



**12<sup>th</sup> ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Conference**  
**Co-responsibility in building the public good in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Conference**                      **PhD Seminar**  
**July 3-5, 2019**                      **July 2-3, 2019**

**EAFIT University**  
**Medellín, Colombia**

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Application deadline February 20, 2019

Founded in 1992, the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) is an association of researchers and academic centers with associates located throughout the world. Internationally, [ISTR](#) promotes research and education on civil society and the non-profit sector. The [Latin America and the Caribbean Network](#) of ISTR was established in 1996 with the support of the F. K. Kellogg Foundation.

**Goals of the 12th Annual ISTR Regional Conference**

1. Bring together a diverse, pluralistic and international group of researchers who are focused on Latin America and the Caribbean and who are developing knowledge on regional civil society and the non-profit/third sector.
2. Disseminate research advances on various aspects of civil society in the region with an emphasis on specific thematic areas.
3. Foster a fruitful dialogue on advances in research and the social, political, economic and cultural processes in the region, with a special emphasis on actions and linkages among civil society sectors in different countries.
4. Strengthen community and academic ties between researchers and institutions that study civil society and foster exchanges and cooperation with action-oriented organizations.
5. Get more researchers of the region interested and involved in issues related to civil society while promoting linkages.
6. Promote the dissemination of research results in an effort to foster actions by various civil society organizations and practitioners.
7. Identify and develop Southern theories and approaches to better contextualize and explain the issues and challenges in the LAC region, particularly in the third sector.

**Co-responsibility in building the public good in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The region as a whole has lately gone through a series of important changes in the political, social, economic, cultural, and environmental dimensions, that make the relationship of all sectors in its diverse societies a challenge to understand and study. Many questions surge in the face of these new

perspectives. An understanding of the role of all sectors in the conceptualization and achievement of the public good is in discussion. For academics, what requires scrutiny and revision are the governmental changes that demand new responses and studies on rules, laws, and regulations that will affect the rest of society, mostly as it pertains to the social sector.

These questions give rise to related complexities, such as how responses will be impacted by the relationships between countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region, which are complex and intricate. The nature of these questions is multifactorial: How do sectors exchange information, research and development practices and how do they interrelate? How does co-responsibility in building and working towards the public good happen in the region? What are its characteristics? What governmental incentives are relevant and how do they affect the Third sector? How will governments support and stimulate growth as well as respect social and citizen liberty? How should a future be built in the face of change?

The shifts in power will also affect economic markets and consequently the sustainability of the social sector and cooperative relationships between the businesses and third sector organizations. Questions here include: Will companies maintain and grow their Corporate Social Responsibility programs in support of the region's social and local agenda? Will grant-giving foundations continue to create their own social programs, as has been the new trend in the region? Or will they continue to support basic social issues that are crucial? Will they address new themes, such as human rights, gender differences, sustainability, ecology, climate change, immigration and the like? Will Third sector organizations thrive and grow in the process of creating this new social and economic panorama? Is Social Enterprise an important part of this process?

In the context of these changes to the political and market environments, what is the nature of the relationship between Third sector organizations and the other sectors? Are TSOs connecting and working towards a common goal of building the public good? If so, how is this happening?

The 2018 LAC ISTR conference creates an opportunity to showcase research and practice in the area of creating sustainable roles for Third sector CSOs and in explaining ways that connections can be made between sectors within this geographical region. A wide range of papers are being expected to cover these and other issues.

When submitting proposals, conference participants are asked to identify one of the themes listed below in order to organize in parallel sessions on the program.

- Democratization, Citizenship and Accountability
- Philanthropy and Volunteering
- Cross-Sector Partnerships, Collaborations and Interactions
- Governance and Management of Nonprofit Organizations
- SDGS: Poverty, Inequality & Sustainability
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Enterprise
- Social Innovation
- Emerging Areas of Theory and Practice, Research and Teaching

## PH.D. SEMINAR

A PhD seminar for doctoral students from the LAC Region will be held immediately prior to the Regional Conference July 2-3 at the EAFIT University. This is an excellent opportunity for research students to gain advice and broaden their research horizons with peers and experienced academics from a diverse range of countries in the region and to build important networks.

PhD Students at all stages of research from all LAC countries can apply for the PhD Seminar. Students accepted to the PhD Seminar are required to attend the conference.

Please review the full call for the PhD Seminar and submit your application at [istr.org/page/LAC](http://istr.org/page/LAC)

**Submission Guidelines: Deadline February 20, 2019.**

All researchers interested in the Latin America and Caribbean region and civil society and the non-profit sector are invited to submit proposals for presentation in the following three formats:

1. **Papers** by individual or multiple authors.
2. **Panel discussions** A panel submission is a proposal for a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number) on a particular topic or issue. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper. Panel proposals that do not include full abstracts and author information for each paper will not be considered. The person submitting the panel proposal must be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all proposed paper presenters commit to attending the conference. Please note that papers which are part of a submitted panel cannot be submitted separately as an individual submission. If the submission is submitted twice by the same author it will be rejected.
3. **Posters** to be exhibited during the entire conference.

Proposals must be made in Spanish, Portuguese or English. Oral presentations must be in Spanish or English. Submissions by practitioners, emerging scholars, and Masters and doctoral students engaged in research are very welcome. **All authors and presenters attending the conference must formally register to participate on the ISTR website: [istr.org/page/LAC](http://istr.org/page/LAC).**

**The proposal must include:** title of the work, applicable thematic area and format (paper, panel or poster). Do not include the name(s) of the author(s). For complete panels, the titles of all papers that comprise it must be included (maximum of four) with their corresponding abstracts.

The **structure of the abstract** must include:

- a. Work objectives
- b. Hypothesis or research question, according to the case
- c. Methodology employed
- d. Principal results or contribution
- e. References (background, bibliography, etc.)

Maximum abstract length is **800 words. Excluding bibliography**

All submissions meeting the requirements will be subject to a blind review. Only proposals of sufficient research quality and that are relevant to the aforementioned conference themes will be accepted.

The accepted papers will be sent to the organizers of the Conference in its final version for inclusion in the online program for the participants. The length of the papers will be maximum 8,000 words. The document will include the title of the work, full name of author (s) and summary in Spanish and English. The text will be presented in Times New Roman, size 12, spaced 1.5 lines.

#### Submission Portal

Please note that you must submit your abstract online and must use our Paper or Panel ABSTRACT TEMPLATE for abstract submissions. To download the template:

- Paper Submissions: Visit <https://www.istr.org/page/LACPaper> to download the abstract template and also upload your abstract submission
- Panel Submissions: Visit <https://www.istr.org/page/LACPanel> to download the abstract template and also upload your abstract submission

#### KEY DATES:

Deadline for Abstract submission for Conference/Panel/PhD Seminar: 20 February 2019

Notification of acceptance/rejection to authors/ PhD students: 1 April 2019

Deadline for conference registration: 11 June 2019

Deadline for final submission of papers: 19 June 2019

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