

ISTR PhD Seminar Alumni Quarterly Newsletter



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From the Co-Editors

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Greetings from Italy, Malaysia, and the United States in full spring weather. We are Anna, Azam and Shiqi and we are happy to announce we will be the new editors of the newsletter for the next two years. First of all we'd love to thank Lesley and Elaine for the wonderful work they've done the previous two years and we're honoured to take their witness.

This issue is an opportunity to introduce the new editorial teams. You already know Ali, Mercy, Jeonghwa, Peiyao and Rachel and we are delighted to announce that Bruna and Maurice are joining the team.

For those who are first reading the newsletter: this is a space where we aim to keep our growing alumni network informed about the work and stories of colleagues who research and work in the third sector, as well as keep everyone up to date on developments in the field of third-sector research. We do this by highlighting relevant research projects, books, publications, sharing stories from our PhD seminar alumni network and more experienced ISTR members. We also offer advice on researching and working in the third sector.

In this edition: Shiqi offers an exclusive recap of the professional development seminar "Get Work Done" featuring Dr. Keratloe Mogotsi and Dr. Chris Pallas. Rachel interviewed Tobias Bürger about his job as project manager. Bruna tells us about the ISTR PhD Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean that took place in São Paulo, Brazil. Azam shows us some of the recent work published by our ISTR PhD seminar alumni. Shiqi has collected some useful websites to find potential academic opportunities and then posted three openings available now. Anna and Azam's column provide a list of international opportunities for papers and conference submissions and applications for funding.

This a fresh new start for this editorial team and we have in mind many news about content and format, so please stay tuned! We hope you enjoy this issue, and we look forward to hearing from you.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay updated with what's happening in ISTR and the ISTR PhD seminar alumni network!

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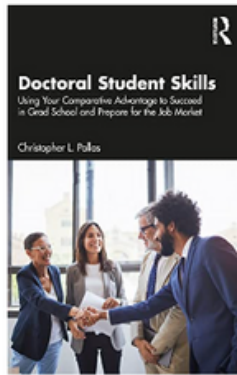
Tips to Get Work Done

By Shiqi Peng

In this edition, we offer an exclusive recap of the professional development seminar titled "Get Work Done: Leveraging Your Comparative Advantage for Success in Graduate School and Beyond," featuring Dr. Keratiloe Mogotsi and Dr. Chris Pallas, which took place on October 17, 2023. Drawing participants from diverse academic backgrounds and global regions, this workshop has garnered interest from both PhD students and faculty members alike.



Chris Pallas



Keratiloe Mogotsi

Drawing from Dr. Pallas' book, *"Doctoral Student Skills,"* this workshop delved into the common challenges hindering consistent progress in research, offering exercises to pinpoint the specific causes of time or motivation deficiencies and strategies to develop a personalized toolkit for overcoming these obstacles.

Firstly, Dr. Pallas addressed the hurdles of time and motivation management by posing the question: *"What are your greatest productivity struggles?"* He identified obstacles to productivity, such as a lack of familiarity with expectations, excessive commitments, and motivational deficits. Dr. Pallas emphasized the importance of defining "work" and setting meaningful goals, underscoring the need for Ph.D. students to aspire beyond mere diploma attainment. Launching **Exercise 1: Identifying Priority Activities**, participants were prompted to consider the following questions:

- What work do you have planned? (Studies, paid work, unpaid labor)
- What time do you need for relationships? (Close family or friends, additional relationships, and faith)
- What time do you need for rest and recreation? (Sleep, exercise, and replenishment)

Dr. Mogotsi shared personal anecdotes to illustrate how she juggled roles as a mother and a Ph.D. student during challenging times, highlighting love, patience, and resilience as essential keys to productivity. *"When life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade!"* said Dr. Mogotsi. She also advocated steadfast commitment to one's schedule, even during festive periods.

Secondly, Dr. Pallas distinguished between **"time management"** and **"schedule management,"** elucidating their respective goals and common pitfalls. While "time management" aims to get everything done and focus on scheduling, efficiency, and technology use, the goal of "schedule management" is to get the right things done and focus on

prioritization, sticking to priorities. Dr. Mogotsi encouraged participants to allocate dedicated time slots for research and study, prioritizing important tasks and adhering to schedules rigorously. Covey's Quadrants were introduced, followed by **Exercise 2: Assessing Current Time Use**, to analyze time allocation and prioritization. Some key solutions are:

- Triage regularly;
- Prioritize working in Quadrant 2 (important + non-urgent);
- Moving the most important tasks to Quadrant 1 by setting personal deadlines and using commitment devices;
- Remember to award yourself when you finish a deadline and imagine yourself already on the stage!

Stephen Covey's 4 Quadrants

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	Quad I Activities • Crisis • Pressing Problems • Deadline Driven Results • Stress • Burn-out • Crisis management • Always putting out fires	Quad II Activities • Prevention, capability improvement • Relationship building • Recognizing new opportunities • Planning, recreation Results • Vision, perspective • Balance • Discipline • Control • Few crises
Not Important	Quad III Activities • Interruptions, some calls • Some email, some reports • Some meetings • Procrastinate, pressing matters • Popular activities Results • Short term focus • Crisis management • Reputation - character • See goals/plans as worthless • Feel awkward, out of control • Shallow or broken relationships	Quad IV Activities • Trivia, busy work • Some email • Personal social media • Some phone calls • Time wasters • Pleasant activities Results • Total irresponsibility • Fired from jobs • Dependent on others or institutions for basics

Lastly, Dr. Pallas addressed motivation management, identifying common issues such as procrastination, distraction, pleasure-seeking, and creator's block. **Exercise 3: Getting Stuck**, prompted participants to reflect on their least productive moments and resonate with specific motivation problems. Dr. Pallas proposed solutions for each issue, emphasizing the importance of experimentation and adaptation to find what works best. For example, to avoid procrastination and distraction, it is suggested to eliminate access to distractions, use focus techniques and apps (e.g., Pomodo, conduct accountability (e.g., virtual coworking).

Audience members were encouraged to partake in **Exercise 4: Evaluating Tried Solutions** and identifying their efficacy.

- Which solutions have you tried?
- Which has worked best for you?
- Why do you think they have worked?

Everyone struggles with motivation; thus, building an extensive tool kit is recommended because one solution will not always work. We should match the solution to the problem; if one solution stops working, try another. Building a community is also beneficial. And another important lesson is to keep doing it no matter what happens.

Dr. Keratilo Mogotsi and Dr. Chris Pallas provided deep insights into how to get work done in a comprehensive and well-organized approach. Audiences can learn from their sharing and stories and apply the knowledge in real life.

* Useful Information*

Reference Chapter 12: Managing Your Time and Motivation

Link to the inspiring book: *Doctoral Student Skills*

<https://www.routledge.com/Doctoral-Student-Skills-Using-Your-Comparative-Advantage-to-Succeed-in/Pallas/p/book/9781032202426>

The recording is available in the ISTR official website:

<https://www.istr.org/news/655419/Getting-Work-Done.htm>

And there will be a same professional development workshop in person in 2024 ISTR Antwerp. You are welcome to join our face-to-face discussions on how to GET WORK DONE!

Third Sector Career Pathways

By Rachel Biaz

In this column, ISTR PhD seminar alumni and ISTR members will provide insights into the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to get started in or to excel in a particular career, as well as how to make best use of your doctoral journey to get a head start. Interested in a career outside of academia? In this issue, I speak with Dr. Tobias Bürger, a project Manager and co-project lead for Education and Next Generation at the Bertelsmann Stiftung in Germany (ISTR PhD Seminar Alumni 2016).

Why I pursued a career outside of academia: A chat with a project manager at Bertelsmann Stiftung Foundation

In this issue's "Career Pathways" column, I had the privilege of chatting with **Dr. Tobias Bürger, a project Manager and co-project lead for Education and Next Generation at the Bertelsmann Stiftung** in Germany. Tobias is an alumnus from the 2016 ISTR PhD Seminar in Stockholm. He holds a doctoral degree in media and communication studies from Newcastle University (UK), and both a master's degree in media science and a bachelor's degree in communication studies and German literature from the University of Bonn. His doctoral dissertation focuses on non-profits, journalism, and media through use of a comparative case study of community foundations in Germany and in the United Kingdom, and he has published extensively in the field of nonprofits, social change, and communication. Tobias graciously agreed to speak with me in August 2023 for this issue's column regarding his experiences entering a career as a third sector practitioner following his academic studies.



What challenges or dilemmas were most prominent for you when pursuing your current position as project manager at Bertelsmann Stiftung?

The primary question I had to ask myself is: "Do I fit into this organization?" Everyone who looks for a career after a PhD has some sort of self-doubt, something that is nagging somewhere. It is common to question whether this is the right thing for me to do, whether I can really excel there, and whether I can really be productive. It took some time for me to adopt to this new position, but it worked out well in the end. It was a matter of timing, and it was a matter of trying to get a good sense of the job by talking to friends and colleagues. You discover a lot about yourself when you start a new position in such a huge foundation with so many different areas of expertise. I think this is the typical experience of young people joining the job market. You're not quite sure this is the right thing to do. You must be bold in a way.

Did you ever consider a career in academia?

At the beginning, I did consider a career in academia. However, during the last year of my PhD I thought it just wasn't for me and that I'm looking for something different. I decided to not go into academia for two reasons. First, academia, in my perspective, is really crowded as many PhD students want to stay in academia. Second, I decided that academia was not the place for me to really excel. I see now more than ever; one thing is really important and that is bridging the gap between academia and policy by putting research into practice. To do this, you need people who can articulate the research and themselves, and make voices heard from the communities you are working with. If you put these voices in an academic paper, then they can sometimes be placed in a drawer and be forgotten. They don't see the light of day, and nothing changes for the community.

What I really like about the foundation I work for is that it looks at the root problems of society. We are not a grantmaking but mostly an operative foundation. We work to identify root causes, develop solutions, disseminate information, and collaborate with civil society and academia. We are good at getting different parties involved into this process in Germany. I would say that I'm a research-driven pragmatic. My job at Bertelsmann Stiftung is project manager. I'm trying to connect the strings for everyone in the room. In this role, you must digest everything, make it simple, and put it into policy proposals and then into action through messages and activities that stick with your target group. But in the end, there is a huge impact behind the simple messages.

When have you used or avoided social media as a professional tool along the various points of your career path?

I didn't avoid social media, but I believe you should make an active choice. I made a choice to join different channels in which there was a community that I could tap into and contribute to somehow. For example, I used ResearchGate a lot, and I still use it and find it helpful. It is beneficial to receive and exchange papers from and with different authors. I still regularly receive emails from current PhD students, asking if I can send them my paper. And I enjoy that because you can connect to the next generation of researchers on this journey, and you can support them. Google Scholar is also helpful in terms of showcasing your work and being discovered. But I do find ResearchGate more interactive. Also, LinkedIn is something I recommend. In the international community - be it related to economics, non-governmental organizations or multiple other thematic issues - many people are on LinkedIn, engaging in discussions and conversations involving practitioners, academics, politicians, and policymakers!

Note from the column's contributing editors: Please get in touch with us if you would like to share your experience about how attending the ISTR PhD seminars and being part of the PhD seminar alumni community have benefitted your research or career. We look forward to amplifying your voices!

Alumni Spotlight: Stories from the Field

By Bruna de Moraes Holanda

This column is all about our alumni—who they are, what they have done, where they have been, and where they are now. Each issue will feature interviews with alumni with practitioner and academic backgrounds who work in different fields and across different geographic regions. Featured alumni will share their experiences as ISTR members, attending the ISTR PhD seminars, and their career pathways. By sharing these stories, we hope our readers can benefit from the wealth of experiences that the ISTR PhD seminar alumni network offers. Today we offer you some highlights from the 2023 ISTR PhD Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The ISTR PhD Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean

Between October 7th and 8th, 2023, the **International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) PhD Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean** took place at the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV EAESP) in São Paulo, Brazil, preceding the regional conference held from October 9th to 11th of the same year.

Similar to the global conference's PhD Seminar, this event holds significant importance within the realm of ISTR as it allows doctoral students from both Latin America and those studying Latin America to share the progress of their research, receive qualified feedback, and discuss career expectations and challenges.

The Latin America and Caribbean PhD Seminar was conducted in three languages - Portuguese, Spanish, and English - and saw the participation of four faculties and 15 students from seven different countries.

Among the faculties were: Luz Mairym Lopez-Rodriguez from the University of Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico), Roberto S. Padula from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (Brazil), Daniel Diaz Vera from Adolfo Ibanez University (Chile), and Morgana G. Martins Krieger from the Federal University of Bahia (Brazil). It's worth noting that both Daniel and Morgana are PhD Seminar alumni.

Among the participating doctoral students were:

- **Adesoji Adedipe** from the University of Kansas (US), with the research project "Residential Segregation, Unequal Health Outcomes, and Hospitals in Salvador Brazil and Lagos Nigeria: Civil Society and the challenge of diversity management and equity". The research aims to understand how group inequality and unequal health outcomes are reinforced by residential settlements in post-colonial cities like Salvador (Brazil) and Lagos (Nigeria).
- **Aline Gonçalves Videira de Souza** from Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil), with the research project "Impact Business Accelerators: how they can contribute to ANOTHER development", which seeks to contribute critical reflection on the performance of impact accelerators.
- **Atenas Paulina Pérez Torres** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "Digital Transformation Model for Third Sector Organizations in Mexico", (from the original: Modelo De Transformación Digital Para Organizaciones De La Sociedad Civil De Atención A Terceros En México), aiming to define a model containing tools, processes, and digital transformation policies for Mexican civil society organizations.

- **Bruna Holanda** from Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil), with the research project "From Philanthropy to Private Social Investment: trajectory and practice", aiming to understand the institutionalization process of Brazilian philanthropy.
- **Bruno Henrique Sanches** from Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil), with the research project "Money (re)configuration: local resilience and contestation in the digitalization of money", discussing the influence of marginalized groups and civil society movements on digital money design.
- **Cássio Aouqi** from the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), with the research project "Between Jardim Ângela and Jardim Europa: a patchwork stitching of the social change arena in Brazil over the last two decades - from a personal narrative" (from the original: Entre o Jardim Ângela e o Jardim Europa: uma costura de retalhos da arena da mudança social no Brasil das últimas duas décadas - a partir de uma narrativa pessoal), aiming to investigate the field of social change in Brazil over the last two decades, its agents, actions, and narratives.
- **Christina Bortot** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "Measurement of social impact in a Mexican coffee cooperative using SROI and Structural Equation Modeling - SEM" (from the original: Medición de impacto social en cooperativa mexicana producción de café utilizando SROI y Modelado de Ecuaciones Estructurales - SEM), aiming to measure the impact of a coffee producers' cooperative on social, environmental, and economic dimensions.
- **Claudia Erika García López** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "How do personal social responsibility, risk aversion, and financial education of contributors in crowdfunding influence their Financial Satisfaction?", seeking to understand the motivations for participating in crowdfunding initiatives.
- **João Miguel P. G. Milanez** from HEC Montréal (Canada), with the research project "Spinning Off to Deal with Tensions in Hybrid Organizations: The Case of Banco Maré", aiming to examine the influence of spin-offs on the ability of hybrid organizations to effectively manage dual missions through the case of Banco Maré.
- **Johanna Cristina Jaña Gaete** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "Analysis of the Effects of Gender Equality Policies Based on Social Responsibility on the Employment Insertion of Chilean Women in the La Araucanía Region" (from the original: Analisis De Los Efectos De Las Politicas De Igualdad De Genero Basadas En La Responsabilidad Social En La Inserciã“N Laboral De Las Mujeres Chilenas De La Region De La Araucanía), aiming to analyze the effects of gender equality public policies and social capital on the employment insertion of Chilean women in the La Araucanía Region.
- **José Antonio Pérez Abuín** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "How to Mitigate Environmental Impact Through the Regenerative Sustainability Paradigm" (from the original: Como Mitigar El Impacto Ambiental A Través Del Paradigma De La Sustentabilidad Regenerativa), aiming to understand if regenerative sustainability is a more effective model than circular economy to combat the climate change problem facing modern society.
- **Judith Soledad Yangali Vicente** from Universidad Anahuac (Mexico), with the research project "Impact of University Governance on University Social Responsibility of the Peruvian Academy During 2022-2023" (from the original: Repercusion De La Gobernanza Universitaria En La Responsabilidad Social Universitaria De La Academia Peruana Durante El 2022-2023), aiming to analyze the impact of university governance on the university social responsibility of the Peruvian academy during the period 2022-2023.

- **Julieth Sorany Alzate Giraldo** from Universidad EAFIT (Colombia), with the research project "Reconstruction of Organizational Identity in Liminal State: A Study from the Cooperative Organization" (from the original: Reconstrucción de la identidad organizacional en estado liminal. Un estudio desde la organización cooperativa), aiming to understand the process of organizational identity reconstruction in a liminal state in Colombian cooperative organizations.
- **Lenis Araque** from Universidad EAFIT (Colombia), with the research project "Volunteering in Nonprofit Organizations" (from the original: Voluntariado en Organizaciones Sin Fines de Lucro), aiming to understand and establish models of volunteering structure in nonprofit organizations.
- **Matheus de Moraes Carvalho** from the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), with the research project "Municipal Funds for Penal Policies as a Factor of Social Change in Penal Policies: Fact or Fake?", aiming to understand if it's possible to reduce mass incarceration through the implementation of public policies and what role civil society organizations play in this.



The diverse array of research projects presented during the seminar reflects the multifaceted nature of social issues within the region. Moreover, the seminar facilitated meaningful discussions on topics such as philanthropy, social investment, gender equality, and environmental sustainability, emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of third sector research. Moving forward, the collaborative spirit and scholarly rigor demonstrated at the seminar will continue to enrich the field of third sector research, driving innovation and social impact across Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Studying the Third Sector: Methods, Theories, and Insights

By Nur Azam Anuarul Perai

Promote your third sector research and evaluation reports, journal articles, book chapters, or doctoral theses in this column, which will primarily showcase the works of our ISTR PhD seminar alumni. If you have developed tools or created resources to study the third sector and its activities, you are also welcome to promote them. Write to us if you would like to be part of our column's Q&A on the methodological, legal, and ethical aspects related to studying in the third sector.

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Note from the column's contributing editors: Please email us if you would like to promote your publications about the third sector. We will prioritize the promotion of works by our ISTR PhD seminar alumni (self-nominations are welcomed).

Job Advice & Board

By Shiqi Peng

This column aims to showcase and promote different job boards in academia and the third sector, both established and up-and-coming, spanning various regions. Over time, we aspire for this space to become a primary resource for individuals embarking on their initial career post-PhD or those navigating their next academic or research endeavor within the sector. Additionally, we will offer tailored CV, resume, and application guidance pertinent to job seekers, whether they are exploring opportunities in their home country or abroad.

In this edition, we first collected some useful websites to find potential academic opportunities and then posted three openings available now. First and foremost, ISTR provides a platform to post and search for a job. You are welcome to subscribe and keep yourself updated with the openings! For more information, please check https://www.istr.org/networking/opening_search.asp. Other useful links include:

- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/unijobs/>
- <https://www.higheredjobs.com/>
- <https://jobs.chronicle.com/>



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The La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Division of Extension at the University of Wisconsin-Madison seek a high performing faculty member to engage in research, teaching, and outreach. The faculty member will develop a nationally-recognized research agenda in the area of civic and organizational leadership. This joint position will have a 100% tenure home at the La Follette School with the recruitment occurring at the **Assistant Professor (tenure-track) or early Associate Professor (tenured) level**. The selected scholar will teach one course per year at the La Follette School in its graduate or undergraduate programs and will be active in the service and intellectual life of the School.

https://jobs.wisc.edu/jobs/professor-of-civic-and-organizational-leadership-madison-wisconsin-united-states-e280238a-2862-49a7-9583-dc0e35b2fc1e?source=generic&utm_source=generic?&ApplicationSubSourceID=11291



The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida is creating an environment that affirms community across all dimensions. The institute seeks a **tenure-track faculty member** in Nonprofit Management, Philanthropy, Public Administration, Leadership Development, Social Entrepreneurship, Social/Health Services Administration, Community Development, or a closely related discipline. The institute particularly welcomes applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service.

<https://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/en-us/job/529980>



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NEW COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Gradel Institute of Charity (GIC), a newly-founded research centre at New College, University of Oxford, is seeking applications for two research positions.

- **Senior Research Fellow.** This will be a full-time or half-time position at GIC. The GIC is most interested in candidates with a strong publication record and a history of success in securing research grants. This will include a proven capacity to publish in leading social science journals, and, just as importantly, a demonstrated ability to ask important and provocative research questions, collect original data, carry out methodologically advanced analysis of existing large data sets, and generally contribute significantly to the field of third sector research. The great majority of the time of the fellow will be devoted purely to research and the development of papers for publication, though some time will be dedicated to the development of new proposals for future research endeavours. The range of possible substantive topics to be investigated is broad and includes but is not limited to: Charity management and governance, performance measurement within charities, sustainability and scaling strategies; the policy and regulatory environment around the sector; public sector contracting with charities; international NGOs and global civil society, individual and institutional philanthropy; and informal helping and organised volunteering.

https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2024-03/The%20Gradel%20Institute%20of%20Charity%20Senior%20Research%20Fellow%20Further%20Particulars_1.pdf

- **Junior Research Fellow.** This will be a full-time position, with work carried out in Oxford at the GIC offices. The GIC is most interested in candidates who have within the last year completed a PhD and whose dissertations focus on charity management and governance, performance measurement within charities, sustainability and scaling strategies; the policy and regulatory environment around the sector; public sector contracting with charities; international NGOs and global civil society, individual and institutional philanthropy; informal helping and organised volunteering, or other related topics. In addition to continuing research stemming from the doctoral dissertation and developing new lines of research, the junior research fellow will be involved in some of the practitioner programs of GIC. Experience with teaching is desired, along with some prior exposure to the design and delivery of executive programs. The ideal candidate will thus be able to contribute to both the research and outreach functions of the GIC.

https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2024-03/The%20Gradel%20Institute%20of%20Charity%20Junior%20Research%20Fellow%20Further%20Particulars_0.pdf

Note from the column's contributing editors: Please get in touch with us if you would like to share your experience about job seeking and available job opportunities. We look forward to connecting any valuable sources together!

Opportunities for Collaboration & Calls for Papers/Applications

By Anna Reggiardo & Nur Azam Anuarul Perai

Have you always wanted to find collaborators to publish a journal article, work on a report detailing best practices, or apply for grants? Would you like to collaborate with other ISTR PhD seminar alumni to write a manuscript, submit grant applications, find guest speakers, or organize a symposium or workshop? Use our column as a resource to find collaborators! This column will list opportunities for our ISTR PhD seminar alumni to connect and collaborate with academic scholars and practitioners/professionals working in the third sector or researching the third sector and its activities.

Calls for Papers and Applications

1. Call for application: Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology in Vienna

Deadline for application: 29th March 2024

The Marie Jahoda Summer School is open to 20 young scholars, primarily to PhD candidates and early-stage post-doctoral researchers from humanities and social sciences. We expect every participant to attend all the sessions of the summer school "Crisis, Justice and Democracy", present their research, and actively engage with the presentation of their colleagues and peers. Jeffrey Alexander will be giving the keynote on July 8th.

To apply to the summer school, please submit the following documents by 29th March 2024 via email to anna.zalto@univie.ac.at.

- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Short description of your research/ dissertation project (max. 2 pages)
- The applicants will be informed of the faculty's decision by 20th April 2024.

In preparation for the summer school, we ask all participants to submit their papers/chapters in progress by 20th June 2024.

More information and the full call can be found at: <https://www.soz.univie.ac.at/veranstaltungen/marie-jahoda-schools/>.

2. Call for Papers, Panels, Colloquium and Lightning Research Roundtables: 53rd Annual ARNOVA Conference

Deadline for abstract submission: 16h May 2024 for non-member, 27th May 2024 for members

The 2024 ARNOVA conference will be held in Washington DC, home to the US Federal Government and headquarters of many domestic and international nonprofit organizations. This year's conference theme provides us the opportunity to consider the intersections between the nonprofit sector, government, and public policy. We invite you to consider these intersections with emphasis on the increasingly tenuous relationships between nonprofits and government, opportunities and threats of the rapid acceleration of technology, and the role of growing influence of special interest groups on the work of the nonprofit sector.

Further details can be retrieved from: <https://web.cvent.com/event/fabe347c-475b-40e4-9f57-1e1af84d01f7/websitePage:6bc04e53-f251-446f-8190-74a468298cce?locale=en>.

3. Call for paper: Special issues for Nonprofit Management & Leadership

Deadline for abstract submission: no specific deadline

Nonprofit Management & Leadership invites authors to submit manuscripts under each of the special issue themes listed below. Once a critical mass of papers has been published on each topic (plus seminal works on the theme from the NML archives), manuscripts chosen for the virtual special issue will be compiled and promoted online.

Theme 1: Nonprofit Organization Births and Deaths: Research on Founding, Life Stages, and Demise in the Nonprofit Sector

Theme 2: Advanced Methodologies in Nonprofit Management and Leadership Research

Theme 3: Nonprofit Management, Leadership, and Governance in Non-Western Contexts

Theme 4: Special Issue on Volunteer Management

Further details can be retrieved from <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/15427854>.

4. Call for papers: Public Administration Governance and accountability in reshaping public services: open challenges and wicked problems of the 21st Century

Deadline for abstract submission: 31st December 2024

Special issue: Governance and accountability in reshaping public services: open challenges and wicked problems of the 21st Century

The issue will be based on reviewed papers accepted for a workshop organized by the International Centre of Public Accountability (ICOPA), Durham University, on the 11th/12th December 2023 but it also welcomes submissions of papers outside of the workshop.

For more information: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/14679299/homepage/call-for-papers>.

5. Call for application: Oxford-Penn Social Impact Doctoral Fellows Program

Deadline for submission: 15th May 2024

The Gradel Institute of Charity at New College, University of Oxford, and the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Social Impact Strategy invite doctoral students to apply for the 2024 Oxford-Penn Social Impact Doctoral Fellows Program.

About: Facilitated by Professors Peter Frumkin and Matthew Bennett, the doctoral fellows program will explore emerging issues in the world of nonprofit organizations, voluntary action, philanthropy, social enterprise, and international civil society. These topics are explored through an intensive, residential research seminar in which students present draft research papers and then work collaboratively to help improve and refine each other's work. The program will be held from September 1st to September 18th, 2024, at New College, University of Oxford. Students are only eligible if they can submit a draft research paper that they will develop and prepare for journal submission. Housing in Oxford and £3,000 stipends are provided to all Fellows to offset travel and other expenses during the program.

Eligibility: Doctoral students currently enrolled in PhD programs in all fields.

For more information: <https://www.istr.org/news/668686/2024-Oxford-Penn-Social-Impact-Doctoral-Fellows-Program.htm>

Note from the column's contributing editors: Please email us if you are an ISTR PhD seminar alum or a current ISTR member and would like to find collaborators for projects related to the third sector and its activities. Do also contact us if you want to disseminate a call for papers or grant applications, especially if it is aimed at PhD students or early career researchers 3–5 years post-PhD, and we will publish the information in the next issue of the newsletter.

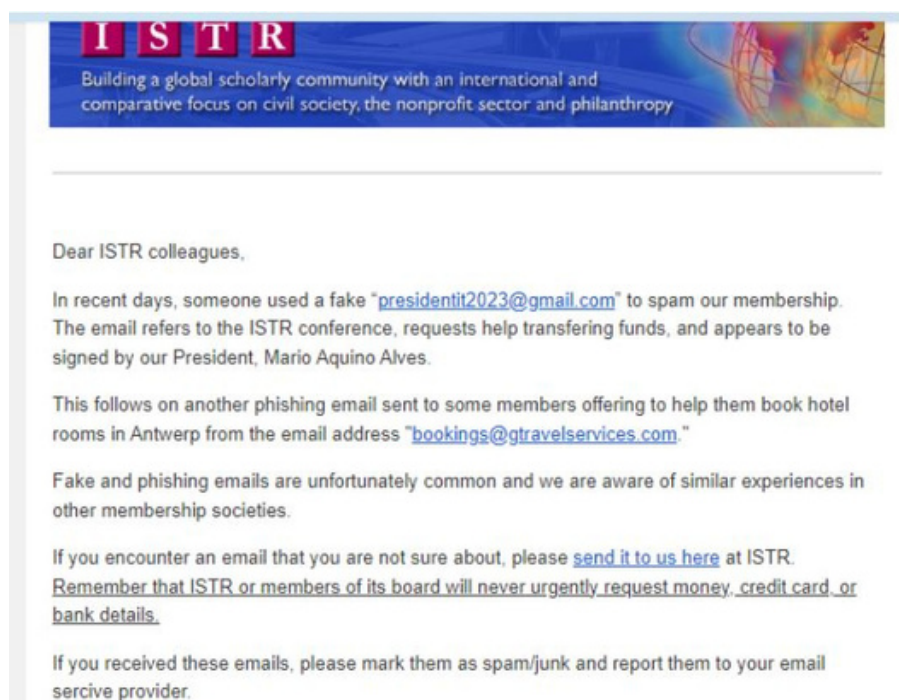
News & Announcements

Phishing/scam attempt on ISTR members

Technology has made our lives much easier, enabling remote working, online shopping, and making education and research more efficient through online libraries and databases. However, convenience comes with its risks, in this case, cybersecurity risks. Online criminals are as advanced as the technology experts, sometimes may even be one step ahead with their sophisticated scams, fake websites and hacking attempts. One popular tactic used by these cyber criminals is phishing, which is the fraudulent practice of sending emails pretending to be from a trusted individual or organisation to induce the recipients to reveal personal data, such as passwords and credit card numbers, or to pay for fraudulent transactions.

Recently, some ISTR members may have received such emails from someone claiming to be our President, Mario Aquino Alves, requesting for help to transfer funds. This is a phishing attempt as ISTR or any of its board member will NEVER request money, credit card, or bank details from its members. Please be vigilant and contact any of the ISTR management team if you receive such emails and report the phishing attempt to your email administrator.

A screenshot of ISTR's notification of the phishing attempt is attached below.



Contribute to the newsletter!

Please email the **co-editors** if you are an ISTR PhD seminar alumnus (from whichever year) and would like to serve as a contributing editor for the column on Jobs Board & Advice.

Please email the **contributing editors** of the respective columns if you are an ISTR PhD seminar alumnus and have a story to share. You can also nominate a current ISTR member or an ISTR PhD seminar alumnus to be featured in the newsletter.

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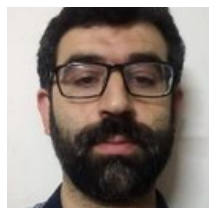
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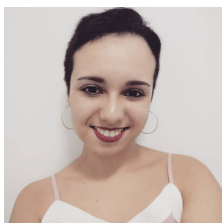
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Get to know Our Collaborating Editors!



Greetings from Jeonghwa Yang, a Ph.D. candidate specializing in public administration at Florida State University. She is originally from South Korea. Her research spans public, nonprofit, and emergency management. Specifically, she is examining 1) the complex dynamics within and between organizations during decision-making and collaboration at the local level and 2) community organizing activities within civil society, particularly in the context of disasters. Excitingly, she will be commencing her tenure as an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Geneseo this upcoming fall.

Reflecting on my academic journey, one standout moment was my participation in the ISTR conference and Ph.D. seminar in 2022. This experience not only provided invaluable feedback on my research but also fostered meaningful connections with colleagues, many of whom have become cherished friends. The camaraderie and insights gained during this event have left an indelible mark on me, reinforcing my commitment to scholarly collaboration and community engagement. It is with this enthusiasm and sense of gratitude that I eagerly anticipate contributing as an editor to this newsletter.

About ISTR (<https://www.istr.org/>)

Founded in 1992, the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) is a major international association promoting research and education in the fields of civil society, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector. ISTR is an organization committed to building a global community of scholars and interested others dedicated to the creation, discussion, and advancement of knowledge pertaining to the third sector and its impact on human and planetary well-being and development internationally. As an organization, ISTR is recognized and respected for its global vision, its commitment to excellence, its collaborative approach, and the values of diversity and pluralism with which it pursues its mission.

About the ISTR PhD Seminars and Our Alumni Network (<https://www.istr.org/page/Emerging>)

ISTR aims to nurture early career third-sector researchers and practitioners through targeted mentorship and investment in their development. We also present the biennial Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award to dissertations contributing to the comparative study of civil society organizations, philanthropy, voluntarism, non-governmental organizations, and related issues. Through the PhD seminars and mentoring program, we support young scholars and practitioners who examine the role and functions of third sector organizations in their countries and communities. We know our efforts will bear fruit in the social, humanitarian, policy, scientific, and cultural spheres. We hope that our PhD seminar alumni will continue engaging with the ISTR network, become lifelong members of ISTR, and build the field of third sector studies.

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