



Georg-August University Göttingen
Prof. Dr. Ludwig THEUVSEN
 Department of Agricultural Economics
 and Rural Development

Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5
D-37073 GÖTTINGEN



pnp
 Institut für Public und
 Nonprofit Management

Johannes Kepler University Linz
Prof. Dr. Dorothea GREILING
 Institute for Management Accounting
Prof. Dr. René ANDESSNER
 Institute for Public and Nonprofit Management
 Altenberger Strasse 69
A-4040 LINZ



University Freiburg Switzerland
Prof. Dr. Markus GMÜR
 Institute for Research on Management
 of Associations, Foundations and
 Co-operatives (VMI)
 Post office box 15 59
CH-1701 FRIBOURG



12th International Research Colloquium on Nonprofit Organizations

April 21-22, 2016

Georg-August University Göttingen
 (Germany)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Since 1994 the International Research Colloquium on Nonprofit Organizations takes place every two years. Over the past 20 years it has turned out to become one of the central meeting points for third-sector research in the German speaking countries and beyond.

On April 21-22, 2016, the 12th International Research Colloquium on Nonprofit Organizations will take place at Georg-August University Göttingen/ Germany. In 2016 the Colloquium addresses the following topic:

Nonprofit Organizations and Sustainability

Sustainability has become a central societal vision over the last couple of years. It is a comprehensive societal transformation concept which takes into account the three pillars of sustainability, i.e. economic, ecological and social sustainability. Sustainability has a strong impact on the management of organizations; one example is the concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) which has gained great relevance in for-profit organizations in recent years.

For several reasons, sustainability is also relevant for nonprofit organizations:

- In modern societies nonprofit organizations function as „*social change agents*“ which apply various strategies, for instance cooperation, confrontation, or supplementary production of services, to induce a sustainability transition.
- Nonprofit organizations provide an institutional platform for mission-driven entrepreneurs who want to increase the sustainability level of society without having to take into account profit-oriented owners.
- Nonprofit organizations provide a sustainable institutional framework for grassroot-like sustainability initiatives developed in the informal sector.
- The sustainability of, for instance, the financial and personal resources of nonprofit organizations is often at risk. Mobilizing resources, thus, contributes to the sustainability of organizations in the third sector.
- Social sustainability cannot be taken for granted in nonprofit organizations. Low wages of employees in social service organizations and volunteers between self-realization and self-exploitation indicate this.
- Nonprofit organizations cooperate with public and private partners. This creates challenges for the sustainability of interorganizational relationships and network governance.

The 12th International Research Colloquium on Nonprofit Organizations addresses the manifold research questions centered around the core research topic of “Nonprofit Organizations and Sustainability”. The organizers of the 12th International Research Colloquium invite researchers from various disciplines to submit their proposals to the colloquium. They welcome theoretical as well as empirical papers. Furthermore, there will also be sufficient room to present papers on other topics than sustainability.

The Research Colloquium on Nonprofit Organizations is an **interdisciplinary conference**. The organizers invite researchers from all relevant disciplines, i.e. economics, management science, political science, sociology etc.

Please send your proposal (maximum two to three pages) as a Word or pdf file no later than November 30, 2015 to the following email address:

npo-colloquium2016@agr.uni-goettingen.de

Papers can be presented in German or English language.

All proposals will be peer-reviewed. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of their proposal until January 15, 2016.

All authors accepted for oral presentations will be invited to publish their full papers in the conference proceedings. Full papers will be due May 31, 2016. Detailed instructions will be emailed to the authors in due time. Each author will receive one version of the proceedings after publication. The proceedings will be published at the end of 2016 in collaboration with a reputable publisher.

The conference program will be emailed to all participants in January 2016. Conference fees are 160 € for senior researchers and 80 € for Ph.D. students and other young researchers.

On behalf of the local organizers

Prof. Dr. Ludwig Theuvsen
(Georg-August University Goettingen, Germany; local organizer)

Tel: ++49 551 39-4851

Email: npo-colloquium2016@agr.uni-goettingen.de

URL: <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/12-internationales-npo-forschungscolloquium-2016/122818.html>