

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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Regional News

ISTR/Wits African Phd Seminar



ISTR and the newly launched **Africa Centre for Philanthropy and Social Investment** at Wits Business School are co-hosting an African PhD Seminar May 14-15, 2019, two days prior to the First Annual Conference on Philanthropy. We were thrilled to have received 43 applications, far exceeding expectations! Of these, a diverse group of 23 were accepted into the program. Of the accepted students: half of female, 5 are from West Africa, 4 are from East Africa, 8 are from Southern Africa, and 6 are from outside of Africa – 2 of these are Africans studying abroad.

Six core faculty have been recruited to facilitate the small group discussions and lead professional development workshops that will offer the state of the art in research methodologies, writing, and publishing in third sector studies. The faculty committee includes senior scholars from both Africa, the US, and Europe, including ISTR and ACPSI board members.

ISTR’s PhD Seminars are designed to both support students in the Third Sector and to strengthen the network for the next generation of scholars. Building on the success and increasing popularity of the PhD Seminars we



John Mohan, Conference Co-chair and Mentor (left) with Albert Kagande, PhD Student and Mentee, at the Amsterdam Conference.

host at our international conferences, ISTR is expanding access to these PhD Seminars for emerging scholars across the globe, especially in regions like Africa where students face significant barriers. We are grateful that together with ACPSI we have raised enough funding to support the travel of all 23 students attending the African PhD Seminar.

Related content: **Read the reflections** of *Titilope F. Ajayi* (Ghana) and *Albert Kagande* (South Africa) on their experience participating in our International PhD Seminar in Amsterdam.

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.



National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok

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 Farías, 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 Exito 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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