

## **ISTR PhD Seminar**

**Muenster, Germany, July 20-22, 2014**  
**University of Muenster**

ISTR is pleased to announce the second ISTR PhD Seminar preceding the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Muenster, Germany in July 2014. The ISTR PhD Seminar is a recurring event that takes place bi-annually in conjunction with the international conference.

The ISTR PhD Seminar is open to all doctoral students in the field of third sector and civil society research, across the different regions in the world, and at all stages of their doctoral research. The aim of the workshop is to provide doctoral students with the opportunity to receive extensive intellectual and methodological advice on their doctoral research, to introduce them to main theories and developments in the field, to reflect upon publication and career strategies, and to provide a unique opportunity to network with junior and senior scholars within the international ISTR research community.

More specifically, the seminar will consist of both plenary sessions with presentations by leading scholars in the field, and parallel group sessions in which the participants have the opportunity to present and discuss their doctoral research with peers, junior and senior faculty. Participants will be grouped thematically, but the group composition will be heterogeneous in terms of concrete research topics, disciplinary background, research stage, method, and regional affiliation.

The seminar is limited to a group of (up to) 50 doctoral students. Applicants must be members of ISTR and register and attend the conference. The ISTR PhD Seminar will start with an afternoon session followed by an informal dinner on Sunday afternoon, July 20, 2014. Plenary and group sessions will take place on Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22 (in the morning). Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday. ISTR will cover two nights of accommodation (Sunday July 20 and Monday July 21) as well as coffee breaks and meals during the Seminar. Travel costs will not be refunded. In addition, ISTR will offer conference registration subsidies. Applicants for discounted registration conference fees should go directly to ISTR. Efforts are under way to secure travel subsidies. Please check back for updates.

### Eligibility and selection criteria

To be eligible for participation, possible applicants should consider the following criteria:

- To be enrolled as a doctoral student [all stages of the doctoral research are allowed]
- Working in the field of third sector and civil society research [all academic disciplines are invited]
- To be a member of ISTR and register and attend the 2014 conference
- To be able to participate in the PhD Seminar from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday around noon

- Be prepared to present and discuss their doctoral work with peers and faculty, and to participate in an active and constructive way in group discussions

### Application process

**Interested students should send their application directly to email: [istr@jhu.edu](mailto:istr@jhu.edu) c/o ISTR PhD Seminar 2014 by September 30, 2013.**

All applications must include the following information:

- Full name and gender
- Contact details (including e-mail and phone number)
- Disciplinary background
- Institutional affiliation and name(s) of the supervisor(s)
- Working title of PhD project and formal start/end dates
- Indication of the stage of your research
- Abstract of PhD research (min. 500 – max. 800 words)
  - o The abstract must include research questions, theoretical framework, methods, and results if already applicable
- A brief description (100-150 words) of your motivation to participate in the ISTR PhD Seminar
- Questions you would like to be discussed at the seminar
- Keywords

ISTR will consider all applications that meet the eligibility criteria. In line with ISTR's mission to build a global community of scholars and subscribe to the values of diversity and pluralism, participants in the ISTR PhD Seminar will be representative in terms of gender and region, as well as disciplines and stages in the PhD process.

For more information, visit [www.istr.org/MuensterPhD](http://www.istr.org/MuensterPhD)

For further inquiries, please contact the ISTR Secretariat ([istr@jhu.edu](mailto:istr@jhu.edu)).

Selected applicants will be notified by November 5, 2013.