

Invitation to breakfast seminar  
24. November 2015

The third sector – how to define the sector and understand the size  
of private donation and giving in Norway

**Time: Oslo, Tuesday 24 November 2015, 9:00 – 10:30 am**

**Location: Institute for Social Research, Munthes gate 31, 0260 Oslo, Norway.**

We are pleased to invite you to an open breakfast seminar on how to define the third sector and the private contributions to the third sector in Norway.

The seminar will be jointly organized by the EU funded Third Sector Impact (TSI) project and The Centre for Research on Civil Society and Voluntary Sector.

**Programme**

09.00: Welcome – Guro Ødegård

09.10: Conceptualization of the third sector in Europe – Bernard Enjolras

9.30: Private contributions to the third sector in Norway – Karl Henrik Sivesind

10.00: Open floor and discussion

*Breakfast will be served from 8.30*

Europe has long harbored a rich associational life outside the contours of the market and the state, but the lacking of a definition that calls attention to their commonalities, the various components of the third sector- nonprofits, foundations, cooperatives and mutual, social enterprises and volunteering- is robbing Europe of a coherent overview of the third sectors scope and impact and weakening the sectors overall policy voice. TSI researchers have now formulated a consensus conceptualization of this third sector of citizen activity, which provides a basis for gauging its impact and fostering policies that build on its unique strengths.

The Third Sector in Norway generates a large share of the income from its own activities. Between 50 and 65 percent comes from private households, for organization categories outside of the welfare service area. However, income from donations has been more moderate. With increased disposable income for people in general and a large number of private fortunes generated through the oil-age, this may change. Karl Henrik Sivesind has analyzed economy and sources of income for the nonprofit sector since the first Hopkins-study in Norway in 1997. He will show how private contributions to voluntary organizations, from donations, foundations, games and lotteries, and volunteering, have changed.

Participation is free of charge. Please note that spaces are limited and are subject to availability, therefore we encourage you to register before the 20. November.

To attend the seminar please **send an e-mail to [sbs@socialresearch.no](mailto:sbs@socialresearch.no)**

Please be aware that the seminar will be in Norwegian.

*We cordially invite you to participate at the breakfast seminar. Welcome!*

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