



# ISA-CANADA REGION

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

*This amended report was prepared by Colleen Bell, ISA-Canada Region President*

## FULL REPORT

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This report has been amended due to the Trump Administration's Executive Order Travel Ban and ISA Canada's decision to take a principled stand in opposition to it. On January 27, 2017 the President Trump issued "*Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States*" which bans the entry of individuals from seven countries: Syria, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan. The travel ban is now the subject of judicial proceedings and possible revision.

On February 3, 2017, ISA Canada issued a statement on the travel ban stating that: "ISA-Canada is deeply concerned about the Trump Administration's Executive Order Travel Ban, which we find to be an assault on human rights, the rule of law, and academic freedom. In addition, ISA Canada found the "ISA leadership's stance on the [Travel Ban](#) to be inadequate and halfhearted and we wish to add our voice to the chorus of [ISA members](#) calling on the Governing Council and the executive committee to take a stronger stance on this issue in general, and to do more to support affected members. Although the second [ISA statement](#) is an improvement over the first, it is limited to affected ISA members and falls short of condemning the ban in general. The ISA is the lead grouping of academics equipped to cast a critical eye on key developments in global politics, and our continued capacity to speak truth to power depends upon our willingness to do so when justice requires it."

Our organization recognizes that some of our members are directly affected by the travel ban and are unable to travel to the US without serious risk of entry denial, detention, and/or deportation. Others are choosing to boycott the ISA Meeting as a statement of solidarity with banned members. We are working with the Canadian Political Science Association, our partners in the regional meeting, to provide an alternative venue for ISA scholars at our regional conference in Toronto in May 2017 for those who cannot travel to Baltimore. ISA Canada members are encouraged to get in touch with me ([colleen.bell@usask.ca](mailto:colleen.bell@usask.ca)) if you would like to know more about these plans.

It is important to recognize that some of our members, who are not themselves directly affected by the travel ban, may not be in a position to choose to not attend ISA Baltimore. We encourage these members to use the ISA Canada meeting as an opportunity to collectively explore how our membership can direct the work of the International Studies Association and move forward as a regional section. For example, if San Francisco remains the location for the 2018 annual convention, how should ISA Canada respond? Is skying in banned members a desirable and/or necessary response for future US-based ISA meetings? Moving forward, should the ISA provide legal and/or financial support for members who are directly affected by the travel ban?

## ACTIVITIES NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE REGIONAL MEETING

In light of ISA Canada's decision to not conduct business as usual under these special circumstances, the following activities have been moved to our regional meeting at Ryerson University in Toronto:

1. Executive Committee Nominations and Elections. Representatives for President, Vice-President, and Program Co-Chair. Veronica Kitchen (Waterloo) is nominated as President Elect, Chris Hendershot (York) as Vice-president Elect, and Nicole Wegner (Saskatchewan) as Program Co-chair. Additional nominations may be forwarded to Ben Muller (Past-President) at [bmuller@uwo.ca](mailto:bmuller@uwo.ca).
2. Report on last year's regional conference in Calgary.
3. Announcement of the Graduate Student Paper Prize Winner for 2017.
4. Acknowledgement to current and past members who have played a central role in key work with ISA-Canada.
5. An update on the CPSA-ISA Canada relationship.
6. ISA Canada's financial Report for 2016/2017. (NB. A financial update can be found here: <http://www.isanet.org/Portals/0/Documents/CANADA/Canada%20Annual%20Report%202016.pdf>).

In closing, I would like to thank our members for their support and understanding at this difficult time. I am grateful to our Program Co-chairs Maya Eichler and Chris Hendershot for their continued dedication to producing a stellar upcoming regional conference. I thank Heather Smith and Marshall Beier for their work on the Professional Development Committee and the creation of teaching and professional practice sessions at the regional conference. I also thank Sandra Whitworth, our 2016-17 Distinguished Scholar, for putting together an excellent panel of emerging scholars for the ISA meeting.

I am grateful to Tim Shaw for representing me at the ISA Governing Council meeting and I thank Tim and David Black for running the meeting here today. Arrangements for Tim and David to represent me here in Baltimore were made prior to the EO, due to a family emergency.

Finally, I thank the following sponsors for their financial contributions to ISA-Canada: Balsillie School of International Affairs; the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University; The Department of Political Science at Saint Mary's University; International Journal, Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis; The Department of Political Science, King's University College; and the Department of Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.