

2023 ARNOVA-Asia Special Issue of *Nonprofit Policy Forum*

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Nonprofit Policy Forum* invites papers for a special issue dedicated to the theme of the [2023 ARNOVA-Asia conference](#), "The Roles of Nonprofit Organizations for Sustainable Civil Society" The conference will take place virtually from Japan on July 7-8, 2023.

This *NPF* Special Issue explores the role of nonprofit organizations, civil society, and philanthropy in Asia and welcomes both theoretical and empirical studies from all disciplines with a focus on any of the regions of Asia (West, Central, South, Southeast and East Asia). Questions to be addressed in this special issue may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. What roles have nonprofits and/or other civil society actors in Asia played in the policymaking process during this recent – and ongoing – period of pandemic and social justice and economic challenges? How have the unique relationships between nonprofits and the state in Asia affected nonprofits' roles in the policymaking process?
2. In this recent, difficult period, what has been the impact of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity (VUCA) on nonprofits' sustainability and involvement in policymaking, advocacy, and service delivery in Asia? What are the policy implications of nonprofits' strategic responses to the challenges they have faced?
3. What are recent policies and laws affecting the governance and behaviors of nonprofit organizations and social enterprises in Asia? How do these policies affect the ability of nonprofits and social enterprises to respond to the pandemic and other societal needs?
4. What theoretical perspectives best explain the state of and the policies for the nonprofit sector and civil society in a nation or across nations in Asia?

Please note that submission to this *NPF* Special Issue is open to all authors addressing the theme regardless of their participation in the ARNOVA-Asia conference this year.

The mission of *Nonprofit Policy Forum (NPF)* is to serve as an international journal that publishes original research and analysis on public policy issues and the public policy process critical to the work of nonprofit organizations. The journal is open access and has no publication charges. More information about *Nonprofit Policy Forum* can be found [here](#). All submissions will be peer-reviewed before they are accepted for publication in *NPF*. Instructions for submissions are available on the *NPF* website: <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/npf/html?lang=en>

Timeline:

July 7-8, 2023: ARNOVA-Asia conference (virtual), including a conference session that will have information about the scope of *NPF* and the focus of this *NPF* special issue.

September 30, 2023: Deadline for full papers (conference participation not required) to be submitted for peer review via *NPF*'s online submission portal. Please indicate that your submission is intended for the ARNOVA-Asia special issue.

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