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

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, Toronto, March 27-30, 2019
Re-visioning International Studies: Innovation and Progress

For the 60th annual convention in Toronto, our section was originally allocated 18 panels. As a result of co-sponsorship arrangements with other sections, IDSS will sponsor/co-sponsor 27 panels. In addition, IDSS will once again co-sponsor a reception with the DPLST and ES sections.

Best Paper Award

Last year, IDSS established a best paper award for the best paper presented at an IDSS-sponsored panel during the annual convention. A committee composed of Tina Mavricos-Adamou, Stephen Rosow and George Andreopoulos (chair) reviewed all the submitted papers. The committee decided to give the award to Leonardo Mèrcher, Glaucia Julião Bernardo, and Evelise Zampier da Silva for their paper South American Cities and Frontiers: an analysis of regional integration from Mercocities Network.

IDSS/ISA-KAIS Conference at Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, July 4-7, 2019.

Our section, in collaboration with the Korean Association of International Studies (KAIS), is organizing an international conference on Regionalist Perspectives on World Order: Challenges and Responses. The Organizing Committee consists of: Stephen Rosow (SUNY-Oswego), Nikolaos Zahariadis (Rhodes College), Jiyeoun Song (Seoul National University) and George Andreopoulos (CUNY-chair).
Hirst (CUNY) will serve as the Organizing Committee’s Administrative Assistant. Below is the call for papers:

Theorists have long recognized that globalization simultaneously involves processes of integration and fragmentation, order and disorder. Regionalism participates in this dynamic production of world order/disorder, enabling pressures toward integration and fragmentation. In complex ways regionalism (as are specific regions) is a production of global dynamics as it contests those dynamics on multiple registers – political, social, economic, and cultural. Moreover, as analysts of the “new regionalism” of the 1980’s and 1990’s recognized, regional dynamics are evolving with the latest developments of financial structures, communications networks, conflict and violence, as well as the emergence of new transversal spaces of infrastructure, governance, and sociality.

This conference invites paper, panel and roundtable proposals bringing various regionalist perspectives to bear on the problematics and challenges of integration and fragmentation in the current world. This theme offers the opportunity for a critical discussion of regionalist trends in the international community in light of the growing uncertainty about the ‘Liberal International Order’ and the centrifugal tendencies within it. Participants might address specific regions, singly or comparatively, defined geographically or otherwise, and/or theoretical problematics of regionalism in various substantive fields. Our conference will examine contending approaches to regionalism and seek to explain variations among them and their evolving understandings of the relevant ‘communities’ affected by their adopted policies and practices. Submitted abstracts should be no more than 200 words.

Topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Geopolitics of specific regions
- Challenges to universalism from local and regional perspectives
- Negotiating normative difference (Human Rights from regional perspectives, for example)
- Regionalist constructions of identity and difference
- Regional contestations of structures and practices of global governance
- Regionalism after the financial crisis
- Regional perspectives on security
- Asymmetrical warfare: manifestations of conflict and political violence across regions
- Internal regional hegemonies
- Post-geographical regionalisms
- Regional architectures of political space beyond the state: global cities, free-trade zones, civil society networks, etc.
- Histories of federalism and regionalism
- Diffusions of sovereignty and authority
- Imperial legacies and regional identities
- Regionalism and the contradictions of neoliberalism
MEMBERSHIP
The IDSS membership reflects a small increase from last year 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 currently stands at 261. 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 (January 2019) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a year-end balance of $10,504.61.

Respectfully submitted,

George Andreopoulos
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