Overview

The section has had a productive year, with significant growth in its membership, significant panel presence at ISA 2014 and forthcoming 2015, and increasing engagement with other similar sections in other professional associations. The section is also healthy financially. The success of the section, as ever, is thanks to the Executive Committee, ex officio members, and the wider membership.

Membership

As of October 2014, the Human Rights section has 530 members, a healthy increase from the previous year's 443. This reflects continuous growth in the section since its founding in 2006 with 12 members. The gender breakdown is 300 female, 232 male, with under 5 not indicating.

ISA Annual Conference, New Orleans, 2015

We were allocated 38 panels/roundtables. With cosponsorship and program chair panels, we will sponsor or cosponsor 51 panels.

Joint human rights sections conference, Istanbul June 2014

The ISA Human Rights Section recently held its third joint conference in Istanbul on the theme, “Human Rights and Change.” The conference was co-organized with the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association; the Standing Group on Human Rights and Transition of the European Consortium for Political Research; and the Human Rights Research Committee of the International Political Science Association. It was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, which met immediately after. Approximately 120 papers were presented and 150 practitioners and academics registered for the conference. In addition to wide-ranging discussions on a variety of aspects of the theme in the panel sessions, a number of eminent scholars and practitioners addressed various aspects of the theme from academic and practitioner perspectives. Plenary sessions included lectures by: Judge Riza Türmen (Former Turkish Judge at the European Court of Human Rights; currently opposition MP from the Republican People’s Party); Edward Mortimer (Fellow of All Souls College Oxford University and former Director of Communications in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General); and Ruti Teitel (Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law, New York Law School). There was also a roundtable of practitioners, including: Andrew Gardner (Amnesty International); Emel Kurma (Helsinki Citizen’s Assembly); Matthew Preston (UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office); and Manal Tibe (National Council for Human Rights (Egypt) and former member of the Egyptian Constituent Assembly).

Further details of the conference can be found at: [http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/HR-Istanbul-2014](http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/HR-Istanbul-2014)


The human rights sections of the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, the European Consortium for Political Research, and the International Political Science Association will hold the fourth joint international conference on human rights on the theme, “Human Rights and Justice” to take place 8-10 June 2015 at The Hague Institute for Global Justice. The conference will take place immediately before the annual meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (11 – 13 June), also in The Hague.
Further details of the conference can be found at: http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/HR-Hague-2015

**H-Human Rights**
The section sponsors the electronic discussion group H-Human-Rights, which is hosted by H-Net. Presently, there are more than a thousand subscribers. The membership is global and it goes far beyond the section and the ISA to encompass academics, practitioners and officials from governments and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**Officers**
Chair: Chandra Sriram — until 2016
Past Chair: Mark Gibney
Vice-Chair: Daniel Whelan
Secretary: Anthony Tirado Chase

At Large (2 years):
Reed Wood -- until 2015
Dana Zartner -- until 2015
Ann Marie Clark—until 2016
Monica del Carmen Serrano Carreto—until 2016

Additional thanks to our ex oficio members who have been performing important functions for us:
Section Elections: Eric Leonard (ex officio)
Award Committee Chair: Bethany Barratt (ex officio), Anthony Chase (Bethany responsible for best grad student paper and Anthony for best paper)
Program Chairs: Thorin Wright (ex officio); Dave Benjamin (ex officio)
Joint section reception liaison: Dave Benjamin (ex officio)
H-Human-Rights Lead Editor: Kurt Mills (ex officio)

**Treasury**
As of November 2014, the section had $13,374 in its coffers