thropic and donor landscape in Africa, it is both a teaching/research platform and a repository of recorded knowledge. "It is the first institution on the continent that will bring together business and public policy makers, academics and practitioners, to identify solutions to challenges affecting the continent. In this way, it is where academia meets practice," says Moyo.

The next milestone in the Centre's journey takes place on 16 and 17 May 2019 with the first annual ACPSI Conference at WBS. This will be a two-day workshop which aims to explore key themes in African philanthropy and social investment and to formulate a coherent framework for the future. The Conference will address a number of themes, including private sector giving, impact investing, sustainable development goals, philanthropy and civil society.

Alongside the conference is a PhD Seminar, co-hosted with ISTR, taking place on 14 and 15 May for more than 20 PhD students at all stages of their doctoral research related to the Third Sector, i.e. civil society, the non-profit sub-sector, philanthropy, social investment, venture philanthropy and corporate social investment (CSI). Candidates chosen to participate hail from all parts of Africa as well as other parts of the world, including the UK and Australia.

For more information on the Conference or the PhD Seminar; please contact: Katiana Sandra Ramsamy, email: katiana.ramsamy@wits.ac.za

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Asia Pacific Regional Conference Update

Program highlights
Our keynote speaker will be Anthony Spires, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at The University of Melbourne. Anthony will focus on An Analysis of China’s Charity Law and INGO Law.

Our closing plenary, The Third Sector Environment and Regulatory Change in the Asia Pacific Region, will include:
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Diep, Team Leader/Civil Society, British Council (Hanoi);
- Professor Jia Xijin, Institute of Philanthropy, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University (Beijing);
- Professor Ingrid Srinath, Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy, Ashoka University (Delhi);
- Professor Juree Vichit-Vadakan, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA, Bangkok) (TBC);
- David Moore, Vice President for Legal Affairs, ICNL; and
- Mark Sidel, University of Wisconsin-Madison and ICNL (chair).

In addition, a panel comprised of the board of directors of ISTR, has been organized and Ruth Phillips will chair.

Regulator Impositions on the Third Sector: International Perspectives
- NGO Regulatory Backlash? A Cross-National Examination of State Motives for NGO Regulation, Elizabeth Bloodgood and Joannie Tremblay-Boire
- What can we expect of charity regulators? Charity scandals, declining public trust and confidence … and regulator accountability, Carolyn Cordery
- Riding the Regulatory Wave: Reflections on recent explorations of the statutory and non-statutory non-profit regulatory cycles in 16 jurisdictions, Oonagh B. Breen
- The Shifts in the Regulatory Regime of State and Civil Society Organizations Partnerships in Brazil, Mario Aquino Alves & Natasha Caccia Schmitt Salinas
- State Control on INGO in China, Kin-man Chan

Registration for the conference is open—www.istr.org/AP. We hope you will join us in Bangkok for what is shaping up to be a high-quality academic conference and memorable time networking with colleagues and meeting friends.

ISTR Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Conference update
In early February, our new ISTR Regional Secretariat hosts Jacqueline Butcher, Director of the Center for Research and Civil Society Studies, CIESC, at the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus and Romina Farias, Research Coordinator at the Mexican Center for Philanthropy, Cemefi, traveled to EAFIT University in Medellín, Colombia to meet with the EAFIT conference hosts, Juan Luis Mejía, Dean of EAFIT, Laura Moscoso, Director of the Political Analysis Center, and Valeria Montoya, Project Coordinator at EAFIT. In addition to ironing out plans for the conference, they made important progress in ensuring local engagement in the conference by participating in meetings with Colombian universities, foundations, and local organizations.

All of the submissions are now in the blind review process. Authors and PhD students will be notified by April 8 of the results.

Registration for the conference is open www.istr.org/LAC and we hope you will join your colleagues at EAFIT University in Medellín, Colombia. ISTR, the regional ISTR Secretariat, and EAFIT University have collaboratively raised funding to provide support to many of those who will need it. Check the website for details.

Program highlight: Local panel
This panel will feature a presentation of a process the Centro de Análisis Político at EAFIT has been developing with Fundación Éxito for the past 2 years. The purpose of this joint work is to develop specific tools to influence policy-making from the third sector and to provide the conception of a strategic framework to organize and direct the different actions of the Foundation in order to influence explicitly and intentionally throughout the public policy cycle.

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