

English School Annual Report 2014-2015

Membership

2014 saw a slow growth in numbers for the section. In 2013 the English School section had 154 members while in 2014 this number increased to 177.

Finances

2014 saw a minimal increase in the section's finances. In 2013, the amount of \$3,348.13 was carried forward while in 2014 this amount was \$3,379.13. It is expected that in 2015 this amount will decrease given the section's decision to establish two annual awards with a monetary attachment to them.

2014 ISA Convention

The section sponsored seventeen (17) panels at the 2014 Annual Convention, six (6) of which were part of on-going research projects, and which moved that research along. It was an especially good conference for the English School. There was also the reception poster session, which the presenters thanked us for very much, and which they found very helpful. To this, one should add the book display at the reception where the ISA Guide was presented.

Publications

The big event of the year is the manuscript submission for a special issue of the journal of *Global Discourse*. This special issue is based on a set of papers presented during the ISA Annual Convention at San Francisco. In addition, section members currently work on the preparation of an edited volume based on papers presented during last year's Annual Convention.

Awards

The section decided to establish the following two awards the presentation of which will take place at the ISA Annual Convention in New Orleans:

- The English School Outstanding Research Paper Award
- The English School Award for Outstanding Research Paper by a Younger Scholar

Working Groups and Activities

In an effort to reach out to scholars throughout the world who are interested in the study of international society and facilitate their involvement in its research, publications and conference activities, the section decided to establish the following Working Groups and sub-groups:

- *Working Group on the Institutions of International Society*
- *Working Group on Regional International Societies*
- *Working Group on Solidarism and Pluralism in International Society*

- ***Working Group on the History of International Society***
 - *Historical International Societies Working Sub-group*
 - *The Evolution of International Society Working Sub-group*

The *Working Group on the Institutions of International Society* is currently working on an international organizations project that was initiated last year and which aims to develop a new paradigm for their understanding and study, based on their roles as reproductive agencies for the fundamental institutions of international society.

The *Working Group on the History of International Society* is currently working on the study of historical international societies that have not been investigated in depth or at all by the English School.

The *Working Group on Regional International Societies* just submitted a manuscript for a special issue of the journal of *Global Discourse* the purpose of which is to examine whether regional international societies undermine or strengthen the contemporary global international society.

Committees

In an effort to organize and coordinate the scholarly activities of scholars located in North, Central and South America the section decided to establish *The Committee for the Study of International Society in the Americas*.

To this end, of particular important is the *Workshop on the English School* organized by Jorge Lasmar and which took place at PUK Minas (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) on October 20-21. The workshop included participants (doctoral students and faculty) from various Brazilian universities. Barry Buzan and Yannis Stivachtis were invited and actively participated to this workshop.

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