

## ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean PhD Seminar

ISTR hosted a PhD Seminar for 15 students on July 2-3, 2019 just prior to the 12th ISTR-LAC Regional Conference. These PhD Seminars are designed to both support students in the Third Sector and to strengthen the network for the next generation of scholars.

The PhD Seminar provides doctoral students with the opportunity to engage with senior scholars and peers in extensive intellectual and methodological discussion on their doctoral research, to consider the main theories and developments in the field, to reflect upon publication and career strategies, and to provide a unique opportunity to network within the international ISTR research community and civil society in general.

The seminar consisted of both plenary sessions and professional development workshops with presentations by leading scholars in the field, and parallel small group sessions in which the participants have the opportunity to present and discuss their doctoral research with peers and senior faculty.

Six core faculty were recruited to review the applications, facilitate the small group discussions, and organize the professional development workshops that will offer the state of the art in the field of Third Sector studies: The Faculty Chair was Mario A. Alves, EAESP, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil, and Susan Appe, University at Albany, SUNY, USA, Marlei Pozzebon, EAESP, Fundação Getulio Vargas/HEC Montreal, Brazil/Canada, Alejandro Natal, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexico, Jorge Andrés Polanco, Universidad de Medellín, Colombia, and Wilson Araque, Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar, Ecuador.

Students in the PhD Seminar were also offered ample opportunity to build relationships on an informal basis. Students shared hotel rooms, attend an organized dinner, and collectively attended the ISTR LAC Regional conference.

ISTR has held 4 PhD Seminars at the international conference to date, but this was only the second time one was hosted at the regional level. Building on the success and popularity of the international PhD Seminars, ISTR now seeks to expand access to these PhD Seminars for emerging scholars at the regional level.

It is ISTR's hope that the participants in the PhD Seminars will become lifelong colleagues, members of ISTR, and will nourish the collegial qualities that define the association. Students are encouraged to remain in touch after the PhD Seminar and apply to attend future seminars again.

Applications for the [International PhD Seminar in Montréal, Canada](#) are now open. Please encourage students you know to apply before September 30, 2019!