



ENGLISH SCHOOL (ENGSS) SECTION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the English School section has slightly decreased since last year. Hence the need for section members to continue reaching out to colleagues and ask them to join the section since there are many scholars whose work is associated with or it is relevant to the English School's research agenda.

FINANCES

Despite the section's decision to establish two annual awards with a monetary attachment to them and the decrease in membership numbers, the finances of the English School section for 2016 present an improvement in comparison with last year's numbers (\$3,147.13 vs. \$2,825.13). This improvement is mainly due to careful management of the section's finances. The section wishes to thank Barbara Roberson for effectively handling the section's finances.

ISA CONVENTION

The number of sponsored and co-sponsored panels for the ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta remained almost the same as the numbers during the ISA Convention in New Orleans. However, the number of sponsored and co-sponsored panels for the ISA Annual Convention in Baltimore has increased and this is a very positive development. The section wishes to thank Cornelia Navari for serving as our Program Chair and for putting together a set of excellent panels.

PUBLICATIONS

Individual section members continued to be very productive and have published several articles, books, and edited volumes, such as the one edited by Robert W. Murray and which is entitled *Seeking Order in Anarchy: Multilateralism as State Strategy* (Alberta: The University of Alberta Press, 2016). Currently, Yannis Stivachtis is editing a special issue of the journal of *International Politics* provisionally entitled: *Conceptualizing World Society*. This special issue is based on papers presented during the ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta.

AWARDS

During the 2016 ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta, the section offered two awards:

- *The English School Outstanding Research Paper Award* was given to Jorge Lasmar for his paper entitled "When War Becomes Socially Compliant: The Case of the Global War on Terror."
- *The English School Award for Outstanding Research Paper by a Younger Scholar* was given to Dimitrios Stroikos for his paper entitled: "International Society in Orbit: Reconceptualizing Order on the High Frontier."

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 establish in 2015 the following Working Groups and sub-groups:

- ***Working Group on the Institutions of International Society***
- ***Working Group on Regional International Societies***
- ***Working Group on Solidarity 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*

However, during this past year the Working Groups remained somewhat inactive; a fact that has raised serious concerns about their long-term viability. This is an issue that will be addressed during the sections' business meeting in Baltimore.

OTHER ITEMS

The new English School website has been register, build, and launched. The address is: www.englishschoolir.info

Most of the content has already been transferred from the Leeds ES portal to the new one. There are many gaps that still need to be filled but this is already a very important development. The section wishes to thank Hussein Banai for his invaluable contribution in bringing the new ES website in life.

Last, but not least, Barry Buzan submitted the updated ES bibliography. The section wishes to express their appreciation to Barry Buzan for this great contribution as many scholars consider this bibliography essential to their work.