

Call for Papers

CHANGES, CHALLENGES, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE THIRD SECTOR

THE 6th ISTR ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON
THE THIRD SECTOR, NOVEMBER 2-4, TAIPEI, TAIWAN

The world is under great transformation. Globalization has become a trend that is very difficult to resist. The result of it could be some countries or a few special locations receive great benefits, and living standards in those areas are greatly lifted. On the other hand, globalization has also brought many seriously social problems for the world, especially in those underdeveloped and developing countries. For example, the problems include poverty, inequalities, social exclusiveness, community dissolution, unsustainable environment, ethnic conflict, cultural tensions, and among others. Accompanying with recent economic crisis around the world, it shows that globalization does not keep its promise to bring a better life for the entire world.

Arguments for free market in the era of globalization do also escort with a new neoliberal governance structure, and it probably can be named as privatization. The market mechanism and value of efficiency have become the major driving forces for the society. In order to increase capital accumulation and economic efficiency of the entire country many governments transform their roles and have partially abandoned their former obligations. Many powerless people located in some special places are left behind. On the same time, the political process is restrained to a limited elites; large numbers of people are turned off from participation. Problem of political legitimacy therefore has become a serious one in many countries.

This new world stage contains an imbalance and contradictory structure, and it has generated special concerns among diverse civil society actors on the kinds of social change that are occurring. Although civil society researchers and actors have shown significant advance in attaining more just and inclusive societies, there remain enormous challenges that demand multi-disciplinary approaches and new strategic alliances among the Third Sector and with the market and state sectors. The transforming world not only brings serious changes and challenges, but it probably also carries new opportunities for us. It invites scholars and practitioners to imagine a progressive and alternative future and to exchange their experiences and findings.

The main theme of the 6th ISTR Asia and Pacific Regional Conference on the third sector therefore addresses the issue of changes, challenges, and opportunities for the third sector, specifically in the globalization era. Under this theme, we can tackle the following topics.

Changes:

- Environmental Crises and the Third Sector
- Economic Recession and the Third Sector
- Globalization, Privatization, Neo-liberal Policies, and the Third Sector
- Poverty and the Third Sector
- Gender and the Third Sector
- Terrorism and the Third Sector
- Immigration, Foreign Workers and the Third Sector
- Indigenous People and the Third Sector

Challenges:

- Transparency and Accountability of the Third Sector
- Fund-Raising of the Third Sector
- Professionalism of the Third Sector
- Innovation and the Third Sector
- Management and Governance of the Third Sector
- Philanthropy and the Third Sector

New Opportunities:

- Social Entrepreneurship and the Third Sector
- Corporate Social Responsibility and the Third Sector
- Advocacy and the Third Sector
- Empowerment and the Third Sector
- Social Capital and the Third Sector
- Civil Society, Community and the Third Sector

The above list is just for illustration, it is not meant as a limitation to creativity. We strongly encourage participants to mobilize your imagination beyond them. It is our hope that this conference will inspire stimulating debate and discussion, and create exciting collaborations.

Date

2~4 November 2009. The final day (4 November) is the self-payment city tour.

Venue

This conference is hosted by the Center for the Third Sector, National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taipei, Taiwan.

Keynote Speakers

H. H. Michael Hsiao (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Mark Sidel (The University of Iowa, USA)

Academic Committee (will invite the following scholars)

Joanne Baulderstone (Flinders University of South Australia)

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Wendy Earles (James Cook University, Australia)

Samiul Hasan (United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates)

H. H. Michael Hsiao (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

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Officer)
Lung-San Wu (Grateful Organization, Chief Executive Officer)

Abstracts and Organized Panels

Those wishing to present a paper are invited to submit the abstract before 30 April 2009 to the Center for the Third Sector (333@nccu.edu.tw) by e-mail. To be considered for review, an abstract must reach the following minimum standards:

- (1) There must be a working title that clearly identifies the conference theme being addressed;
- (2) The abstract should summarize research problems, methodology and design, locate the issue within a wider literature, main findings/conclusions of the paper, indicate its relevance to an international audience, and establish its empirical and/or theoretical or practical base;

- (3) The abstract should be approximately 500 words in length, but no less than 400 or more than 700 words.

An organized panel submission is a proposal for a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number) all dealing with a particular topic or issue. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper. Panel proposals that do not include full abstracts and author information for each paper will not be considered. The person submitting the panel proposal must be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all proposed paper presenters commit to attending the conference.

All submissions satisfying the basic requirements (paper or panel) will be subject to a blind review by three independent reviewers who will not have knowledge of the name of the author or of other reviewers. Paper abstract providers will be notified on July 15 whether their papers are accepted or not. In addition, those planning to organize a PANEL or PANELS must also contact Dr. Shih-Jung Hsu (srshiu@nccu.edu.tw) by 15 April 2009, with title and description of the panel(s), and the names of prospective presenters.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships designed to encourage participation of researchers from Asian developing countries, and a limited number of scholarships designed to encourage participation of Ph.D. students. The scholarships provide financial assistance for travel and accommodation. Applicants for scholarships please propose their applications at the same time when they submit their paper abstracts. Applicants will be notified on July 15 whether their applications are accepted or not.

Developing Country Scholarships

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Paid 2-year membership in ISTR recently
2. Abstract accepted for presentation
3. Work for a University or Third Sector organization in an Asian developing country
4. Submit a curriculum vitae
5. Provide an estimate from a local travel agent for round trip economy airfare to Taipei, Taiwan
6. Complete and submit **both** Application Form for Scholarship & Registration

Subsidies **and** Conference Registration Form

Ph. D students Scholarships

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Paid at least one year student membership in ISTR recently
2. Abstract accepted for presentation
3. Currently enrolled in a University
4. Dissertation topic focusing on third sector issues in Southeast or South Asian countries
5. Submit a curriculum vitae
6. Provide an estimate from a local travel agent for round trip economy airfare to Taipei, Taiwan
7. Complete and submit **both** Application Form for Scholarship & Registration Subsidies **and** Conference Registration Form

Applicants may apply for any or all of the above for which they qualify.

Registration Fees, Open Date and Deadline

Registration fees will be free for all participants. Registration will be opened on August 1, and the deadline is September 15, 2009. Registration must be made on the online registration form (<http://333.nccu.edu.tw>). One form per participant. At least one author per submission must register for the conference to have their presentation scheduled in the conference program.

Conference Site and Accommodations

Howard International House

30, Xincheng South Road, Section 3,

Taipei, Taiwan

Tel: 886-2-8369-1155

Fax: 886-2-8369-1177

Website: <http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/?Lsn=2>

The hotel has signed a contract with the National Chengchi University (NCCU), conference participants can receive a favorable discount. Conference participants must make accommodation reservation and pay accommodation fees by themselves. The other accommodation information will be provided in the website of the Center for the Third Sector, NCCU.

Official Language

The official language of the conference is English. All of the papers are to be presented and discussed in English.

Conference Website

<http://333.nccu.edu.tw>

Reminding Important Dates

Organizing Panel(s)	April 15
Paper abstract Due	April 30
Scholarships application Due	April 30
Notification of Acceptance/Rejection	July 15
Notification of Scholarships	July 15
Registration Opening	August 1
Registration Deadline	September 15