INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDSS) SECTION
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FULL REPORT

IDSS/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, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017
Understanding Change in World Politics

For the 58th annual convention in Baltimore, our section was originally allocated 20 panels. As a result of co-sponsorship arrangements with other sections, IDSS sponsored/co-sponsored a total of 42 panels. In addition, CISS once again cosponsored a reception with DPLST and ES sections.

ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 4-7, 2018
Power of Rules and Rule of Power

For the 59th annual convention in San Francisco, our section was originally allocated 19 panels. As a result of co-sponsorship arrangements with other sections, IDSS is sponsoring/co-sponsoring 39 panels. In addition, IDSS is once again co-sponsoring a reception with DPLST and ES sections.

IDSS/ISA Conference in Bologna, Italy, June 28-30, 2017

Our section, in collaboration with the School of Political Science at the University of Bologna and its Department of Political and Social Sciences, organized a very successful conference on Cooperation and Contestation in World Politics. The Organizing Committee consisted of: Stephen Rosow (SUNY-Oswego), Tina Mavrikos-Adamou (Hofstra) and George Andreopoulos (CUNY-chair). Michael Vandergriff (CUNY) served as the Organizing Committee’s Administrative Assistant.

The conference critically examined the interplay between conflict and cooperation in key issue areas of world affairs. More specifically, it analyzed and assessed the factors that are relevant to our understanding of how state and non-state entities cooperate and compete in their efforts to address challenges and advance or undermine resolutions to problems of common concern. The list of focal issues addressed in papers at the conference included:

- Contending approaches to understandings of cooperation and conflict;
The conference program was composed of 32 panels and included 153 participants. It generated a total of $13,750 in income from registration and incurred a total of $7,308.26 in expenses. This left a final balance of $6,441.74 for the conference.

We are currently working on a book based on some of the papers presented at the Bologna conference that would also include contributions specifically commissioned for this project. The proposed volume, tentatively entitled *Governance Challenges: Fluid Reconfigurations of Authority, Power and Territoriality*, will focus on an examination of the fluidity and unsettledness of sites of power and authority in global politics with particular emphasis on: (1) the rise of several states as centers of power; (2) the transformation of political authority in global rationalities of government working through a growing array of non-state actors and regimes; (3) the normative repercussions of the global state of emergency that emerged after the 9/11 attacks; (4) the securitization of the human protection regime; and (5) the contestations over neoliberalism as a global form of governmentality. The book will be co-edited by Stephen Rosow (SUNY-Oswego) and George Andreopoulos (CUNY).

**MEMBERSHIP**

The IDSS 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 252. 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.

**FINANCES**

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, 2017) from ISA Headquarters, the section has a balance of $2,944.85