I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the International Political Economy (IPE) Section of the International Studies Association, or as IPE/ISA.

II. PURPOSE

1. The aim of IPE/ISA is to encourage research and promote the exchange of ideas in the field of international political economy. The Section seeks to assist its members in keeping abreast of developments in the analysis of the international political economy.

2. The Section encourages theoretical, conceptual, and methodological diversity. IPE/ISA encourages scholarly interchange across numerous disciplines, including political science, economics, international relations, sociology, business, anthropology, history, public policy, and the social sciences, broadly defined.

3. The Section encourages research collaboration and communication with scholars throughout the world. The Section also encourages efforts to communicate with policymaking communities and other interested groups outside the scholarly community.

4. IPE/ISA emphasizes rigorous diverse research on international political economy. The Section sponsors panels and round tables, reporting on current research in this field at each national ISA meeting and at other scholarly workshops and meetings.

III. RELATIONSHIPS

1. The Section communicates formally with its members through the ISA list serve to IPE members. It communicates informally with the broader IPE community through a google list https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/isa-ipe, which the section established and maintains a link on its webpage.
2. IPE/ISA encourages cooperative relationships with other Sections, Regions, and Caucuses of ISA and other professional and scholarly organizations that share its interests.

3. The IPE section includes a subsection, World Historical Systems, devoted to the historical study of world systems from comparative and critical perspectives. Additional subsections may be proposed as indicated in V 3.

4. The IPE section presents three awards on an annual basis that recognize individuals that have made a contribution to the study of IPE: the IPE Distinguished Scholar award, IPE Best Book award, and the IPE Best Graduate Student Paper award. The Section also hosts two awards that recognize outstanding contributions to the broader community: the Outstanding Activist Scholar award and the Society for Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) mentor award.

5. IPE/ISA encourages the dissemination of research on international political economy through its sponsorship of the Advances in International Political Economy (formerly the International Political Economy Yearbook) series published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member of ISA sharing the purposes and interests of this Section may become a member upon payment of annual dues to the IPE section through the ISA.

2. Members shall be entitled to:
   a. attend, participate in, and vote at the annual IPE business meeting
   b. sponsor nominations for IPE officers and awards
   c. be eligible for nomination to elective office
   d. propose panels and receive priority on the section’s program at the ISA annual meeting if the member specifies IPE as the first-choice section
   e. receive general communications regarding the activities of the section through the ISA.

V. OFFICERS

1. The officers of IPE/ISA will consist of a Section Chair, Section Vice Chair, and Program Chair.

2. The Section Chair will conduct the annual business meeting, consult with the Section Vice Chair and Program Chair as appropriate, coordinate
section activities with the Vice Chair, and coordinate communications with the ISA to membership. The Section Chair also acts as Treasurer of the Section.

3. The Program Chair will be nominated by the current Section Chair in consultation with the Vice Chair, and approved at the annual business meeting of the IPE Section. The Program Chair, with the assistance of the Vice Chair, is responsible for organizing the IPE sponsored panels and round tables at the next immediate ISA annual meeting. The Program Chair is the incoming Vice-Chair-Elect for the Section. The Vice Chair, in turn, is the incoming Chair-Elect.


5. The Chairs and other members of the Distinguished Scholar, Best Book, and Best Graduate Student Paper Committees shall be appointed by the Section Chair, with attention to geographic, ethnic, gender, and other diversity considerations, and with the advice of the Vice Chair and Program Chair. Chairs and Committee members must be members of the Section.

6. The Chairs of the SWIPE Mentor Award and the Outstanding Activist Scholar Award will be chosen by those committees.

7. Elected officers of the IPE Section serve one-year terms in each officer role and are eligible for re-election once. In general, the Section Chair, Section Vice Chair, and Section Program Chair will not serve sequential terms in the same office.

8. If the Chair resigns, the Vice Chair will serve as the Acting Chair. If other vacancies in the Committees open during the year, the Chair will select a replacement to serve until the next IPE section business meeting at the annual ISA meeting.

VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Section Chair shall seek to ensure a slate representative of the diversity within the Section, including various disciplines, intellectual and methodological stances, ages and sexes, institutions, and geographic locations that is consistent with the highest qualifications, abilities and commitment essential to carry out the Section’s work.

2. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the annual meeting, provided the nominee is a member of the Section, and the nomination is seconded by at least two other Section members.

3. Elections by voice or show of hands, at the Chair’s discretion, shall be held at the annual meeting among Section members.
VII. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the IPE Section Charter may be proposed by a petition of at least ten members.

2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the IPE Chair not later than one month before the annual meeting, and shall be discussed and voted on at the annual business meeting.

3. For Amendments seeking to establish a new subsection, such amendments may be proposed by a petition of at least ten members and voted on at the annual business meeting. The subsection will then be established for the next two years as a trial, with the expectation that its officers will provide two panels on the subsection’s theme and submit them according to the ISA’s usual procedures to the program chair for inclusion on the program. If the initiative is a success and interest is sustained, the subsection will then be put to the IPE section’s membership for a vote as a permanent subsection in III 2 and V 4 as well as any other activities the section chooses to sponsor at that time.

4. Approved amendments shall be submitted to ISA officers.

VIII. TRANSITION

This Charter shall be ratified by a majority of IPE/ISA members conducted on-line through the ISA’s formal mechanism and approval by the ISA in January, 2018. If so ratified, it will come into effect at the close of the business meeting in 2018.