

Key dates:

July 15, 2021: Proposals submission deadline.
 August 15, 2021: Notification of accepted proposals.
 October 13 & 14, 2021: Regional Virtual Symposium “25 years of the ISTR network for Latin America and the Caribbean: a look at the research on Third Sector in the Region”

About the ISTR Regional Conference - São Paulo, 2023

The global health crisis, due to COVID-19, has impacted the way meetings and conferences of researchers are carried out around the world. The ISTR / LAC Regional Conference that was scheduled for São Paulo in 2021 will be held in person in 2023 at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in that same city.

2021 International PhD Seminar

May 24-28, 2021

By the Numbers:

- 39 PhD Students from some 21+ nationalities enrolled in universities in 18 countries
- 12 faculty, 3 of which were 2012 PhD Seminar alumni
- 6 small groups of students met 4 times during the week
- 1 opening keynote by Peter Frumkin describing 8 good ideas & strategies for emerging scholars
- 2 keynote speakers: Maria Faina Diola “Research for Policy Development” and Matthew Bennett “Biological Responses to Prosocial Behavior.”
- 2 sessions on Getting Published, including a conversation between Taco Brandsen (*Voluntas*) and Feminda Handy (*NVSQ*) and “The Joys and Pains of Publishing” interactive workshop.
- 3 informal networking sessions
- 12 submissions to our Three Minute Thesis competition (see the videos on our conference website!).

Congratulations to first place winner **Emma Willems** and second place finalist **Karin Yvonne Bierman** and thanks to the Penn Center for Social Impact Strategy for sponsoring the prizes.

What some students said was their key takeaway:

“The power of collaboration and the feeling of “not being alone” in this PhD journey”

“It is the realisation that as PhD students, have our ups and downs as part of the learning process. The seminar for me was an opportunity to share my challenges and experiences, as well as, learning from my peers and faculty.”



Snapshot of the collective insight generated by the participants from Group 5:

- I have really enjoyed our gatherings this week and my musings overnight have led me to make notes of some common themes across our discussions.
- Keep going back to your research question – remind yourself about what your focus needs to be
- Keep your work grounded in your data – what is it telling you
- Keep your mind focussed on the chosen methodology for guidance – paradigm and process
- Keep writing – even if it is just to help you think – such as analytical memos
- Keep the goal in sight – and try not to head off on tangents – put things in a parking lot for later
- Remember PhD students are allowed to challenge existing theory or develop new approaches
- Remember contributions to theory can be large or small
- Remember to situate your work in your discipline - Business, Policy, Law....

- Remember literature reviews are other people's work for you to analyse and critique
- Remember to draw on your networks for support and guidance.
- Probably the most important thing for me is to say that you are all doing important and interesting work and I look forward to seeing how you all progress and finish."



Thanks Dr. Megan Paull, Murdoch Business School, Murdoch University, Australia for sharing the lessons generated by this group.

PhD Seminar Faculty Co-Chairs:

Anna Domaradzka, Director at Robert Zajonc Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

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Li Yang, Associate Professor & Director, China Academy of Social Governance, School of Sociology, Center for International NGOs and Foundations, Beijing Normal University, China

Madalena Raptopoulos' reflection about the 2021 Ph.D. Seminar:



It was an amazing experience to participate in the 2021 Ph.D. Seminar and to have the opportunity to discuss my thesis with highly qualified and specialized professors, as well as with other doctorate candidates in Third Sector research. I received many suggestions to complement the literature review and regarding the methodology and its limitation. I believe that all the Ph.D. students or candidates of this sector should look for a similar experience, regardless of their research stage, because the colleagues and faculties always have another view, which was not contemplated until the moment. Additionally, it was a special moment for networking and one week with lectures and presentations that are very relevant for someone who is starting a research career, like me. I feel too much honored to be selected to integrate the group this year and extremely grateful to the ISTR and all the kindly faculty for that, as well as Megan Haddock for the wonderful organization of the event.

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