



Conference News

KEYNOTE ANNOUNCEMENT



ISTR is thrilled to announce that Dr. Jane Jenson will be the keynote speaker for ISTR 2020 Montréal.

Dr. Jenson is Professor Emerita in the Department of Political Science at the Université de Montréal, and Associate Fellow of the Canadian Institute for

Advanced Research Successful Societies Program.

Dr. Jenson's research interests and publications cover a wide spectrum of topics, including citizenship, social policy, social movements, diversity and gender studies. More recently, her research has focused mainly on the ongoing changes in social investment and social citizenship in Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Her theoretical approach is derived from historical institutionalism, with a particular emphasis on reciprocal influences among ideas, institutions and interests. The premises underpinning social policies introduced in the three decades after 1945 have been upset. Combined with neo-liberal politics in the 1980s and 1990s, these societal transformations have called for a political analysis of new social risks and given rise to other perspectives. These include the social investment perspective which now underlies many social citizenship regimes. Ideas relating to social investment and social innovation have been institutionalized, often at the initiative of ministers of finance, international financial institutions or international organizations.

Reflecting these changes, Dr. Jenson's work has focused on the shared responsibility of, and relations among public, private and third sector actors in policy development and implementation, as well as the role expected of the family. She describes this as the welfare diamond (relations between state, market, community groups and family for social policy), perhaps best outlined in "Social innovation: redesigning the welfare diamond," in *New Frontiers in Social Innovation Research* (2015, Palgrave Macmillan).

Dr. Jenson is frequently consulted on these matters by governments, NGOs and research groups in Quebec, Canada and the European Union. She is the author of several publications, including "Defining and Measuring Social Cohesion," and *Who Cares? Women's Work, Child Care and Welfare State Redesign*. She is a graduate of McGill University, holds a Masters in Political Science from the



University of Rochester, and a Political Science PhD, University of Rochester. She was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1989.

CONFERENCE REMINDER

Reminder: the deadline for conference submissions is 26 October 2019. Abstracts for papers, panels, posters, and roundtables (including innovative new formats) will be accepted. See the full call in **English** and **French** for details.

The link to the submission portal is **here**. Note: you must be logged in at istr.org in order to submit your abstract. Having trouble? Submission tutorials are available in **English** and in **French**.

What are reviewers looking for?

- Sample abstracts are available **here**.
- "How to Write a Conference Abstract" worksheet available **here**.

ARIMA CALL



The **ARIMA partnership** announces that it will hold an international conference entitled **REPERTOIRES OF INTERACTION: Cross-sector collaboration and confrontation in service delivery, governance and advocacy at ISTR 2020 Montréal**.

Researchers, students and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts that open the "black box" of micro-level interaction between civil society actors and those in the public or private sectors, for example, in situations of co-production, network governance or advocacy.

Proposals can be submitted in French or in English and must be submitted before October 26, 2019 to: arima.partenariat.recherche@gmail.com

- See the complete call for papers

ARIMA is a Québec-based research partnership supported by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). It focuses on knowledge development and knowledge mobilisation with respect to social action and intervention networks. It unites researchers and practitioners from the public and community or third

sectors, who together to explore the methods and ramifications of new forms of governance that mandate local service and planning networks for dealing with complex social problems, and their impact on the development of social innovation and alternative practices.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Latin America and the Caribbean

Universidad EAFIT hosted the 12th ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference 3-5 July 2019 on their beautiful campus in Medellín, Colombia. About 120 people from 15 countries attended the conference to present their research and participate in plenary sessions. The conference theme was *Co-responsibility in building the public good in Latin America and the Caribbean*, which was well reflected by the keynote speaker, Julieta Lemaitre, who is a judge at the Justice Chambers of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace, created in 2018 to implement the transitional justice component of the peace agreements. In her presentation she discussed her recently published book *The State is Always Late*, which explores the process after violence and the role that family networks and neighborhoods play for the construction of these new societies in which the government arrives once they are already organized. Her research was familiar to many countries in this region that are experiencing similar social situations, whether due to problems of violence, forced displacement



or lack of opportunities.

The conference also featured the recipient of the GENEROSAS (Generous women) award. The EL-LAS-Women and Philanthropy program –based at CEDES in Argentina- launched the award this year to give visibility and support to women in Spanish speaking Latin America and Latino women in the U.S. that are leading initiatives in their communities with other codes of cooperation, action, consumption and production, and mobilizing local resources for that. The winner Lucinda Mamani Choque (Bolivia) was present for the award ceremony during the conference in Medellín.

You can read the full conference report [here](#).

