

## Reflecting on the 2019 ISTR LAC PhD Seminar

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The knowledge and opinions from exchanged different perspectives during the ISTR PhD Seminar in Medellin, Colombia made for simply the best of academic experiences I have ever had. It allowed me to be able to share questions and concerns with colleagues from Latin America who promote the development of the third sector in similar contexts, with their particularities at the local level, with common, needs, obstacles, opportunities and objectives.

From my experience as a PhD student in Innovation and Social Responsibility at Anáhuac University, Mexico, the PhD Seminar has been an extraordinary learning and feedback platform that has allowed me to hear different ideas that strengthen and expand the theoretical framework, focusing research with a different and appropriate vision to the needs of the third sector and even improving the level of confidence regarding the research process, giving us certainty, tranquility and the security of continuing to build contributions to social responsibility.



There is no better motivation in life than to be able to do what you are passionate about and in this have the opportunity to travel, know a new country and its traditions, cultures, people who pursue similar dreams, be able to write and research on a subject to which I have dedicated part of my professional and academic life, and to collaborate from a participatory approach to the construction of knowledge.

I am fully satisfied with my participation in the seminar, grateful to ISTR for its outstanding organization, support, and follow-up, its commitment to the third sector and its linkage with universities, firstly with EAFIT University in Medellin, the best hosts, and also for the generation of research that promotes the achievement of joint goals for the common good, in particular the Faculty of Social Responsibility of Anáhuac University that awarded scholarships to students accepted to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> ISTR Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean.

I will look forward to the next International conference, which I hope to have the fortune to attend and again have this experience which - on an academic and personal level - has undoubtedly been invaluable and unrepeatable.