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, Toronto, Canada, March 27th-30th, 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 a series of co-sponsorship arrangements made by the program co-chairs George Andreopoulos and Stephen Rosow, IDSS increased its allocation by 33%. IDSS had 27 sponsored and co-sponsored panels in Toronto covering a wide range of very critical issue areas. In addition, IDSS once again co-sponsored a reception with the DPLST and ES sections.

ISA Annual Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 25th-28th, 2020
Multiple Identities and Scholarship in a Global IR: One Profession, Many Voices
For the 61st annual convention in Honolulu, our section was originally allocated 17 panels. As a result of co-sponsorship arrangements made by the program co-chairs Anita Weiss and Guilherme Lopes da Cunha, IDSS will sponsor/co-sponsor 36 panels-more than double our original allocation. In addition, IDSS will once again co-sponsor a reception with the DPLST and ES sections.

Best Paper Award
In 2018, IDSS established a best paper award for the best paper presented at an IDSS-sponsored panel during the annual convention. A Committee composed of Anita Weiss (chair), Nikos Zahariadis and Andrei Korobkov reviewed all the submitted papers. The Committee decided to give the Best Paper Award to Berit Bliesemann de Guevara and Roland Kostić for their paper on “Intimate Networks and Conflict Knowledge in Peacebuilding Interventions.” In addition, the Committee gave two Honorable Mention Awards: to Max Steuer for his paper on "Building a Supranational Community Through Constitutional Courts? The Relationship Between Democracy and Integration in Judicial Decision-Making; and to Jessy Abouarab for her paper on The Organizational Longitudinal Cultural Theme Analysis of Lebanon Crisis Response Plan—(LCRP).

The awards will be presented to the winners at the IDSS reception to be held during the 2020 ISA Convention in Honolulu.
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), organized a very successful conference on Regionalist Perspectives on World Order: Challenges and Responses.

The Organizing Committee consisted of: Stephen Rosow (SUNY-Oswego), Nikos Zahariadis (Rhodes College), Jiyeoun Song (Seoul National University) and George Andreopoulos (CUNY-chair). Jennifer Hirst (CUNY) served as the Organizing Committee’s Administrative Assistant.

The conference critically examined regionalist trends in the international community in light of the growing uncertainty about the ‘Liberal International Order’ and the centrifugal tendencies within it. Participants addressed specific regions, singly or comparatively, and the theoretical problematics of regionalism in various substantive fields. The conference program was composed of 22 panels and included 135 participants. The keynote speaker was Prof. Chung-in Moon, Special Advisor to the Republic of Korea President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, who addressed our conference on "Stalled Regionalism in Northeast Asia: Specter of Geopolitics, Nationalism, and Domestic Politics.

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 268. 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 (October 2019) from ISA Headquarters, the section had a balance of $21,309.03.

Respectfully submitted,

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