

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SECTION (IDSS)

BY-LAWS

Article I Name

The organization shall be known as the “Interdisciplinary Studies Section” (IDSS).

Article II Purpose

This section is dedicated to the application of an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of international, transnational, and regional issues, with special emphasis on sources of conflict, patterns of change and continuity, and the development of societies and institutions within the international system. The section encourages innovative research and exploration of paradigms and methodologies in analyzing these complex phenomena. IDSS actively seeks to bring scholars, policy makers, and practitioners together in a cooperative effort to achieve a synergism between divergent disciplines and perspectives.

Article III Membership

1. Full membership shall be accorded an ISA member who pays IDSS dues.
2. IDSS members have the right to elect the chairperson (or President), to participate in IDSS activities, and to receive all IDSS sponsored publications.

Article IV Affiliation

1. IDSS is a section of the International Studies Association and will meet annually with that organization.
2. IDSS maintains a strong interest in establishing ties with other professional organizations with similar purposes.

Article V Organization

1. Decision-making authority on IDSS programs and policies will be vested in all members attending the annual section business meeting.
2. The members present shall elect a chairperson (or President) for IDSS every two years.
3. The members present will set dues, and will adopt and revise, as needed, the by-laws of the section.

Article VI Officers

Ten officers who make up the Executive Council (EC) shall serve the section. The officers will be the Chairperson (or President), and nine EC members. The members of the EC will consult with and advise the Chairperson (or President) on all matters concerning the section.

1. Chairperson (or President)

(a.) The chairperson (or President) shall be responsible for initiating IDSS programs in consultation with other members of the EC. The Chairperson (or President) will also be responsible for fundraising activities. The chairperson (or President) will preside over meetings of the Executive Council and the annual business meeting, prepare an annual report, appoint the members of the Executive Council, and will serve as Program Chair for the Section.

(b.) The outgoing Chairperson (or President) shall be responsible for nominating the next Chairperson (or President).

2. Executive Council

(a.) Members of the EC shall serve in their designated position for a term of two years. One position on the Executive Council shall be filled by the past Chairperson (or President) for the two years following his/her departure from office. Two positions on the EC shall be reserved for IDSS younger scholars and shall be filled on a two-year rotating (non-renewable) basis.

(b.) Senior members of the EC may be appointed as Vice-Presidents for Planning, IDSS Programs, ISA Programs, Sections Relations, Members Relations, and to serve the section in any other capacity that may be determined.

(c.) The members of the EC shall be responsible for liaison and facilitating communication for the section. Their duties include the following:

(1) Liaison and communication with:

- i. The International Studies Association;
- ii. Other professional organizations across disciplines
- iii. Individuals engaged in comparative research across disciplines

(2) Coordination of social activities and publicity at the annual business meeting.

Article VII Amendments

Amendments to this charter may be made by a majority of the IDSS members present at the annual meeting, after endorsement by a two-thirds majority vote of members who respond within four weeks to notification of changes.