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FULL REPORT

CISS/ISA continues to serve the needs of the international studies community by providing a forum within the International Studies Association for a cross-disciplinary dialogue on critical world order issues amongst scholars, policymakers and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

ISA ANNUAL CONVENTION, NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 18-21, 2015

CISS sponsored and co-sponsored 30 panels and roundtables, as well as poster sessions for ISA’s 56th annual convention in New Orleans on Global IR and Regional Worlds. A New Agenda for International Studies. The Section held its annual business meeting and joint reception which were well attended by the membership. The reception was co-sponsored by CISS, DPLST, ES, and Keesing’s World News Archives. During the business meeting in New Orleans, elections were held for all the positions on the Executive Committee. The results were as follows:

George J. Andreopoulos, President and Program Chair
February 2015 - February 2017
City University of New York

Dorota J. Gierycz, Vice-President for Planning
February 2015 - February 2017
City University of New York

Andrei V. Korobkov, Vice-President for Programs
February 2015 - February 2017
Middle Tennessee State University

Sai Felicia Krishna-Hensel, President Emeritus
February 2015 - February 2017
Auburn Montgomery

Tina Mavrikos-Adamou, Executive Council Member and CISS editor for the International Studies Compendium
February 2015 - February 2017
Hofstra University
Mikhail A. Molchanov, Executive Council Member
February 2015 - February 2017
St. Thomas University, Canada

Stephen J. Rosow, Executive Council Member
February 2015 - February 2017
State University of New York at Oswego

ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19, 2016
For the 57th annual convention in Atlanta, our section was originally allocated 22 panels. As a result of co-sponsorship arrangements with other sections, CISS will be sponsoring and co-sponsoring a total of 43 panels in Atlanta. In addition, CISS will co-sponsor a reception with DPLST, ES and HIST sections.

Building on our tradition of organizing annual conferences on cutting-edge issues, CISS, in collaboration with the American College in Thessaloniki, is organizing a conference on *Boundaries and Borders in an Evolving World Order: Challenges and Prospects*.

This conference will critically examine key dimensions of two competing trends in contemporary life: on the one hand, the movement across borders of people, goods, services and information and, on the other hand, the reassertion of national, ethnic, racial and religious boundaries within national societies. The tensions between these two competing trends raise fundamental questions about the adequacy of existing explanatory frameworks and policy prescriptions in addressing the challenges posed to world order in a whole set of issue areas that include migration, forced displacement, inclusive governance, identity formation, human protection and accountability. Ongoing global debates on how to address these challenges range between calls for rethinking the moral relevance of borders and the hardening of social boundaries within national societies, and calls for the securitization of policy prescriptions so as to ensure sharper distinctions between ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders.’

This conference will provide an interdisciplinary forum for scholars, government officials, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and civic leaders to critically discuss some of the main challenges in these and related issue areas and explore the prospects for sustainable policy options consistent with international norms and standards. It is the expectation of the organizers that several publications (books and/or special issues of scholarly journals) will result from the conference.

The organizers invite interdisciplinary proposals employing various conceptual and methodological approaches. All types of submissions (individual papers, panel proposals, and roundtables) are welcome. Panel and roundtable proposals must include at least three papers, a chair and a discussant (the chair may also serve either as a paper presenter or as a discussant). Proposals may address a broad range of issues including, but not limited to:

- The relationship between national borders and social boundaries
- The moral relevance of borders and boundaries
- Securitization of migration
• The economic and social effects of migration cross-flows
• The politics of financialization after 2008
• Identity formation
• Religion, communal boundaries and migration
• Human security and protection
• Domestic and international accountability mechanisms
• The role of national and international human rights institutions in addressing inter and intra-group tensions
• The role of the media in the construction of boundaries
• Civil society organizations and inclusive governance

**Membership:**
The section’s membership reflects a marked increase and it is representative of a broad range of countries, institutions, and professional levels. Diversity has also been achieved in that members represent senior scholars, as well as junior scholars, active professionals, and retired scholars. The section membership was reported to be 245. Countries represented include: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, USA, Russia, South Korea, Colombia, Philippines, Singapore, India, and Qatar.

**Financial Base:**
The section’s finances are sound and judicious disbursement has enabled the Section to continue hosting its various conferences and outreach activities. As of the most recent financial statement (November, 2015) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a balance of $2,709.99.