The 8th ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference was held in Seoul, Korea from October 24 to 26 entitled Nonprofit Law, Policy and Practice: Evolution and Evaluation. This was the first time for Korea to host an international conference for scholars and researchers on nonprofit organizations, even though there had previously been several international gatherings for NGOs and NGO people. The meeting was co-organized by Korean Association of Nonprofit Organization Research (KANPOR) and Institute of East and West Studies, Yonsei University. In addition to the support of the two institutions, the conference was funded by three major corporate donors, Samsung, SK Telecom, Doosan, and The United Way of Korea.

Taking this opportunity, KANPOR could introduce international research efforts on NPOs to the Korean nonprofit sector. Despite the fast growth of NPOs during the past 20 years, the Korean Nonprofit sector has not paid enough attention to international academic efforts, especially through ISTR during the same period. The conference pro-

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PUBLICATION NEWS

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The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) seeks nominations for Editor of its journal, Voluntas, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2016. The term may be renewed, once, by mutual agreement. The editor reports to the ISTR board, and Voluntas reflects ISTR’s commitments: it is an important peer-reviewed (ISI rated) social science journal, published bi-monthly, that focuses on civil society, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector in ways that are inter-disciplinary, international, and comparative. The journal is published in English. ISTR provides a small subsidy to cover editorial and related costs. In line with general practice, in making the appointment the Society will take into account support provided by the applicants’ home institutions. Above all, ISTR seeks for Voluntas an editor who will build on the journal’s past accomplishments to strengthen the academic standing of the society and the field.

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Dear ISTR Colleagues:

The regional conferences for 2013 are now over and our focus as ISTR members shifts to the next opportunity to exchange our research with colleagues and interested others, the Eleventh International Conference in Muenster, Germany in July 2014. For regional conference participants there are still revisions to be done to papers based on peer feedback and submissions to working paper series or journals. For academic committees there are working paper series to be edited as important iterations of knowledge accumulation and transfer go on. Look out for regional conference working papers on our website early next year, as these are a great new addition to our publishing options for members.

The Eighth Asia-Pacific Regional Conference attracted over 80 delegates and the venue, The Kim Koo Museum, located within the beautiful Hyochang Park, is an impressive cultural space with a focus on the modern history of Korea. Our Academic Co-Chairs, Sami Hasan and Junki Kim, and their committee members are to be congratulated on a strong program. Professor Tae-Kyu Park from Yonsei University’s NPO Research Center and Professor Chang-Soon Hwang from Soonchunhyang University and President of the Korean Association for Nonprofit Organization Research (KANPOR), our co-hosts and their committee are also to be congratulated for the logistics, events and networking opportunities afforded during the conference (see reports on the conference in this issue). While there was a breadth of topics offered, the sessions had a particular focus on legal frameworks for emerging and rapidly growing nonprofit sectors within some nations.

Each time I attend a conference I am acutely aware of all the behind the scenes work by so many volunteers and am grateful for such collegial efforts. Meeting ISTR colleagues not seen for many years emphasized to me the importance of travel scholarships to enable some members to reconnect face-to-face with international peers. The organisers and sponsors are to be commended on the availability of scholarships for this conference. There was national media interest in the conference and I eagerly await the English translation of an interview with ‘JungAng ilbo’ one of the major three Korean Newspapers. There is keen interest in hosting the 2015 Asia-Pacific conference and an expression of interest process will occur early in 2014.

The ISTR board of directors meeting held after the conference in Seoul at the Beautiful Foundation with Professor Ye Jongsuk as our host. I wish to thank foundation staff particularly Meekyung Kim (Executive Director) and Jun Hyun-kyung (Manager) for their assistance. The foundation promotes a culture of giving and sharing by providing various methods in which ordinary citizens can participate and connect resources with the needs of society. The foundation also conducts research and translates publications on philanthropy.

The board meeting agenda was full and focused on operational aspects for the first day. International conference organizers reported that the abstract process for 2014 is now closed and reviewers are hard at work. The PhD Seminar held in conjunction with the conference was well subscribed again and notices have gone to successful applicants. Chairs have been appointed for the Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award (see the notice in this issue) and the Best Paper in Voluntas Award. Committees will be hard at work in the New Year and our thanks go to Ben Gidron and Kari Steen-Johnson respectively for taking on these roles. The Nominating Committee is in place with past-President Jaqueline Butcher as Chair, and a call for nominations to the board will appear early next year. Regional networks reported on their activities (see separate conference and meeting reports in this and recent issues). Revised guidelines for networks were approved by the board and will become available on the website shortly. The guidelines seek to capture
the intent and scope of networks, and governance aspects. The Publications Committee reported on new volumes in the Nonprofit and Civil Society Book Series (see https://istr.site-ym.com/?page=SpringerBookSeries) and the growing strength of Voluntas (see https://istr.site-ym.com/?VOLUNTAS_Archive). The board is also well advanced in planning for 2015 regional conferences and the 2016 international conference with announcements on locations during 2014.

On the second day of the board meeting we took the opportunity of a face-to-face meeting to have a strategic conversation on member services. The board reflected on the following questions: what are the key issues facing researchers in different regions and contexts; what do we see as our membership ‘value’; how might we add value to our current member services; and what new member services might we need to consider?

The purpose of the conversation was to capture board members’ insights from their many engagements with members during 2013 to inform ongoing member service refinement and development. Thank you to all board members for your hard work over the two days and for your commitment to ongoing tasks in 2014.

After the board meeting the Executive Director, Margery Daniels, and I were able to visit Beijing to meet with Chinese third sector scholars. We are grateful to ISTR board member Qiushi Lui and the NGO Research Center of the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University for organizing a workshop and agency visits, and to our translators and student and postdoctoral helpers Meng-nan Wang, Yuxin Hou and Zhang Wenxue. The workshop on the topic International Cooperation in Third Sector Research attracted over 30 participants including PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, academics and government officers, and showcased both the work of ISTR and that of eight Chinese research centers. The workshop was moderated by Professor Deng Guosheng, Director for the Center for Innovation and Social Responsibility. Participants shared their research work and future research agendas across the disciplines of journalism, communication, public policy, management, NGO administration, law, and the new Chinese discipline of social management. Visits were made to the Chinese Foundation Center, Ford Foundation China and China Development Brief and we thank our respective hosts Vice President Tao Ze, Program Officer Katherine Wilhelm and Director and Editor Shawn Shieh. The short trip was an important first opportunity to profile the work of ISTR and to engage Chinese scholars and supporters of quality research and academic exchange.

I wish you all a restful and joyful end to 2013 and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at events in 2014 or reading your work in ISTR publications.

Best wishes,

Wendy Earles
President
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gram included two plenary sessions, five panels, one round-table, and 7 parallel sessions. In addition to the conference itself, members of the Korean academic society were very delighted to meet the ISTR board members who gathered to hold board meeting in Seoul. As the local organizing committee, we were also very pleased to provide opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students having strong interest in nonprofits as volunteers and also many NPO practitioners participated in the conference as observers.

During the conference more than 50 papers were presented addressing a variety of research issues on the nonprofit sector. On the first day of conference, members of board of directors including president, Wendy Earles, presented a plenary session titled, “Current Preoccupations in Non-profit Research and Education: Cross-cultural and Cross-regional Perspectives.” In addition, the first panel presentation chaired by Naoto Yamauchi of Osaka University was held under the title of “Private and Charitable Aid Provision Toward Community Resilience: Exploring the Role of Civil Society in Disaster Management.” The first day of the conference was closed by the welcoming dinner hosted by Jung, Ku-Hyun, the founding president of KANPOR, the former CEO of Samsung Economic Research Institute and a professor of Yonsei University.

On 25th of October, the second day, the conference was opened with a plenary session with the keynote speech by Karla Simon and Leon Irish. They made an excellent and very informative presentation on the “Legal and Fiscal Innovation in East Asia”. During the past decade, countries in the region of East Asia including Korea have experienced remarkable changes related to nonprofit law, policy and practice. Many papers were presented during the parallel sessions on the issues of nonprofit management and social enterprises. Especially, in the Seoul conference, social enterprise was a hot issue which was dealt with in one panel and two parallel sessions. In the evening of 25th, all participants were welcomed at dinner time by the president of the Korean Red Cross, Ms. Ryu, Jung-Kuen. On the final day, 12 papers were presented in 4 parallel sessions on issues including ‘Governments, International Community and the Third Sector,” “Third Sector Law, Practice, and Outcome, and “Past, Present and Future of the Third Sector.” It is noteworthy that six sociologists from Japan, U.S. and Korea joined the conference by forming a panel session titled “Making Democracy Worldwide.” The 8th Asia Pacific ISTR conference concluded with the ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Meeting.
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Responsibilities:
• Overall editorial oversight, with the aim of increasing the journal’s impact;
• Appointing the Book Review Editor and as appropriate other associate editors;
• Timely processing of manuscripts, commissioning external reviews, writing editorial assessments of submitted and reviewed papers;
• Communicating with authors, editors, and reviewers;
• Overseeing day-to-day activities, including copy-editing and working with the publisher;
• Managing the Editorial Board, in cooperation with the ISTR board.

Qualifications:
We expect that the successful candidate will hold an advanced social science degree, occupy a senior position at a university or research institute, and have published substantial research in relevant fields. Excellent writing and editorial skills in the English language are required. Experience in international and inter-disciplinary research is a plus, as is the ability to function in any of the other major scientific languages. The editor must be able to work effectively with a diverse audience of scholars from different disciplines, backgrounds, and countries.

Selection Committee
An Editorial Selection Committee has been established to select the new editor(s). It is chaired by Adalbert Evers (Universität Giessen, Germany) and comprised of Ann Dill (Brown University, USA); Bernard Enjolras (Institute for Social Research, Norway); Brenda Gainer (York University, Canada); Hagai Katz (Ben Gurion University, Israel); and Leilah Landim (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

If you have further questions regarding the journal (www.istr.org/VoluntasEditor), or the editorship, please contact Adalbert Evers at e-mail: adalbert.evers@uni-giessen.de

Application Process: Deadline March 31, 2014

Please submit the names of potential applicants to the Committee, c/o ISTR, 578 Wyman Park Building, 3400 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-2688, USA.

Self-nominations are encouraged. Applications should include:
• a full curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and past editorial experience; and
• a 2-3 page statement of a vision for Voluntas, assessing the journal’s strengths and limitations, indicating the topics or issues it ought to address, and discussing the support, if any, the potential editor’s home institution will be able to provide.

The Editorial Selection Committee will interview finalists in Muenster, Germany, immediately prior to the ISTR conference in July; interviews may continue during the conference. The committee will make its recommendation to the ISTR board, which will announce the new editor by October 30, 2014.

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11th International Conference News

Muenster Conference News

The Conference Academic Committee and 150 volunteer reviewers are currently reviewing 615 paper, panel and poster submissions for the Muenster conference. Decisions will be made in January 2014. Many thanks to all of the reviewers!

PhD Seminar applications have been evaluated and invitations to participate have been sent. Eighty three applications from twenty seven countries were submitted. A number of applicants have been placed on the wait list. We look forward to a second outstanding PhD Seminar.

ISTR will offer a limited number of registration subsidies to student members and those from the developing world. These subsidies will allow researchers to attend the 11th International Conference for a fee of US $150.

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ISTR Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award

The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) is pleased to announce the ISTR Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award. This award is presented biennially for a PhD dissertation completed or defended in the two calendar years (July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013) preceding the award. Self-nominations are accepted.

Dissertations that contribute to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), philanthropy, voluntarism and related issues are eligible. We encourage submissions of PhD dissertations from all parts of the world. Dissertations focused exclusively on the United States are not eligible.

The winner will be announced and the award will be given at the ISTR 11th International Conference in Muenster, Germany which will be held July 22 - 25, 2014. The award is US $1,000.

Dissertations may be submitted in English, French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Submissions must be submitted via email to ISTR_Secretariat@jhu.edu

Applications must include:
- letter of acceptance for the degree
- 500 word abstract of the dissertation’s subject matter (in English)
- one full copy of the dissertation

Deadline: Dissertations and accompanying materials must be submitted prior to January 15, 2014. Entries will be judged by a committee based on the following:

Does the dissertation have potential to influence new thinking on the Third Sector and/or related fields? Does the approach contribute to studying Third Sector issues?

For inquiries or questions, contact: Margery Daniels, Executive Director: istr@jhu.edu

Lufthansa will be the official carrier for the conference and offer discounted travel. Details about booking discounted flights can be found on the conference page.
Special Issue of *Voluntas*:
Civil Society and Third Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean.


Civil society and Third sector organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean have demonstrated to have a strong presence in their societies in a great variety of areas. The history of these organizations in this region show us that in the 18th century, mostly religious and religious affiliated organizations distinguished themselves for their help and participation in areas of education and health in taking care of the sick and vulnerable portions of the population. In the 19th century more lay organizations were added to these thus steering their interests to these areas of service to others. There was also an important development of cooperatives for the wellbeing of their members. Furthermore, in the second half of the 20th century, in the seventies decade, many new organizations attended themes as poverty alleviation and many of them incursioned into human rights issues even where there was authoritarian rule in several parts of the region.

These organizations, as well as universities and researchers, have played an important role in international comparative efforts such as the Johns Hopkins Comparative project and the Civicus effort in more than fifty counties both created to understand how different societies function around the globe. These organizations have also grown in size and influence, they are now a source of employment and are also open to those individuals interested in service and volunteer participation.

ISTR has held 9 Regional Conferences in Latin America and the Caribbean. Every two years committed civil society organizations and academic institutions have hosted a growing community of researchers from the area as well as international colleagues interested in studying the region. Themes featured include: diverse ways of administration and governance within organizations, human resources, fundraising, training and capacity building, several aspects of citizen participation including volunteer efforts, human rights efforts, impact studies, communication, etc.

This edition of *Voluntas* in its Latin American focuses on these themes as well as others such as poverty alleviation in its many manifestations, inequality, violence, corruption, human rights social movements and the creation of public policies, among others.

Guest editors to this special issue of *Voluntas*: Jacqueline Butcher (CIESC, Center for Research and Civil Society Studies at the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus) and Beatriz Balian, Vice Rector for Research at UCA (Argentine Catholic University, Buenos Aires city), will gladly receive articles in English, Portuguese and Spanish on a theoretical background as well as empirical research of an interdisciplinary nature.

Themes suggested for this volume are:

- Social problems, defense of human rights within civil society and Third sector organizations
- Planning, governance, administration and sustainability of civil society organizations.
- Volunteering: Motivation and Personal commitments.
- Donations: Philanthropy and Social Investment
- Legitimacy, transparency and accountability
- Participative processes, representation and citizenship
- Relationships of social organizations with Government and Business
- Social economy and solidarity
- Social movements, democracy building and MDG
- Civil society organization representatively and forms of communication
- Social impact of civil society and Third Sector organizations on vulnerable populations: children, women, indigenous populations and the elderly
- Impact of social organizations on illegal behavior such as human trafficking, delinquents and drug dealing.

**Guidelines**

Manuscripts may be submitted in English, or Spanish, but (if accepted) are published in English. The submission deadline is until April 1 and must be sent at e-mail voluntas@ciesc.org.mx.

**Empowering China’s civil society through the free flow of information, resources and views**

CDDB (English) is now accepting article submissions for publication on our website (www.chinadevelopment-brief.cn). Depending on the interest and resources of the
Call for Papers

Chinese staff, some of the articles will be translated and published on the Chinese-language website (www.chinadevelopmentbrief.org.cn). We are hoping that with voluntary contributions from the vibrant international community of scholars, practitioners, journalists, and analysts whose work or interests relate to civil society and social development in China, we can further develop CDB’s role as a valuable platform and information resource for China’s NGO sector.

We are looking for thoughtful, articulate, and informed pieces on topics such as new strategies and practices among NGOs and other non-profit organizations, best practices or innovations in the field, important trends in the non-profit and development sectors, and the results of organizational or individual fieldwork or research. Because our readers are Chinese or non-Chinese interested in China, the articles should be of relevance to the civil society and/or social development sectors in China.

For samples of articles that have been submitted to us and published by CDB in both Chinese and English, see:

“Civil Society” or “People’s Society”: Where’s the Party?
The Realities and Expectations of NGO Registration: A Study of HIV/AIDS Groups in Yunnan and Sichuan

To streamline the submission process, we have created the following guidelines and steps for articles; please direct any inquiries to Shawn Shieh at shawn.shieh@chinadevelopmentbrief.cn and Tom Bannister at tom.bannister@chinadevelopmentbrief.cn.

Step 1: Submit Query.
Please begin by sending us a brief query (no more than 200 words), as well as a brief professional bio. The query should include a general description of the article, and timeline for article completion.

Step 2: Article Guidelines.
• Article length should be roughly 1,000 – 1,500 words.
• The article should be written exclusively for CDB and can be an adaptation or summary of previously published material.
• In terms of language and tone, articles should be directed toward a knowledgeable general audience—something between academic and journalistic styles, in-depth but lacking jargon.
• If included, citations should be in footnote form. Relevant sources should be cited.
• For technical terms or names of organizations and individuals, please include the Chinese characters in parentheses whenever possible.
• Please keep in mind that we take into account the sensitivity of the content when deciding to publish an article.

Step 3: Publishing.
Articles will be published on our website and, at the discretion of the Chinese staff, may also be translated and included on the Chinese site (cdb.org.cn) or the print quarterly. Articles may be reprinted elsewhere provided that CDB is credited and a link to the original content is included.
Regional Workshop on Global Civil Society: Perspective of the MENA Region

Foundation for the Future in partnership with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and CIVICUS, the global civil society alliance, teamed up in organizing a regional workshop on the current and future involvement of MENA civil society organisations at the global level on November 20th, 2013 at Amman Landmark Hotel in Amman, Jordan.

Global civil society organisations and movements have made important contributions to some aspects of global policymaking and the work of global institutions, particularly on the issues of human rights, development and the environment. Global civil society actors and movements have also put new issues onto the international agenda. They have played a key role in providing a more competitive pool of policy ideas, as well as providing new research and information to mobilise public opinion around an issue, but their expertise is still under-used, and the processes for consulting global civil society, by global institutions, are still inadequate.

What is the level of participation and representation of MENA CSOs at the global level and what are the issues raised? What is their participation to international organizations? What CIVICUS is doing to enhance the global civic space? What is the current situation, challenges and solutions to bring the voices of the Arab NGOs and the south insight into global debates?

Such questions this workshop will intend to answer with the participation of prominent experts in the region who are participating to reflect on the challenges and needs facing the Civil Society in MENA region, amongst them Dr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director ARAB NGO Network for Development, Mr. Ezz Eldin Alasbahi, International Federation of Human Rights and Mr. Ahmad Awad, General Director of the Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies.

Dr. Danny Sriskandarajah, the relatively new Secretary General of CIVICUS, has made a special conversion of his tour of the MENA region, to have a special session at this workshop to provide more insight on what CIVICUS has been doing and present the 2013 State of Civil Society Report as well as other interesting milestones in the work done. This year's report has identified the serious need for reliable, comparative, quantitative information to fill the gap of systematic research and reporting on the enabling environment.

It is the hope of everybody that, with collective efforts, the new Index will help to advocate for a more favourable environment for civil society, at a time when the gap between official promises to support civil society and reality on the ground with all forms of threat to civic space in many countries seems to be widening.

The Workshop will also provide an overview of trends in MENA civil society, the key role that CSOs played in some uprisings or reform movements, civil society status prior to uprising, issues of defining global civil society and its impact, the level of participation and representation of MENA CSOs in the global arena, CIVICUS' actions in strengthening civil society, and strategies to bring the voices of marginalized people into global debates.

To shed more light on this critical issue, the Foundation for the Future and its partners have conducted a number of mapping studies in Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan and Egypt to highlighting the status of civil society in the MENA region with major strengths and weaknesses. The workshop in question aims to come up with a set of recommendations for government and civil society actors on the next stage. It forms one step forward for further review and discussion on the prospects of upgrading the level and effect of MENA civil society at the global level.

For more information:
communication@foundationforfuture.org
Report of the Asia-Pacific Network Meeting during the Eighth ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Seoul, October 2013

The meeting was convened by ISTR Board members from the region - Samiul Hasan, Naoto Yamauchi, Maria Radyati and Wendy Earles - at the end of the Eighth ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Seoul. Members sent their best wishes to ISTR Board Member, Qiushi Lui, who was unable to travel to Seoul.

This conference
The meeting sent a vote of thanks to conference Academic Co-Chairs, Sami Hasan and Junki Kim, and their Academic Committee members for the pool of interesting papers, panels and plenaries they had experienced over the past three days. They also thanked Professor Tae-Kyu Park from Yonsei University's NPO Research Center and Professor Chang-Soon Hwang from Soonchunhyang University and President of the Korean Association for Nonprofit Organization Research (KANPOR) and their host committee for the events and networking opportunities afforded by the excellent space at the Kim Koo Museum venue. The eighth conference with over 80 members and local guests was considered a great success building on the strengths of regional conferences since 1999. A feature of this conference was the cross-region dialogue afforded by the participation of ISTR Board members and other delegates from outside the Asia-Pacific region.

Future conferences
The biennial regional conferences ensure the continuation of face-to-face networking for regional scholars between the biennial international conferences. Members were reminded that there would be a call for expressions of interest for hosting the 2015 regional conference released in early 2014. Members from Bangladesh, Japan and Nepal indicated that there was possible interest from institutions in their countries in hosting future conferences.

Publications
Samiul Hasan reconfirmed that a special volume of Voluntas was being prepared with selected papers from this and past regional conferences. Members discussed developments in other networks on publishing options from regional conferences. Both the African and Latin American and Caribbean Networks are pursuing working papers series from their recent conferences. Members agree that an Asia-Pacific Working Papers Series would be a positive development and asked the current Academic Committee to further this development.

Membership
In other business, further discussion was held on the offer of annual seed funding from ISTR for the Asia-Pacific Network. The general consensus was that the greatest need was for PhD student scholarships to present at regional conferences. Members acknowledged the importance of the nineteen scholarships awarded to enable participation in this regional conference and the hard work of the organisers in securing this funding. Regional members were reminded of the next board nomination round in early 2014 and were encouraged by existing board members to begin thinking about nominating as existing members terms expired. The meeting was opened to general feedback from regional members and members shared announcements of new courses and other member news.

The Asia-Pacific Network will reconvene during the ISTR International Conference in Muenster to consider expressions of interest for future conferences and continue to share regional developments and member news.
V J Byra Reddy has joined the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, India (UPES, http://www.upes.ac.in/) as Professor in Management and Associate Vice-President, Academics and Accreditations. In this new role, he is responsible for building-on the existing systems and processes related to academics and guide institutional processes arising out of accreditation demands for the College of Management and Economics, the College of Engineering and the School of Law at UPES. He wishes to introduce Third Sector Research into the DNA of the research at the University and hopes to continue his own research on inequalities and the Third Sector in India.

On another note, earlier in April 2013, he was elected to the Board of the CHEA recognized, International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE, Lenexa, USA) and serves as the Regional Director of IACBE for the Asian Region.

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A new Glenn Family Chair in Philanthropy is being established at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and Dwight F. Burlingame will be the first professor to hold the chair. The endowed chair is being created through the generosity of The Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation. Dwight Burlingame will teach philanthropic studies courses, engage in service opportunities and conduct cutting-edge research at the school to educate future philanthropy and nonprofit leaders and to increase the understanding and impact of philanthropy and the causes it supports. The Glenn Family Chair in Philanthropy will help the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy attract and retain world-class faculty members such as Burlingame to advance its goal of improving philanthropy to improve the world.

Burlingame, who is director of M.A. programs and professor of philanthropic studies at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, has been at the vanguard of philanthropy education from its beginning. He played a key role in establishing the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and created the first-ever master's, Ph.D. and bachelor's degree programs in Philanthropic Studies. His leadership has been crucial to creating the hundreds of university courses and programs on nonprofits and philanthropy that exist now, and he helped write the curricular standards for the field.

An active member of the Association of Fundraising Professional Research Council, the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations (ARNOVA) and the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR), Burlingame also has authored and co-authored 10 books. He is the editor of Philanthropy in America: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia. He serves as co-editor of the Philanthropic and Nonprofit Studies book series for the Indiana University Press and a former editor of the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, the official journal of ARNOVA.

Congratulations to ISTR members receiving 2013 ARNOVA Conference Awards:

Steven Rathgeb Smith recipient of the ARNOVA Distinguished Achievement in Leadership and Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research Award

Woods Bowman received the Virginia Hodgkinson Research Prize Award for his book, Finance Fundamentals for Nonprofits with Website: Building Capacity and Sustainability, John Wiley & Sons (2011)

Roseanne Mirabella received the Best Paper Award from 2012 ARNOVA Conference for her paper, “Toward a More Perfect Nonprofit: The Performance Mindset and the Gift.”
In The Handbook of Civil Society in Africa, just published by Springer (NY), Ebenezer Obadare, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA, assembles an outstanding cast of scholars and thinker-practitioners to engage with some of the most pressing longstanding and contemporary issues in civil society research in Africa. The first-of-its-kind volume features 26 chapters organized under five separate but complementary rubrics: 'Core Themes,' 'Regional Perspectives,' ‘Civil Society in the Shadow of Neoliberalism,’ ‘After Development: Gender, Sexuality and Civic Change,’ and ‘Aid, Volunteering and Philanthropy.’ As Obadare notes in his introduction, the volume's overall aim is to “reflect the diversity of African discourses on civil society, map the contours of thematic and regional analyses, and display the fruits of the most up to date research” on the continent. Until now, policy and scholarly discourses of civil society in Africa have been articulated under a cloud of profound skepticism, to wit: is civil society an appropriate framework for analyzing African sociologies? The robustness, variety and overall topicality of issues covered by the individual chapters in this book speaks to an idea that is now effectively localized.


Emerging Civil Society in China, 1978-2008 is translated from the original Chinese to provide a look into how scholars in China have been assessing the development of civil organizations and analyzing them based on system reforms, the public sphere, and collective action. This volume and the others in the SSRC series, provide western scholars with an accessible English language look at the state of current scholarship in China, and as such, does not simply provide information for the direct study of socio-political issues, but also for meta-level reflections and empirical works, carried out by national and international authors focused on discussions on new forms of governance and the experiences of migrant associations. The first part of the book is dedicated to governance, social intervention, and the legislation on foreigners, with chapters dedicated to highlight the need to promote new models of democratic participation as a “third way” to the “old politics” and the neo-liberal alternative, as well as to analyze the contributions of the immigrant associations activity to the construction of a real active citizenship and to recognize the importance of labor relations field as the setting for participation of immigrants. The second and third parts include a compilation of empirical studies on migrant associations in Spain (in various regions and with reference to several specific collective), as well as in other countries (Italy and Canada). Chosen works deal with aspects such as the reality of the associations of migrants, their degree of connection with the social and institutional environment, its contribution to social and political capital of the collective migrant, and its role in the strengthening of civil society and the emergence of new forms of citizenship. The last chapter is dedicated to the associative experience in the city of Montreal (Canada), which is shown by the coordinators of the publication as a possible example to be followed by Spain.
analysis of how the domestic scholarship in China is developing and assessing the interplay of the country’s political and economic reforms with the society and daily life of its people.


When organizations use social accounting practices, they are able to measure their performance in terms of benefits accrued to key stakeholders such as their communities, human resources, and those investing in the organization. This innovative change in accounting can lead to a fundamentally different perspective on the value of an organization. Through case studies of organizations that have implemented social accounting in the United States, Canada, India, and Scotland, *Accounting for Social Value* provides a unique perspective for understanding key issues in this growing field.

Building on two related titles, *Researching the Social Economy* (2010) and *Businesses with a Difference* (2012), *Accounting for Social Value* offers academics, accountants, policy-developers, and members of non-profit, co-operative, and for-profit organizations tools and insights to explore the connections between economic, social, and environmental dimensions. The lessons learned are valuable not only for other social economy organizations, but also for organizations in the public and for-profit sectors.


Religion is back again in Europe after never having been gone. It is manifest in the revival of religious institutions and traditions in former communist countries, in political controversies about the relationship between the church(es) and the state and about the freedom of religion and the freedom to criticize religion, and in public unease about religious minorities. This book is about religion and civil society in Europe. It moves from general theoretical and normative approaches of this relationship, via the examination of national patterns of religion-state relations, to in-depth analyses of the impact of religion and secularization on the values, pro-social attitudes and civic engagement of individuals. It covers Europe from the Lutheran North to the Catholic South, and from the secularized West to the Orthodox East and Islamic South-East with comparative analyses and country studies, concluding with an overall Europe-USA comparison.


The nonprofit sector in China (including nongovernmental organizations, foundations, and charities) is fairly new, especially to foreigners, since the rapid development of this “third sector” has not been widely studied in Western scholarship. The contributors to this volume have been engaged in research of China’s nonprofit sector for many years, and are intimately familiar with the operation of Chinese nonprofit organizations.

*China’s Nonprofit Sector* describes the development of China’s nonprofit sector since 1995, including discussions on the rise of corporate responsibility and charitable foundations, grassroots organizations, and the microphilanthropy that arose after the Sichuan earthquake in 2008. It enumerates the shifting legal framework, the complex relationship between government-affiliated and private sector organizations, the media’s role, the emergence of microphilanthropy,
and the lack of knowledge of the general public regarding philanthropic enterprises.


The book draws on my forty-five years of experience of working in and with voluntary sector and volunteer-involving organisations initially as practitioner and manager and more recently as lecturer and researcher and was prompted by a growing disquiet about the ways in which many voluntary organisations were going about their affairs as well as increasing discomfort about the direction being taken by the sector's research community.

Rediscovering Voluntary Action attempts to explain how and why voluntary organisations have been losing their ability to pursue new ways of meeting need, their confidence to manage their affairs in a distinctive way, and their commitment to providing the people and the communities they served with a voice. It discusses the ways in which the sector has been co-opted by the state; the permeation of our society by the values and practices of the market; the process by which bureaucracy has become the only organisational game in town; and the enthusiastic adoption of these changes by ‘product champions’ within the sector itself.

As a result we are in danger of losing sight of the distinctive features that underpinned a variety of important activities that have contributed so much to our quality of life and living conditions. The book argues that what is different and what is important about voluntary action is the contribution made by ‘unmanaged volunteers’ operating in non-bureaucratic organisational settings and it explores the implications for theory and practice of this rediscovery of the way in which voluntary action ‘marches to the beat of a different drum’.


This book constitutes the most comprehensive and up-to-date study of generosity in Mexico. Drawing from a national survey and other databases, the volume provides insight into the most important aspects of philanthropy and volunteering in the country. Among these are estimates of the total amount of giving by individuals, foundations and corporations, the uses of these contributions and the value of volunteer work. In this study, scholars from Mexican and American universities deliver a first-of-its-kind, thorough analysis of the state of charitable giving in Mexico.
CIVICUS ‘Enabling Environment Index’

A new index published by the global civil society network, CIVICUS, shows that many governments around the world are failing to keep their promise to create an environment that allows citizens to mobilise and participate in civil society.

“Despite countless promises from governments that they will protect civil society, the majority of citizens around the world live in environments in which they do not have the capacity to participate freely and fully in the activities, organizations and movements that seek to better their lives and improve their societies,” said Dr Danny Sriskandarajah, CIVICUS Secretary-General.

Evidence from around the world suggests that the conditions for civil society are far from perfect. The CIVICUS ‘Enabling Environment Index’ (EEI) is the first rigorous attempt to measure and compare the conditions that affect the potential of citizens to participate in civil society and ranks the governance, socio-cultural and socio-economic environments for civil society in 109 countries.

“In recent years we have seen popular uprisings from the Arab Spring to the Occupy movement, but we have also seen far too many crackdowns on the ability of citizens to mobilise. We wanted to create a tool that helps understand the conditions facing civil society in different parts of the world. Our index also helps identify countries where special attention needs to be paid to strengthening civil society by the international community,” said Sriskandarajah.

New Zealand tops the list, followed by Canada, Australia, Denmark and Norway while the Democratic Republic of Congo has the worst rated EEI, followed by Uzbekistan, Iran, Burundi and the Gambia.

“It is worrying that countries such as Ethiopia (8th lowest) and Vietnam (10th lowest) that have received substantial development assistance and are often praised by the international community for their economic performance have such poor environments for civil society. Either donor governments and financial institutions have not found ways to improve conditions for a vibrant civil society or are actively turning a blind eye to repressive measures.”

“The three worst ranking African countries – DRC, Burundi and the Gambia – are heavily dependent on aid flows. This means that donors have an important lever to improve conditions if they chose to use it, whether it is by working with governments or by directly supporting local civil society,” stated Sriskandarajah.

Co-author of the report, CIVICUS Research Officer, Ciana-Marie Pegus cautions that the EEI currently has limitations as it looks at long-term factors that create the conditions for healthy citizen engagement and is not necessarily indicative of current events.

“There certainly is no civil society utopia. In many countries with high EEI scores, we have seen recent funding cuts for civil society and instances of repression in others. For example, in Canada, which ranks second on the EEI, government-civil society relations have been strained due to reports of active undermining of sections of civil society,” said Pegus.

“We know that democracy is only sustainable when citizens are free and able to connect and mobilise and this is the first attempt to measure and compare the conditions for citizen participation. So while it’s a work in progress, we hope the EEI will be used as tool that will generate debate on the conditions that are fundamental to the freedoms we all cherish,” concluded Pegus.

The Enabling Environment Index supplements CIVICUS’ ongoing efforts to track threats to civil society, ranging from restrictive legislation to politically motivated prosecution of activists to physical attacks and intimidation of human rights defenders.

For more information on the EEI: please download the CIVICUS EEI Background Note, full report and supporting documentation from the CIVICUS website or email the co-author: ciana-marie.pegus@civicus.org

Foundation Data Review: The Chinese Foundations Developing Trends 2011

Foundation Data Review is a series of data research products based on the most complete foundation data independently developed in China by the China Foundation Center, which annually produces a number of research reports targeted at various types of foundations, industrial fields and hotspot topics. The series of reports conducts research and development of information of public benefit organizations with its information platform, targeting at the issue of transparency currently prevailing in public benefit and charity fields while extensively disseminating the research findings. Covering all foundations, the series of reports promotes the transparency and public confidence of foundations in that it contributes to the trust and confidence in public benefit organizations by releasing the research findings.


Arab Think Tanks Directory

The Foundation for the future and the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre have compiled the first directory of Arab Think Tanks in the MENA region. The project was initiated in part because there was no single comprehensive source of information on Think Tanks around the region. It is a first attempt at compiling sparse information from the MENA region, and much work and collaboration are still needed to produce a more complete picture of this budding ecosystem. It is hoped that this directory marks a new step in the commitment to research and public debate for a better understanding of the potential of civil society organizations and their crucial roles at this delicate transitional phase that the region is currently going through.


Action, Space, and Innovation: The Next Decade of the Third Sector in Turkey
By Filiz Bikmen

Looking at the current plight of some emerging market countries, the economic boom they experience brings with it challenges such as massive urban migration, unemployment, and environmental degradation. Given this scenario, how ready and willing are citizens and non-governmental organizations, including philanthropic foundations, to ensure balanced, sustainable growth and better lives in Turkey? How much will the Turkish government allow, and perhaps even incentivize, these contributions? What role might the private sector play, and how will it engage with NGOs in the process?

Please click here to read the text in full.

China Development Brief announces the release of its new Directory of 251 Chinese NGOs and accompanying report, “Mapping the Public Interest NGO Landscape”

China Development Brief (CDB) announces the release of its new Chinese NGO Directory, which includes detailed profiles of 251 Chinese grassroots NGOs and a Special Report analyzing the landscape of NGOs contained in the Directory. The Directory is available online and a print version can be purchased either at CDB’s office in Beijing or online (www.chinadevelopmentbrief.cn).

The Directory is the first public directory of Chinese grassroots NGOs to distinguish between independent, non-profit NGOs and government-run or affiliated institu-
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tions. It was compiled through a thorough, year-long process in collaboration with nine regional NGO partners. The result is the most comprehensive and authoritative public listing of the more established, active, and influential Chinese grassroots NGOs working in the public interest sector. Covering more than 28 provinces and municipalities, the Directory includes NGOs working in areas such as environmental protection, public health, migrants and labor, gender, child welfare, law and rights, disabilities, education and more.

The accompanying Special Report, written by Dr. Shawn Shieh and Amanda Brown-Inz, includes analysis and mapping of the NGO landscape in China with a discussion of geographic and sectoral trends, organizational capacity, and funding patterns. Together, the Directory and Special Report form an important resource that can be used by those inside and outside of China to understand, connect with, and support grassroots Chinese NGOs.


The John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement at the American University in Cairo (Gerhart Center) and the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT) are pleased to share a new publication, Seizing Opportunity in Times of Transition: A Framework Guide for Foundation Grantmaking. The report aims to help private funders act with maximum effect during periods of transition out of war or repression when opportunities for disproportionately positive impact arise.

Drawing directly on the experience of the sector itself, the guide offers a tailored framework for private grantmaking foundations based on the principle of informed risk-taking. The guide supports the premise that the strategic considerations a donor faces in transitional contexts are fundamentally different from those faced during ongoing conflict or dictatorship, or in mature and stable democracies. Using an updated model of political transition and focusing on the comparative advantages of private philanthropy, the guide offers strategic ideas and tools to help progressive donors make the most of these unique historical moments.

Please find the full Report in English at: http://www.aucegypt.edu/research/gerhart/Documents/ATR.pdf
(An Arabic translation of the guide, with additional examples from the region, is forthcoming.)

2013 Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances

Hudson Institute’s Center for Global Prosperity (CGP) is pleased to announce the publication of its new 2013 Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances: With a Special Report on Emerging Economies. Supported by Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC), this first-ever research includes data on financial flows to developing nations from Brazil, China, India, and South Africa, in addition to developed countries. Working with talented partners in each of the four countries, the report also provides local perspectives on global philanthropy and their own success stories.

Economists and development practitioners have long speculated on what emerging economies are giving and investing in the developing world. What is the value of their financial flows? What types of programs? How much assistance is government and how much private aid? Do emerging economies have a different approach to aid based on their own development experiences?

Even with the promising strides in philanthropy in emerging economies, the crackdown on non-profits and cross-border financial flows is a serious threat to civil society and the generosity of individuals who want to give and help countries prosper. What can we do as individuals, institutions and governments to help overcome these challenges?

The Index can be downloaded at http://www.global-prosperity.org/.
Nonprofit Policy Forum Begins Print Option in 2014

The journal, Nonprofit Policy Forum, will begin offering both online and print options in 2014. Publishing two issues per volume the journal’s mission is to serve as an international journal that publishes original research and analysis on public policy issues and the public policy process critical to the world of nonprofit organizations. A primary goal of NPF is to provide nonprofit leaders and policy-makers with readily accessible and relevant scholarly research. Dennis Young, Georgia State University, serves as the editor in chief. For more details: http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf

Halley Movement Research Study on Empowering Children and Young Persons

Background of the project
Halley Movement, a registered NGO in Mauritius with ECOSOC consultative status, is running various community based programmes in the African region. The latest initiative is Helpline Mauritius. Helpline Mauritius, Online Counselling Service for children and young persons in Mauritius is providing a platform to the users to report several issues and have access to information provided by qualified counsellors through the medium of an online service.

The Online Counseling service for Children is providing children of Mauritius and Rodrigues access to information and counseling. This innovative type of help, far from the traditional advice, started on a pilot basis since September 2012, is easily accessible to children and young people.

Counselors have been trained on various topics affecting children in their everyday life ranging from violence at home to violence at school.

Besides an online counseling service, Halley Movement also continues to run its telephone helpline parallel to this service in an attempt to speak to children who need urgent attention or care. A short code 134 is being used for the telephone service.

After one year's of operations, Halley Movement wishes to embark on SMS counseling as one additional mode of its service. Up to now, the service is operating via the three following modes: live chat, Email, and telephone through a short code.

Halley Movement believes that children and young people are natives in terms of emerging technology. The SMS mode of counseling will be a value added component to the existing service.

Research Study
A research study is envisaged to assess the impact of mobile Internet usage among children and young people. The findings will determine the feasibility of embarking on SMS counseling in 2014.

The following have been envisaged for the study:
- Six hundred (600) young people and children will be surveyed
- One consultant from the University of Mauritius will be the project manager.
- One data analyst will be recruited.
- The research will be conducted in Mauritius and Rodrigues Island.

For more information: www.halleymovement.org