



ENGLISH SCHOOL (ENGSS) SECTION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first big news for the English School section is the election of its new Executive committee (2018-2020). The new Executive Committee has the following composition:

Section Chair: Jamie Gaskarth, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Birmingham

Section Secretary: Bettina Ahrens, Lecturer, Department of International relations, University of Tübingen

Treasurer: Barbara Allen Roberson, Global Policy Institute

Following the latest developments, the English School section leadership team is as follows:

Chair: Jamie Gaskarth; J.B.Gaskarth@bham.ac.uk

Secretary: Bettina Ahrens; bettina.ahrens@tuebingen.de

Treasurer: Barbara Roberson; roberson@jlroberson.com

Program Chair: Matthew Weinert; mweinert@udel.edu

Awards Committee: Tonny Brems Knudsen, Filippo Costa Buranelli, and Carsten Andreas Schultz

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the English School section has increased considerably over the past year. Currently, the section has 194 members compared to 166 members we had last year. However, section members should still continue reaching out to colleagues and ask them to join the section since there are many more scholars within the ISA framework whose work is associated with or is relevant to the English School's research agenda.

FINANCES

The finances of the English School section for this year (\$4320.13) present an improvement in comparison with last year's numbers (\$3,147.13). This improvement is partly due to careful management of the section's finances and partly due to the decision of last year's awards winners to donate the monetary part of their awards back to the section. The section wishes to express their gratitude for this kind gesture. The section also wishes to thank Barbara Allen Roberson for effectively handling the section's finances.

ISA CONVENTION

Last year, at ISA Baltimore, the ES sponsored and co-sponsored 27 panels, the largest number it has ever sponsored. That was partly due to the theme of 'change' where many sections overlapped--about half of

those panels were co-sponsored. It also indicates, however, that the ES has become well-embedded into the ISA fabric, since many were sent to us for sharing, and Barry Buzan appeared at all the big panels on the theme, representing the English School. This year, for San Francisco, things did not go quite so well at the organising stage. First, in line with the fall in membership, we actually dropped one panel in our allocation, from 12 to 11. Secondly, there was a confusion concerning an 'allowance' for joint sponsorships which made other sections wary of joint sponsoring. Still we did reasonably well, in numbers achieving 20 panels; more importantly, six of those panels will illustrate key theoretical and empirical developments. The section wishes to thank Cornelia Navari and Matthew Weinert for serving as our Program Co-Chairs 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. Of particular importance is the publication of the special issue of the journal of *International Politics* entitled *Conceptualizing World Society*, which has been edited by Yannis Stivachtis. This special issue is based on papers presented during the ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta. Another big news is the deliverer of a manuscript entitled *International Organization in the Anarchical Society: The Institutional Structure of World Order*. This edited volume has been prepared by the members of the *Working Group on International Institutions*. The volume includes thirteen (13) contributions, ten representing the younger members of the section.

AWARDS

During the 2017 ISA Annual Convention in Baltimore, the section offered two awards:

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

During the 2018 ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco, the section will offer three awards:

- *The English School Award for Outstanding Research Paper by A Senior Scholar*;
- *The English School Award for Outstanding Research Paper by a Junior Scholar*; and
- *The English School Award for Outstanding Research Paper by a Graduate Student*

WORKING GROUPS

A new *Working Group on Security & International Society* has been established while some leadership changes have taken place in some of the remaining working groups. As a result of the latest developments, the section's Working groups are composed as follows:

Security and International Society Working Group

Convenor: Laust Schouenborg

Working group on the Institutions of International and World Society

Co-Convenors: Cornelia Navari and Tonny Brems Knudsen

Working Group on Solidarism and Pluralism in International Society

Convenor: Matthew Weinert

Regional International Society Working Group

Convenor: Filippo Costa Buranelli; fc7@st-andrews.ac.uk

History of International Society Working Group

Co-convenors: Yannis Stivachtis and Mauro Caraccioli

OTHER ITEMS

The new English School website has now been active. The address is: www.englishschoolir.info

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.

Both the ES website and ES bibliography will be moved to the University of Tübingen and will be administered by Bettina Ahrens, the section's new Secretary.