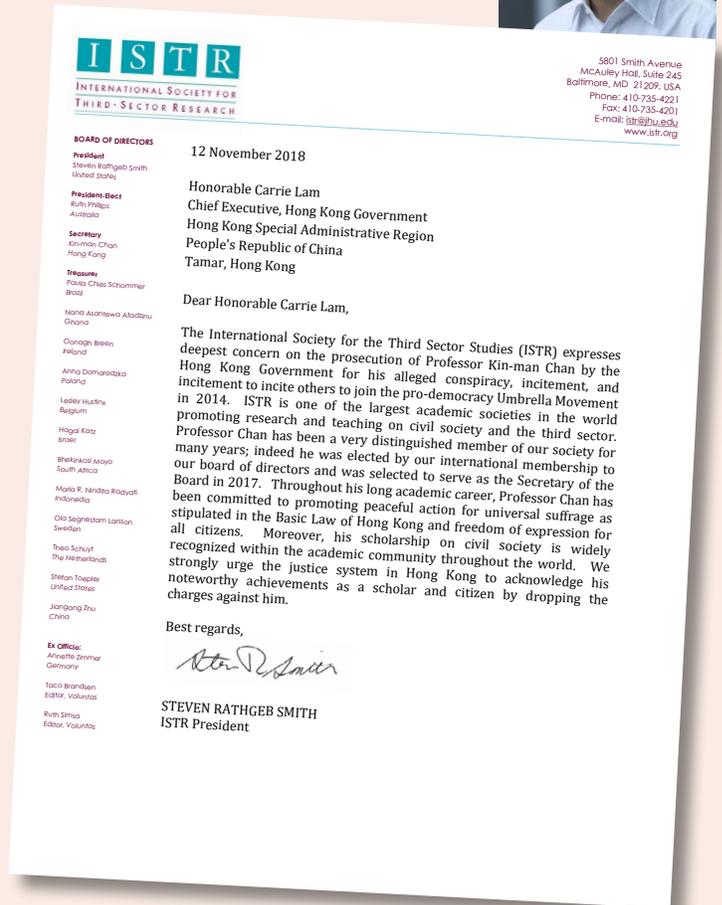
Voting will close on November 26, 2018. Please vote today at: <https://www.istr.org/page/Elections2018>



ISTR has issued the following statement to the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Government on behalf of our board member, Professor Kin-man Chan

Dear Ms. Carrie Lam,

The International Society for the Third Sector Studies (ISTR) expresses deepest concern on the prosecution of Professor Kin-man Chan by the Hong Kong Government for his alleged conspiracy, incitement, and incitement to incite others to join the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement in 2014. ISTR is one of the largest academic societies in the world promoting research and teaching on civil society and the third sector. Professor Chan has been a very distinguished member of our society for many years; indeed he was elected by our international membership to our board of directors and was selected to serve as the Secretary of the Board in 2017. Throughout his long academic career, Professor Chan has been committed to promoting peaceful action for universal suffrage as stipulated in the Basic Law of Hong Kong and freedom of expression for all citizens. Moreover, his scholarship on civil society is widely recognized within the academic community throughout the world. We strongly urge the justice system in Hong Kong to acknowledge his noteworthy achievements as a scholar and citizen by dropping the charges against him.



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12 November 2018

Honorable Carrie Lam
Chief Executive, Hong Kong Government
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Tamar, Hong Kong

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Best regards,

STEVEN RATHGEB SMITH
ISTR President

ISTR/WITS Africa Regional PhD Seminar
May 14 - 15, 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa
Deadline to apply: December 15, 2018

The ISTR/WITS Africa PhD Seminar will accept approximately 20 PhD students at all stages of their doctoral research in topics related to the Third Sector from all African countries.



The aim of the seminar is to provide doctoral students with the opportunity to receive extensive intellectual and methodological advice on their doctoral research from peers and scholars, to introduce them to main theories and developments in the field, to reflect upon publication and career strategies, and to provide an opportunity to network with scholars within the international ISTR research community. The core of the seminar will focus on the research of the individual students.

The PhD Seminar runs prior to the first annual Conference on Philanthropy (May 16-17, 2019). Organizers include the Wits Business School's Centre for Philanthropy and Social Investment, in collaboration with the Center for African Studies at Harvard University, TrustAfrica and Africa Philanthropy Forum. PhD Seminar students are required to also attend the conference.

Please read the full **Call for Applications** for more information and submit your application before the December 15, 2018 deadline.



11th ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference and PhD Seminar

PhD Seminar: July 13-14, 2019
Conference: July 15-16, 2019
Bangkok, Thailand

Deadline to apply for both: February 11, 2019



The call for contributions to the **ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference**, co-hosted by the School of Global Studies, Thammasat University and Center for Civil Society and Philanthropy, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), is now open. This year's conference theme is *Shifting Sands? The Challenges of Regulatory Change and Its Impact on the Third Sector Environment in the Asia Pacific Region*. The 2019 Asia Pacific ISTR conference is an opportunity to showcase exciting new practice developments and research that seek to establish sustainable roles for third sector organizations and help them to cope with challenges in the many diverse countries that make up the region. We are very keen to see a wide range of papers that encompass applied research, practice research and theoretical advances and explorations in all aspects of this field. Please read the full **call for contributions** for more information.

The PhD Seminar will accept approximately 20 PhD students at all stages of their doctoral research in topics related to the Third Sector from all Asia Pacific countries. The PhD Seminar is scheduled prior to the 11th ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference. PhD Seminar students are required to also attend the ISTR Regional Conference. Please read the full **Call for Applications** for more information and **submit your application** before the February 11, 2019 deadline.



12th ISTR Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Conference and PhD Seminar

PhD Seminar: July 2-3, 2019

Conference: July 3-5, 2019

Medellín, Colombia



Deadline to apply for both: February 20, 2019

Save the date for the **ISTR Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Conference and PhD Seminar** hosted by Universidad EAFIT. The conference theme and call for papers will be posted shortly. The conference is being organized under the leadership of the new ISTR Regional Secretariat, housed at the *Center de Investigación y Estudios sobre Sociedad Civil* at the Tecnológico de Monterrey (CIESC), Mexico City Campus, and the Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía (CEMEFI).

The PhD Seminar will accept approximately 20 PhD students at all stages of their doctoral research in topics re-



lated to the Third Sector from all countries in the region. The PhD Seminar is scheduled prior to the Regional Conference, scheduled July 3-5, 2019 in Medellín, Colombia. PhD Seminar students are required to also attend the ISTR Regional Conference. The full call for applications will be posted soon.

ISTR Africa Newsletter

The latest edition of the ISTR African Civil Society Research Network has been published by our editors, Albert Kagande (Nelson Mandela University, South Africa) and Titilope Ajayi (University of Ghana, Ghana). Highlights include their reflections from Amsterdam and announcing the ISTR/WITS Africa Regional PhD Seminar. [Link](#)



Call for Papers

Philanthropy & Social Impact

A RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

March 14th-16th, 2019

"There has been much discussion about the intergenerational transfer of wealth and what it might portend for philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. However, the future of philanthropy and the sector is going to be determined—not by the transfer of wealth itself—but by the dollars that find their way into philanthropy, and how those dollars are leveraged. How will they shape philanthropy, the nonprofit sector, and the communities served? Given that philanthropy is significantly insulated from market forces and political pressures, it is up to philanthropy to discover pathways to greater impact."

James M. Ferris, "Is this the New Golden Age of Philanthropy? An Assessment of the Changing Landscape," *Voluntary Sector Review*, 7:3 (November 2016) pp. 315-324.

The USC Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy will mark the beginning of its 20th anniversary with a research symposium that examines our understanding of the role of philanthropy in creating social impact. The symposium will be held March 14-16, 2019 at the Sol Price School of Public Policy, which will be celebrating its 90th anniversary and its long history of expertise on cross sector partnerships.

There has been a growing understanding of how philanthropy and nonprofit organizations can advance social change through the development of impactful strategies and practices. The aim of the conference is to take stock of intellectual developments and research contributions at the intersection of philanthropy, nonprofits, and social innovation, and to assess the most promising avenues for future work. The symposium will blend plenary sessions with leading contributors to the field with paper panels based on responses to this Call for Papers.

We are seeking submissions of research papers that are both rigorous and relevant for policy and practice. We welcome papers that draw on the various disciplines and professional fields that provide the foundations for the study of philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, and social innovation/change, including economics, sociology, political science, history, as well as public policy, public management, and nonprofit studies. We encourage theoretical



and methodological diversity, including quantitative and qualitative studies, as well as studies that take a multi-level approach connecting organizational processes with the broader institutional environment. We are keen to hear from individuals at various stages of their careers, particularly junior scholars.

Themes that are of particular interest include:

Philanthropic strategies for social change, including efforts to influence public policy and system change. *What are the opportunities for philanthropy to leverage its assets—dollars, knowledge and networks—to impact policy and system change at various stages of the policy process, different venues, and various governmental levels?*

Partnerships, collaborations, and networks to achieve social impact with service delivery, advocacy, and community building. *How can philanthropy work with nonprofits and other organizations to solve public problems?*

Social entrepreneurship and new organizational forms to unleash greater impact. *What models and structures are emerging that harness the power of markets to solve public problems?*

Innovative financing models that can sustain and scale solutions. *What is the potential for impact investing and mission investments to amplify the resources for addressing public problems?*

Social movements and community organizing to shape public agendas. *How can philanthropy aid in giving greater voice to those with limited access to political processes and institutions?*

Strategic philanthropy. *What is the state of philanthropic practice that advances more intentional outcomes—theories of change, logic models, metrics for outcomes and impact, evaluation, and learning?*

Nonprofit capacity building. *What are the elements of strong and effective nonprofits and how does philanthropy help?*

Public policies toward the sector. *What public policies can strengthen philanthropy and its nonprofit partners, including tax policy and other sources of support as well as board leadership and practices that contribute to transparency, accountability and legitimacy?*

Abstract submission

(approximately 500 words)

November 30, 2018

Notification of acceptance

January 7, 2019

Submission of full paper

February 22, 2019

Submission Information

The abstract should include your first and last name, email address and paper title. In addition, please identify which of the eight aforementioned symposium themes your paper will address (e.g., philanthropic strategies for change or social movements and community organizing, etc.).

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Send questions, comments and receive future updates about the symposium by emailing cphp2020@usc.edu.

<https://www.istr.org/news/419132/Call-for-Papers-Philanthropy--Social-Impact>

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