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CONFERENCE NEWS

9th International Conference, Istanbul, Turkey July 7-10, 2010

Dr. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid will present the keynote address at the Istanbul Conference. Dr. Thoraya Obaid was appointed as Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, effective January 1, 2001, making her the first Saudi Arabian to head a United Nations agency. She has the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.



Dr. Thoraya Obaid

Dr. Obaid has a long and distinguished career at the United Nations. She has worked for the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) from 1975 to 1998, where she rose to the rank of Deputy Executive Secretary. In 1998, she moved to UNFPA as Director of the then-Division for Arab States and Europe, occupying that position until 2001, when she assumed her current post.

Dr. Obaid is the first Saudi Arabian woman to receive a government scholarship to a university in the United States in 1963. She has a doctorate degree in English Literature and Cultural Anthropology from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

To pursue her main concern, the empowerment of women and realization of gender equality, Dr. Obaid has been involved in many projects relating to gender. For instance, she established the first women's development

program in Western Asia to promote partnerships between the UN and regional NGOs on gender issues in 1975. She has created programs to empower women and develop their capacities in cooperation with governments for more than 20 years. She also chaired the first United Nations Inter-agency Task Force on Gender in Amman, Jordan in 1996 and engaged as a member of the United Nations Inter-agency Gender Mission to Afghanistan in 1997.

Dr. Obaid regards civil society as a crucial factor to protect girls' and women's lives and to give them the right to take choices for their lives; therefore, she encourages building partnerships among the UN, NGOs and governments and networks of NGOs at every opportunity, such as the Conference on Reproductive Health in Nairobi in 2002, World AIDS Day in 2006 and a Commission on the

Status of Women in New York in 2007. She also established the Association for Working Mothers in Lebanon and has been involved in Al-Nahdha Women's Philanthropic Association in Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Obaid's consistent efforts prompted the Saudi Arabian government to sign the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and brought many awards and

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President's Column

Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing this from Narita Airport in Tokyo, as I return from six days of fascinating meetings in Beijing and Taipei – meetings and discussions that have shown me once again the important role that scholars and researchers are playing in trying to improve the climate for third sector activity around the world.

In Beijing, I represented ISTR and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) in discussions with a key third sector research center at Peking University, with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, and with the private foundation forum, a group of Chinese private foundations that are paving the way for private philanthropy in China. Throughout this brief visit and on others, I've been impressed by the ways in which our academic colleagues in Beijing and throughout China are engaged in research, advocacy, policy analysis, law drafting and other activities intended to improve the climate for the third sector and philanthropy in one of the world's fastest growing economies.

Many of you are familiar with our colleagues at Tsinghua University, Peking University, Renmin University, Beijing Teachers University, Zhongshan University in Guangzhou, Fudan University in Shanghai, and at many other academic locations throughout China. They have been active in ISTR and we look forward to working with them to rapidly expand China's important engagement with the Society and with the international community of third sector scholars and researchers.

In their daily work, our colleagues in the PRC are wrestling with some of the toughest questions imaginable for a rapidly growing but fragile third sector – relations with the government in a single party state; the role of the third sector in national disasters, such as the huge earthquake that struck Sichuan province last year; the appropriate role for foundations; and other key issues. We look forward to rapidly expanding our work with them.

In Taiwan as well, a thriving third sector benefits from the important work that scholars and researchers are doing. As many of your know, our colleagues at the Center for the Third Sector at National Chengchi University organized a superb Asia Pacific regional conference earlier this fall, attended by several hundred colleagues from throughout the region. But our Taiwanese colleagues are also active in the most important of policy work to



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strengthen the third sector in Taiwan as well.

This weekend I represented ISTR in keynoting a conference hosted by the Taiwan NPO Self-Regulation Alliance that highlighted the energetic work that Taiwanese academics and activists are doing together to formulate and implement an accountability framework for Taiwan's third sector organizations. Key scholars are deeply involved in this effort and spoke at the conference, from a number of universities and departments around Taiwan.

In ISTR we focus on research, and that's how it should be. But it's important to remember that our research colleagues around the world are also actively engaged in work with third sector organizations to improve their performance, in work with government to improve policies toward the third sector, and in work with business, media and other communities also intended to strengthen civil society and philanthropy. We salute that engagement.

We particularly salute those researchers and teachers whose engagement with and attempts to strengthen the third sector, civil society and philanthropy brings danger and political pressure to them and their work, and we stand ready to work with them in any way useful.

On the ISTR front, your colleagues from around the world have been very busy reviewing paper and panel abstracts for the upcoming ISTR International Conference in Istanbul (July 7-10, 2010). We received over 600 paper proposals and over 40 panel proposals, a tribute to the important convening role that ISTR continues to play at the international and regional levels.

Our wonderful Executive Director, Margery Daniels, and the superb, hardworking Conference Committee headed by our colleagues, Wendy Earles and Felipe Portocarrero, will be getting paper and panel decisions out in the next month. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Istanbul!

Best wishes to all of our colleagues around the world!

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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, 2007 through June 30, 2009) preceding the award. Self-nominations are accepted.

Dissertations that contribute to the field of comparative study of civil society organizations, nonprofit organizations, 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 9th International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, which will be held July 7-10, 2010. The award is US \$1,000.

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

Submissions must be sent on CD Rom and include the following:

- Letter of acceptance for the degree
- Letter explaining the precise nature and merits of the work
- 500 word abstract of the dissertation's subject matter (in English)
- One full copy of the dissertation
- Release form stating that ISTR has permission to reproduce
- Sample chapter from the dissertation

Deadline: Dissertations and accompanying materials must be received by the ISTR secretariat prior to January 29, 2010. Entries will be read by a three member committee.

Mail to:
ISTR Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award
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3400 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218-2688 USA

For inquiries or questions: istr@jhu.edu

New *Voluntas* Book Review Editor Appointed

Bernard Enjolras, the editor of *Voluntas*, has appointed a new book review editor, Silvia Ferreira.

Silvia Ferreira is a sociologist, lecturer in Sociology at the Faculty of Economics of Coimbra University and researcher at the Centre for Social Studies (CES) and at the Centre for Cooperative and Social Economy Studies (CECES), in Portugal. She has been researching and publishing on third sector themes such as welfare pluralism, gender equality in third sector organisations, social entrepreneurship, and third sector in new local governance.



Silvia has been involved in the coordination of teams of international projects and events such as the project "Reinventing Social Emancipation" and the "Luso-Afro-Brasilian Congress of Social Sciences," organised at CES, a large interdisciplinary research centre on social sciences and humanities of Coimbra University which was awarded the status of Associate Laboratory by the Ministry for Science. Through CECES, an interdisciplinary research centre of the Faculty of Economics, she participated in the research project "European Cooperative University." At the Faculty of Economics she is involved in post-graduate education programmes on social entrepreneurship, third sector and social economy.

Publishers and authors interested in submitting books for review are requested to send them to:

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honors to her from all over the world including the Pedro Joaquin Chamorro Award from Nicaragua Parliament in 2003; Second Century Award for Excellence in Health Care from Columbia University, New York in 2003; Honorary doctoral degree of Law from Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan in 2004; and Commemorative Medal from Bulgaria in 2006.

Throughout her career, Dr Obaid has championed the causes of women's and young people's health and empowerment. Her work focuses on supporting governments to establish programmes to empower women and develop their capacities as citizens with rights and responsibilities. She has also emphasized the importance of promoting development through a culturally sensitive approach, working within the context of each society, and taking into consideration cultural values and religious beliefs that shape people and affect their actions. As UNFPA Executive Director, she has introduced a focus on culture to the Fund's development work, linking gender, universal values of human rights and values of human worth promoted by all religions and found in all cultures.

The ISTR Affinity Group on Gender (AGG) was instrumental in this selection. When the group met during

the Barcelona Conference, discussion focused on inviting a woman keynote speaker for the next conference. Dr. Obaid was suggested by the AGG which believed that the speaker should be someone working to achieve an "inclusive society" in which all people, regardless of gender, can live at ease. ISTR thanks the AGG, especially Latika Mangrulkar, Sachiko Nakagawa, Chris Lange, and Jenny Onyx, for their work on behalf of the success of ISTR's Istanbul Conference.

Conference Review Process

All conference submissions are currently under review and authors will be notified in January 2010. We are delighted the Call for Contributions attracted over 600 papers and more than 40 panels.

Conference Registration and Logistics

Details regarding registration and logistics will be posted on the ISTR website in early 2010. ISTR is "Going Green" and all conference details will be on the website.

Registration for authors will be required by April 19, 2010.

Etiks Travel in Istanbul is our local travel agency. They are working to secure hotels at excellent rates and early booking is encouraged.

Turkish Airlines will be the official carrier and discounted fares will be available on their international flights. ■

Members News

Hagai Katz has been appointed Director of the Israeli Center for Third Sector Research (ICTR) at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beer-Sheva, Israel. Professor Katz also serves as Director and Chair of the Program for Nonprofit Management. He previously served as researcher and deputy director of ICTR and researcher at UCLA Center for Civil Society.

Helmut Anheier has been appointed Dean at Hertie School of Governance (HsoG) and continues to devote part of his time as Research Director at the Center for Social Innovation (CSI) at Heidelberg University. He can thus provide a bridge between Heidelberg University and the Hertie School of Governance.

Benjamin Gidron has retired from the directorship of the Israeli Center for Third Sector Research where he was the founding director. He is currently a Fellow at Heidelberg University's Center for Social Innovation (CSI). At CSI, Professor Gidron is researching various forms of hybrid organizations that combine social and economic goals.

Professor Gidron's retirement, as well as his contributions and involvement in the Third Sector in Israel and around the world, will be celebrated at the ICTR conference March 16, 2010. (see calendar)

IN MEMORIAM

MARK LYONS – TEACHER, RESEARCHER, MENTOR, COLLEAGUE, FRIEND

Professor Mark Lyons, the Director of Research at the Centre for Social Impact, died on 4th November 2009.

Mark was known among those who worked with him as an extraordinary person: generous with his time, his ideas and his encouragement. Patient and interested in the work of new scholars or third sector workers, Mark was always able to suggest a text or paper to read. He devoted himself unstintingly to the development of nonprofit studies in Australia and abroad. Australian nonprofit sector study has been deeply enriched by Mark's work. Although he will be greatly missed, his outstanding contribution will live on.

Scholars from around the world sent their tributes as news of Mark's illness spread. They told a consistent story of warmth and openness. Here a just a few of the comments: '...your contribution to our sturdy band of researchers and scholars was made with great intelligence, the best of will, and a persisting goodness of spirit and good humour'; 'your personal contributions and the students you mentored paved the road for legitimising the field of nonprofit studies in Australia'; 'you have been a teacher and mentor to many and a true friend to the lucky ones'; 'you were a thoughtful colleague whose contributions have benefited all of us in this field'.

Mark was a pioneer in the study of the nonprofit sector. In the early years of the third sector movement, Mark was dubbed "Mr Australia" by his colleagues around the world. Certainly he represented the sector almost single-handedly in the 1980s when the first Centres for non-profit study emerged. As international comparisons of aspects of the sector increased, Mark remained a strong proponent of the Aus-

tralian presence. He was the Foundation Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research (ANZTSR) organisation, a Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR), and made a strong contribution to the development of third sector research in Asia.

Mark's research and teaching career began in 1972. He became the inaugural Director of the Centre for Community Organisations and Management at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) established in 1990, and later Professor of Social Economy, also at UTS. Mark was a major force in the development of third sector studies in Australia, producing the definitive text on the sector, *The Third Sector: The Contribution of Nonprofit and Cooperative Enterprises in Australia*, published in 2001. His extensive series of articles explored most aspects of the sector. For most Australian researchers he was the first and last person to talk to about non-profit enterprise.

Mark was diagnosed with cancer soon after he joined the Centre for Social Impact. He was extraordinarily brave as he fought his illness and continued to work productively at CSI until he was forced to retire in October. His final paper on measuring social impact in the third sector, written with Gianni Zappala, has just been published by the Centre.

At CSI we remember Mark with great warmth and affection. We learned a great deal from Mark's willingness to share openly his experience and deep understanding of not-for-profit organisations. All of us at the Centre are filled with sadness.

Mark is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and sons Bede and Benedict. ■

REGIONAL NEWS

Expressions of Interest to Host 2011 ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

The ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Network seeks preliminary expressions of interest from colleagues and institutions throughout the Asia-Pacific region to organize and host the 7th ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, to be held in 2011. The ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Network will decide on the host institution and location for the 2011 Asia Pacific Regional Conference during its meeting at the ISTR Conference in Istanbul in July 2010.

ISTR Asia-Pacific Conferences have been held in Thailand 1999, Japan 2001, China 2003, India 2005, Philippines 2007 and, most recently, in Taiwan 2009. It is desirable that the opportunity to host the conference be shared across this diverse region from north to south and east to west. Hosting a conference provides an opportunity for strategic engagement of stakeholders and promotion of the third sector within the host nation and with its neighbours.

Hosting the conference requires in the first instance the identification of an eager and committed host institution that can access support from potential members of a local site committee. Members of the Asia-Pacific Regional Network volunteer as the regional academic committee. The host institution will need to have capacity for local and regional fund-raising to generate the funds needed to host the conference and be able to provide administrative support for the abstract review and programming process and for conference planning and implementation. Past Asia-Pacific Regional Conferences have not necessarily required a registra-

tion fee and if one was applied it would need to be linked to the country development index (used for ISTR membership rates). There is limited capacity therefore to generate conference funds from registrations.

ISTR Board member, Wendy Earles, is the ISTR Board contact person for expressions of interest on the ISTR 2011 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference. Those interested should send their expression of interest in the form of a letter to Wendy at wendy.earles@jcu.edu.au, copying Margery Daniels at istr@jhu.edu.

We look forward to receiving detailed expressions of interest from any interested colleagues and institutions in the Asia-Pacific region by February 1, 2010. The ISTR executive committee will have a preliminary discussion of the expressions of interest in February and ISTR Board members located in the region will support Asia-Pacific Regional Network members in their consideration of expressions of interest leading up to the Regional Network meeting in July 2010.

Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Network

Papers presented at the Seventh Regional Conference of ISTR for Latin America and the Caribbean in Mexico City, July 1-3, 2009 are available at <http://new.lasociedad-civil.org/softis/cv/60/>

The program and all 63 complete papers can be found on the site.

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Institutional Member Focus

ISTR is delighted to welcome two new Institutional Members-- Marmara University NGO's Research and Practice Center (STKAM) and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment & Philanthropy to the ISTR community.

Marmara University NGO's Research and Practice Center, which was established in the beginning of 2009, continues its activities under Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. It also has a strong relationship with Marmara University Social Sciences Institute. The director of our cen-

ter is Prof. Dr. Zafer Kesebir. Asst. Prof. Esra Yüksel ACI and Research Asst. Eyüp Aygün Tayşir are vice directors. The main aim of the center is to create and to spread knowledge needed by NGO's. In addition, STKAM also provides education and trains future NGO's leaders.

As a new research and practice center, STKAM has initiated a research project to identify the daily managing problems of NGO's and determine their needs in terms of education, resources, etc. The sample of this research is leader of NGO's in Turkey.

STKAM has a strong relationship with Marmara

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University Social Sciences Institute. This graduate school contains approximately 160 graduate programs under several disciplines. So, with the collaboration of STKAM and Marmara University Social Sciences Institute, a new MA program will open at next year. The name of this new MA program is Social Projects Management and Organization. In addition to that, STKAM plans to prepare short term education programs for NGO employees and managers.

For more information: <http://stkam.marmara.edu.tr>

APCSIP - the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment & Philanthropy - is a research centre located at Swinburne University of Technology, Australia. It investigates "financing for social impact."

Established in 2001, APCSIP initially focused upon postgraduate education, offering one of the first masters in philanthropy. Over the years, the increasing scale and sophistication of practice in social investment has seen APCSIP graduates occupying some of the most influential positions in the sector as philanthropists, philanthrocrats and increasingly, corporate social investors.

Today, the centre maintains its close ties to the community sector through an applied focus, aiming to:

promote capability in Australia and the Asia Pacific in harnessing the dynamics of social investment / finance to positively impact upon regional wellbeing.

In pursuing this aim, APCSIP continues to provide a suite of educational offerings, ranging from "edutainment" events (such as celebrity philanthropy) to specialised workshops (eg the "profession" of social investment) to accredited postgraduate courses. APCSIP also offers an annual fellowship – the Heloise Waislitz Fellowship – which brings a scholar or practitioner of international note in the social investment field to Australia to conduct research, culminating in the presentation of their findings in an annual oration in Melbourne and Sydney.

APCSIP also attends to an expanding re-

search agenda, with current projects including the mapping of Australia's social investment landscape, which seeks to portray the flows, actors and associated dynamics of our increasingly complex social finance system. Of priority too is the study of financing for social innovation, for while great attention is placed upon the financial challenges of commercial innovation, securing sustainable funding for social entrepreneurship is a topic less attended. The centre is especially cognisant that the way of the future is grounded in knowledge sharing, and so is actively implementing the principles of eResearch in its operations. This has meant contributing to the rethinking of academic practice, most especially in terms of curation and archiving to promote greater access and reuse of data.

Continuing in this vein, the centre is part of several networks, including being a founding partner in the Centre for Social Impact (CSI). In this partnership, APCSIP joins three other universities in Australia – the University of New South Wales (UNSW), the University of Western Australia (UWA) and University of Melbourne - in a ground breaking joint venture focused on advancing societal wellbeing. Each partner university has a specialised area of focus, with UNSW investigating corporate social responsibility, UWA exploring regional development and University of Melbourne pursuing leadership for the social sector.

APCSIP also lays claim to being the first academic institution to be represented on the international coordinating committee of WINGS (Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support), a global network of more than 140 membership associations and support organisations serving grantmakers, which have joined together to strengthen philanthropy worldwide.

2010 will see APCSIP further develop its connections, both within Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific Region.

For more information: Dr. Janette Corcoran, Executive Director, APCSIP. E-mail: jcorcoran@swin.edu.au; www.swinburne.edu.au/business/philanthropy/ ■



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ANSER/ARES 2010 CONFERENCE- Social Innovations for a New Era: Contributions from Nonprofits and the Social Economy.

Third Annual Conference

June 2 to 4, 2010, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

ANSER/ARES is a dynamic growing association that is organizing its third annual conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) brings together leading academic researchers, practitioners, consultants, policymakers and community organizations from Canada and internationally to discuss current and emergent issues, debates and challenges in the fields of civil society, social economy, and nonprofit research and practice. Join us for what promises to be an engaging and provocative conference. The theme for the third conference at Concordia is: Social Innovations for a New Era: Contributions from Nonprofits and the Social Economy.

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 11, 2010

We invite you to submit proposals for individual papers, panels, or roundtable discussions on topics related to Canadian, comparative, or international contexts. Proposals are particularly encouraged that fit into any of the following areas, broadly defined:

- Social Economy: Differing Perspectives
- Civil Society and its Challenges
- Nonprofits and Charities in a Changing World
- Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurship
- Co-operatives and their Challenges
- Community Organizing, & Community Economic Development
- Volunteering & Citizen Engagement
- Changing Conceptions of Financing
- Governance & Management
- Public Policy & Government Relations
- Communication, Networking & Social Marketing
- Community-University Research Partnerships

We also accept proposals of wider relevance, but which may not fit the categories listed above. We are particularly interested in papers, panels and roundtables involving collaboration between academics and practitioners.

Types of Proposals

Three types of proposals will be considered: individual papers, panels, and roundtables, all of which are subject to a peer review.

1) Paper Proposals

Paper proposals normally present research findings with some link to or reflection on theory, but they could also be “think pieces,” discussions of research-in-progress, including graduate theses or dissertations, or reflections on practice. The proposal for a paper should include: 1) a title; 2) the conference theme being addressed; 3) a 100 word abstract of the presentation; and 4) a 500-word summary of the argument of the paper, how the issue fits within a wider literature (as appropriate), and its relevance to research and/or practice in the areas of interest to ANSER/ARES. You will also be asked to provide very brief biographical information on the author(s).

2) Panel Proposals

Panels are collections of three or four papers on a related theme. Ideally, these papers build upon each other, thereby adding to the coherence of the panel. Panel organizers are responsible for preparing an abstract of the panel as a whole. For panels comprising 3 presenters, each individual will be expected to speak for no longer than 20 minutes; for panels of 4 presenters, each participant will be expected to speak for no longer than 15 minutes. To allow adequate time for questions and discussion, the panel chair should ensure that presenters do not exceed the time limit.

The abstract for a panel should include: 1) a title; 2) the conference theme being addressed; 3) 250-500 word overview of the focus of the panel, the coherence of the individual papers around this focus, and the relevance of the panel to research and/or practice in the areas of interest to ANSER/ARES; and 4) a 250-word summary of each paper to be included in the panel. You will also be asked to provide brief biographical information on each of the authors.

* If you are a member of a panel you are not required to submit a separate proposal.

3) Roundtables

Roundtables are well suited to: the discussion of the implications of an issue for practice; the discussion of research needs or research in progress around specific topics; or the presentation of contrasting perspectives on an issue with a designated facilitator. Roundtable presenters are not expect-

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ed to provide written papers.

The abstract for a roundtable should include: 1) a title; 2) the conference theme being addressed; 3) a 500-word overview of the topic to be discussed, indication of the relationship of the individual presentations to the topic, and the relevance of the roundtable to research and/or practice in the areas of interest to ANSER/ARES; and 4) a short summary of the key points of each presenter. You will also be asked to provide brief biographical information on each participant.

Submission of Proposals

Proposal abstracts, in either official language, must be submitted online by January 11, 2010 at: www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=tSvGZ_2f0lGYrhch5MoPQpHw_3d_3d or by email to anser.ares@gmail.com. Notification of receipt of the proposal will be provided. A link to the online system is also available on our Website at www.anser-ares.ca.

All proposals will be subject to peer review and notification of acceptance will be provided by February 15, 2010. Authors of accepted papers (individual and panel) must submit extended abstracts of 5 to 8 pages by May 15th to anser.ares@gmail.com and to the chair of your session.

10th Biennial Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research Conference

University of Technology, Sydney

Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre

15th and 16th November, 2010

“The Third Sector as Civil Society in Australasia: Identity, Role and Influence in the New Century”

As we move into the next decade of a rapidly changing and challenging world, we need to constantly revisit our role for ANZTSR. This is a good opportunity, not only to continue our interest in third sector organizations and their governance, but to reassess the wider role of civil society in our region. Accordingly we invite papers along the following, or related themes:

Major Themes

1. Social, Political and Economic Issues/Theorisations of the Role and Function of the Third Sector
2. Entrepreneurship and the Third Sector – From Grassroots to Corporate
3. Third Sector Organizations – Value and Role in

Civil Society

4. Practice-Based Research in Third Sector Organisations

5. Sector Capacity Building (teaching and learning)

This is a preliminary call for papers. We invite individual papers, workshop proposals and special issue panels. Practitioner papers welcome.

Submissions should include an abstract of 200 words, with option of review of full papers. Submission due Friday April 16.

For submissions visit: <http://cosmopolitancivilsocieties.com/> and click on the ANZTSR conference link.

Further inquiries to conference convenor: Melissa.Edwards@uts.edu.au

Perspectives in Public Affairs

Perspectives in Public Affairs invites articles which support our mission of advancing urban governance in a global context. Articles relating to the themes of leadership, governance, and public service, and subject areas of public administration, urban affairs, public policy, or leadership are welcome. We are particularly interested in papers with an international focus.

Deadline for submissions is January 30th, 2010.

Perspectives in Public Affairs, the student-run journal of the ASU School of Public Affairs, provides a scholarly avenue for students to publish academic works, and to engage students, faculty and other interested parties in discussion about ongoing student research within the global public administration community. We are preparing for Volume 7, which will be published in the Spring of 2010.

Perspectives in Public Affairs is seeking original, unpublished student, alumni or practitioner articles on current topics affecting public policy and public affairs. Research designs are not appropriate. *Perspectives* also welcomes non-research submissions of shorter length, such as literature reviews, book reviews, or notes and comments on relevant public administration and/or policy issues.

Submission Guidelines-

All submissions must be submitted in APA Format. A free, online guide to APA formatting is available at pipa.asu.edu. Submissions that do not follow APA style will automati-

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cally be rejected. All submissions must include an abstract of no more than 300 words.

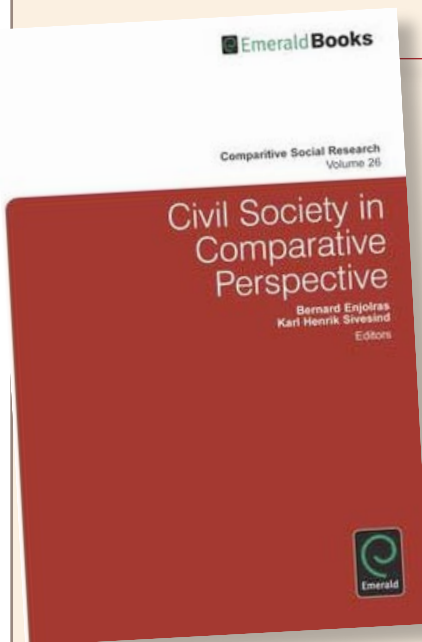
Download an Article Submission Form and fill out completely. All submissions must be accompanied by an Article Submission Form.

We prefer that you submit your article by email to

Timothy Dahlstrom, Editor in Chief. Email address: timothy.dahlstrom@asu.edu.

Papers will be subject to a peer review process as outlined on this website. Unpublished manuscripts will be kept on file and may be picked up by authors. Perspectives (PiPA) retains all copyrights to published works. ■

BOOK NOTES



Civil Society in Comparative Perspective. Edited by Bernard Enjolras and Karl Henrik Sivesind. Bedfordshire, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2009. 312 pages. Hardback US \$124.95

To order: <http://books.emeraldinsight.com>

Civil Society in Comparative Perspective presents a collection of comparative studies of civil society around two main issues: the comparison and analysis of civil society regimes in relation to different constructions of citizenship and welfare states, and the role of civil society in governance and active participation of citizens.

Split into two distinct sections, the first part of the book is concerned with comparisons of civil society institutional frameworks and regimes. These contributions address the ways in which institutional cross-country comparisons may be undertaken and discuss the extent to which common trends or divergent tendencies characterize national civil societies.

The second part focuses on the role of civil society as a vector of citizens' participation and as an avenue for democracy. Democratic citizenship is often considered as requiring, in addition to a set of formal rights and obligations, a public sphere within which citizens can actively participate within and beyond the state. Building on international comparisons, the articles in this section discuss the extent to which and the modalities by which civil so-

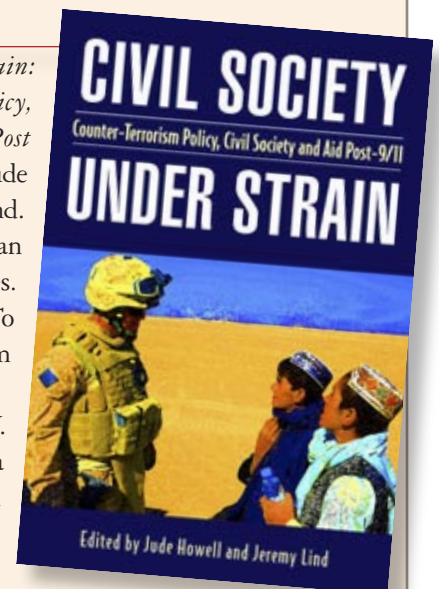
ciety is crucial to the functioning of democracy and the plain exercise of citizenship.

This volume, from the long-established book series *Comparative Social Research*, aims at furthering the international orientation in the social sciences and will prove valuable to researchers and practitioners in the social sciences. Its approach is multinational, with examples provided from many countries around the world.

Civil Society Under Strain: Counter-Terrorism Policy, Civil Society and Aid Post 9/11. Edited by Jude Howell and Jeremy Lind. Virginia, USA: Kumarian Press, 2009. 320 pages. Paperback US \$25.95. To order: www.kpbooks.com

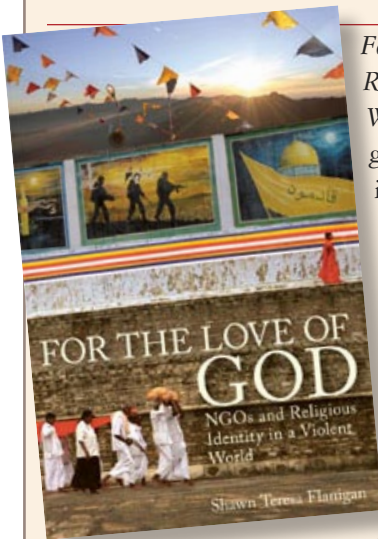
Following George W. Bush's declaration of a global War on Terror in the wake of the September 11 attacks, political leaders around the world introduced a swath of counter-terrorist legislation and measures. Often hastily rushed in, not least to satisfy perceived public demand for a strong state response, such extraordinary laws and measures are riddled with ambiguity and trespass unashamedly on basic democratic rights. In many countries the introduction of such measures has fuelled a climate of fear and suspicion, damaging the efforts of civil society actors.

This edited volume investigates the convergence of aid and security objectives following the September 11 attacks.



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It explores the effects of this convergence on civil society spaces, actors and organizations, and analyzes the impact of counter-terrorist legislation, measures, discourses and practices on civil societies in a range of political contexts. It proposes that the securitization of aid that was already under way in the 1990s has accelerated in the post-9/11 world. The bulk of the literature on civil society and development relates to the golden era of the 1990s. *Civil Society Under Strain* brings the discussion into this newly altered landscape.



For the Love of God: NGOs and Religious Identity in a Violent World. By Shawn Teresa Flanigan. Virginia, USA: Kumarian Press, forthcoming 2010. 184 pages. Cost: Hardback: US\$75.00; Paperback: US\$24.95. To order: www.kpbooks.com

Local faith-based NGOs (FBOs) are a major force in international development. Almost all religious traditions call followers to charity and nonprofits are often the perfect vehicles for such work. FBOs are seen as having long-term commitments to local communities, focus and spiritual strength in the face of difficult conditions, and compassionate staff members. Indeed, there is a growing body of research demonstrating the effectiveness of faith-based health and social services.

However, history has shown that religious faith also carries the potential for violence and exclusion. Especially for FBOs working in countries plagued by religious conflict, this reality can highlight dubious and harmful undercurrents in their work. *For the Love of God* examines the ways history and religious identity influences FBOs in Lebanon, Sri Lanka and Bosnia Herzegovina and finds that they often reinforce rather than transcend schisms found in the larger society. Based on over 100 interviews with FBO staffers in these countries, Flanigan reveals the darker, more ambivalent side of altruism.

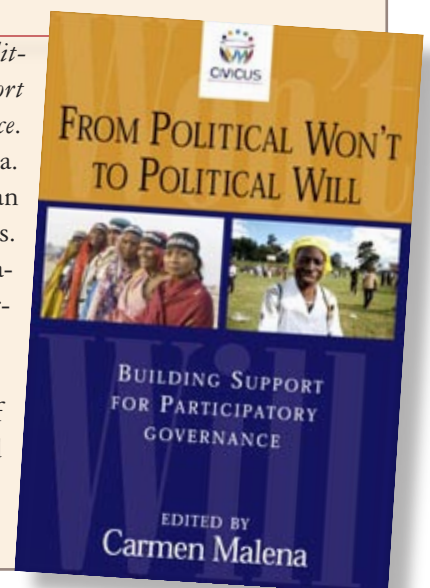
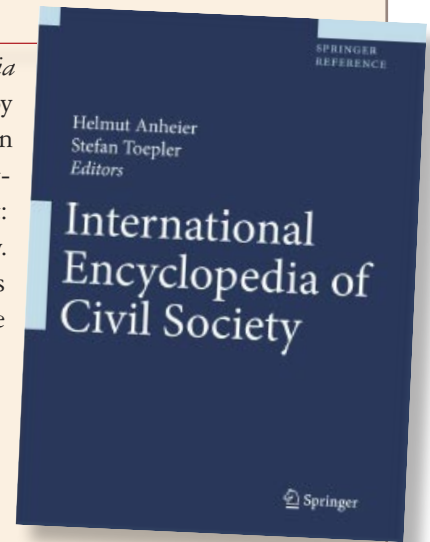
International Encyclopedia of Civil Society. Edited by Helmut Anheier and Stefan Toepler. New York: Springer, 2009. 1700 pages. Cost: US \$1,100. To order: www.springer.com. (free access to a substantial part of the content on-line).

Renewed and growing interest in the topic of civil society has generated a wealth of new information and knowledge on the subject, but until now, there was no comprehensive reference work to organize and consolidate this knowledge. *The International Encyclopedia of Civil Society* fills this gap, creating a framework for cross-disciplinary communication by providing summaries of concepts and theories, definitions of terms, biographical entries, and organizational profiles. It will also serve as a guide to sources of information, an overview of the contours of civil society, social capital, philanthropy and nonprofits in different parts of the world, and across cultures and historical periods.

The key purpose of the encyclopedia is to provide a common set of understandings and a terminological and analytical starting point for the future development of the growing field of civil society studies worldwide. At the international level, the encyclopedia will represent the most systematic intellectual stocktaking of a growing a rapidly developing field.

From Political Won't to Political Will: Building Support for Participatory Governance. Edited by Carmen Malena. Virginia, USA: Kumarian Press, 2009. 336 pages. Hardback: US \$75.00; Paperback US \$29.95. To order: www.kpbooks.com

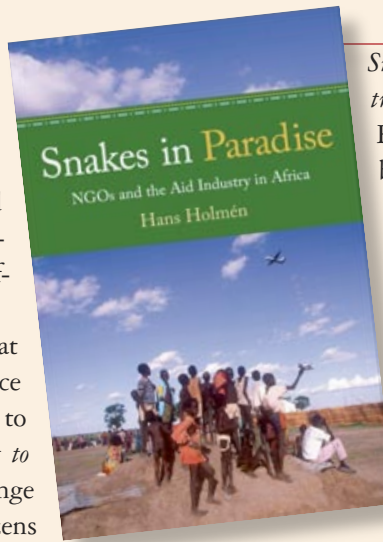
Despite a recent wave of democratization around the world, traditional systems of representative de-



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mocracy seem to be in crisis. Many citizens lack opportunities, rights and access to information and have expressed growing disillusionment with their governments. Ordinary citizens (especially women, poor people and other marginalized groups) are largely excluded from the political processes that directly affect their lives.

There is now growing consensus that good governance is participatory governance (PG), but public officials are often reluctant to adopt such an approach. *From Political Won't to Political Will* addresses the particular challenge of encouraging these officials to involve citizens in the political process. The book presents contributions by participants from CIVICUS' 2008 conference on building political will for PG. Representing the perspectives of both civil society and government actors, they propose a number of strategies and lessons such as demonstrating the benefits of PG to governments, complementing formal democratic institutions, building trust, supporting PG champions and using strategic political timing. Their practical and highly original findings will interest anyone eager to see the empowerment of people around the world.



Snakes in Paradise: NGOs and the Aid Industry in Africa. By Hans Holmén. Virginia, USA: Kumarian Press, 2009. 320 pages. Cost: Hardback: US \$75.00, Paperback: US \$24.95. To order: www.kpbbooks.com

Beginning in the 1980s, sub-Saharan Africa witnessed a veritable explosion of NGOs and CSOs engaged in efforts to develop the sub-continent. Often praised for their commitment, flexibility, close contact with grassroots movements and marginalized groups, these organizations have become the darlings of donors and the UN system. During the same period, however, rural Africa has sunk deeper into poverty. The massive NGO engagement appears not to have made any meaningful progress.

Snakes in Paradise breaks through the generalizations and neat theories to discover why these efforts have failed. Focusing especially on those local NGOs that are frequently overlooked by studies that cover the major international players, Holmén uncovers an NGO landscape that is considerably more ambiguous than the popular development literature would have people believe. ■

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The Canada Research Chair on Social Economy broadcasts its information watch on the research in social economy. References of interest, in French, English or Spanish, are presented on our website via a periodic bulletin - for an initial one year duration - intended for researchers, students, research centres and other networks. Major themes of the watch are "governance and general interest," "modes of development and financing," "evaluation methods," "management," "social innovation" and "public policies" regarding the social economy's organizations. In addition to our main review, an outline of the current research's related events (new research centres, new research plans, events and call for papers) is provided.

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For questions and/or suggestions, email us at: ecosocveille@uqam.ca.

Earth Protect

Earth Protect, a social networking site on the world's environment, features video, blogs, forums, 42 nonprofit environmental partners and over 20 green business partners, according to Carol Barbeito, President and Managing Director. Earth Protect is growing, with over 55,000 users from 165 countries. The 2nd generation site will launch in January, offering users the ability to form groups and build communities of like interests and a fund raising tool for users to donate to the growing number of environmental nonprofit partners among other improved features. www.earthprotect.com welcomes ISTR members to join--it's free--post videos, blogs and start forums. We invite inquiries

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from environmental and sustainable development organizations and departments in higher education on how we can partner and collaborate with them. For more information contact: carolbarbeito@carolbarbeito.com

Center for Global Communication Studies Launches Online Essay Site

The Center for Global Communication Studies is pleased to announce the launch of an online essay series on NGOs and the News: Exploring a Changing Communications Landscape at www.niemanlab.org/ngo.

The series, produced in collaboration with the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University, seeks to explore the increasing activity of civil society actors such as NGOs and advocacy networks and in the news media sphere.

To what extent do NGOs take on functions as information intermediaries, working in cooperation with, or even in the stead of, traditional news organizations? And what are the consequences of this for the fields of advocacy and journalism?

Each week, for the next three months, we will feature a new essay on the subject. An essay by Kimberly Abbott, of the International Crisis Group, opened the series. This week we read an essay by Simon Cottle of the Cardiff School of Journalism and David Nolan of the University of Melbourne. And next week we will hear from Natalie Fenton at Goldsmiths, University of London.

UK Giving 2009: An Overview of Charitable Giving in the UK, 2008/09

“UK Giving 2009: An overview of charitable giving in the UK, 2008/09” was launched on September 23, 2009. It is the latest report in the UK Giving series produced jointly by CAF and NCVO. This annual publication provides an overview of the latest estimates and long-term trends in individual charitable giving in the UK:

- 54% of adults donate in an average month, down from 56% in 2007/08
- the median monthly donation is £10 per month, down from £11 in 2007/08
- cash is still the most popular method for giving
- individuals donated £9.9 billion to charity, down 11% from 2007/08

To download the report for free or to find out more visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/research/giving or www.cafonline.org/ukgiving.

New Nepalese *Journal of Public Policy and Governance*

Among the many useful materials distributed at the ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference held in Taipei in November 2009, was the new Nepalese *Journal of Public Policy and Governance*, produced at the Tribhuvan University Central Department of Public Administration in Kathmandu and edited by our ISTR colleague, Professor Govind Pd. Dhakal. The table of contents of the first issue, along with more information: <http://www.pactu.edu.np/index.php?task=njpg>

Professor Dhakal enthusiastically encourages colleagues from throughout the region and beyond to submit manuscripts to the journal. The journal's email address is njpg@pactu.edu.np, and Professor Dhakal's address is gdhakal@ntc.net.np.

Una Osili Named Research Director for Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University

International scholar, Dr. Una Okonkwo Osili, has been named director of research for the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Osili, who succeeds Patrick M. Rooney as research director, has served as interim director of research at the Center since October 15, 2008. She will develop new research initiatives, convene scholars and nonprofit professionals nationally and internationally, direct the Center's research department, and serve as lead researcher on several research projects. Osili's vision for the Center's research program includes disseminating research to scholars and nonprofit professionals, building knowledge about how philanthropy varies in diverse communities, and strengthening research networks in the U.S. and internationally to help meet growing demand for knowledge about philanthropy.

An associate professor of economics and Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Osili has served as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program, the United Economics Commission for Africa, and the Federal Reserve Bank of

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Chicago. Osili also served on the International Scientific Panel for the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa/MacArthur Foundation Real Economies of Africa program and as a member of the Expert Advisory Panel for the Economic Report on Africa published by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Osili has published articles in academic journals such as *World Development*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Journal of Population Economics*, and *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of Development Economics* and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*. She has also contributed to several edited volumes and books. In 2006, she received the Stevenson Fellowship from the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, and in 2007, she was appointed as a fellow of the Networks Financial Institute.

Osili earned a bachelor's degree in economics with honors from Harvard University and a master of arts and a Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern University. She is involved in several nonprofit organizations, including serving as the chair and co-founder of the Philippe Wamba Fund for Road Safety in Africa.

More information is available at www.philanthropy.iupui.edu.

New Working Paper from the Baruch College Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management

Baruch College's Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management has added a new Working Paper that deals with the use of the internet as a strategy for representing a nonprofit organization's mission, identity and brand.

The paper, "Static Strategy for a Dynamic Age: Assessing Nonprofit Internet Innovativeness in the 2000s" is written by Sarah E. Ryan of the University of Texas at El Paso. The paper may be found at:

http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/spa/researchcenters/non-profitstrategy/documents/Ryan_StaticStrategyinaDynamicAge.pdf

Ryan's study is based on a content analysis of donor-supported nonprofits in New York City as a way to understand nonprofit Internet communication. Her research reaches the conclusion that "many nonprofits still prominently display static content such as formal mission statements in their Web sites. As such, they have not fully realized the potential for dynamic storytelling in cyberspace."

A list of all Baruch CNSM Working Papers is available at:

<http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/spa/researchcenters/non-profitstrategy/workingpapers.php>

NPERCI

Non-Profit Evaluation & Resource Center, Inc. (NPERCI), an independent and nonpartisan non-profit organization, is the first research, evaluation and resource for non-profit organizations (NPOs) in Puerto Rico. NPERCI notes philanthropic sector practices and research areas that contribute positively to strengthening the non-profit sector. Through its work, the NPERCI promotes accountability and use of standards of excellence among NPOs. Contact: <http://www.nperci.org/>

BenchMark 3.5

The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council proudly presents: BenchMark 3.5 in San Diego, California, Spring 2011. The BenchMark 3.5 – 2011 Conference on Nonprofit and Philanthropic Studies will be the fourth conference on the development of non-profit management as a field of study in higher education. Please begin making your plans now to join us for this exciting event presented by the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council and hosted by the University of San Diego. Please check the website: www.naccouncil.org

Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Enterprise Seminar

CIES Foundation in collaboration with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University will hold the seminar, "Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Enterprise: International Comparison." The event will be held May 16-21, 2010, at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. The Congress will be in English and translated into Spanish.

Access is free, but limited due to seating capacity, and registration is required. Please register by sending an e-mail to Ms. Anais Herrera at: info@mes-d.net, indicating the following information: Surname, Name, e-mail and phone. ■

CALENDAR

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January 28-29

5th Workshop on Trust Within and Between Organizations, Session X: Trust Within and Between Organizations in the Third Sector and Public Sector, Madrid, Spain. Contact: michelante@eiasm.be or www.eiasm.org/frontoffice/event_announcement.asp?event_id=669#1904

March 1-2

The UK Volunteering Forum Research Group Conference, "Volunteering Counts", Manchester, UK. Contact: research@vds.org.uk or <http://ivr.org.uk/events/>

March 16

Israeli Center for Third Sector Research Conference, "Challenges in Research and Training for the Third Sector, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel. Contact: ictr@bgu.ac.il, www.bgu.ac.il/ictr

March 21-22

3rd World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, "Building a Better World, New Horizons- Sound Strategies," The Ritz Carlton-Doha, Qatar. Contact: info@thewcmp.org, www.thewcmp.org

March 22-27

ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, Workshop on the Governance of Partnerships, Munster, Germany. Contact: www.ecpmet.eu

June 2-4

ANSER/ARES Third Annual Conference, "Social Innovations for a New Era: Contributions from Nonprofits and the Social Economy." Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Contact: www.anser-ares.ca or anser.ares@gmail.com

June 30-July 3

2nd EMES International Ph.D. Summer School, "The Three SE pillars: Social Entrepreneurship, Social Economy and Solidarity Economy." Centre for Social Entrepreneurship (CSE), Roskilde University, Denmark. Contact: www.emes.net

July 15-16

International Nonprofit & Social Marketing Conference (INSM), "Connecting Thought and Action." Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
Contact: <http://www.icebergevents.com/inismconference/>

July 7-10

Ninth International Conference of ISTR, "Facing Crises: Challenges and Opportunities Confronting the Third Sector and Civil Society," Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.
Contact: istristanbul@jhu.edu; www.istr.org

August 20-23

CIVICUS 9th World Assembly, "Acting Together for a Just World," Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
Contact: worldassembly@civicus.org; www.civicusassembly.org

November 15-16

10th Biennial Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research Conference, "The Third Sector as Civil Society in Australasia: Identity, Role and Influence in the New Century." University of Technology, Sydney, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, Sydney, Australia. Contact: Melissa.Edwards@uts.edu.au ■



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