



# ENGLISH SCHOOL (ENGSS) SECTION

*2018 ANNUAL REPORT*

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## FULL REPORT

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### MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the English School section has declined slightly over the past year from its high point of 194 members in 2018. Currently, the section has 172 members. However, section members continue to reach 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. This effort has included advertising the ISA section at other conferences and panels, and revamping the section's social media presence (see below).

### FINANCES:

The finances of the English School section for this year (\$3980.95) present a minor reduction from last year's numbers (\$4320.13).

The section also wishes to thank Barbara Allen Roberson for effectively handling the section's finances.

### ISA CONVENTION:

Last year, at ISA San Francisco, the ES sponsored and co-sponsored 20 panels. 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. In 2019, the section has submitted 6 panels, 8 co-sponsored panels and 5 roundtables making 19 panels in total. To nearly match last year's representation constitutes a real achievement and is thanks to the heroic efforts of Matthew Weinert, the program chair.

### PUBLICATIONS

Individual section members continue to be very productive and have published several articles, books, and edited volumes. Of particular importance is the publication of Nicholas Wheeler's landmark volume on *Trusting Enemies: Interpersonal Relationships in International Conflict* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), Barry Buzan and Laust Schouenborg's *Global International Society: A New Framework for Analysis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), Sanna Kopra's *China and Great Power Responsibility for Climate Change*. (London: Routledge, 2019), and Tonny Brems Knudsen and Cornelia Navari's (eds.), *International Relations in the Anarchical Society: The Institutional Structure of World Order* (Basingstoke: Palgrave 2018). The latter originated in an ISA Innovative Panel in 2013 and was carried forward by the working group on the Institutions of International and World Society.

In addition to his chapter in the Knudsen and Navari book, Eero Palmujoki published:

#Institutions, Institutional Practices, and Global Climate Governance: The Case of REDD+'. In Timothy Cadman, Rowena Maguire and Charles Sampford (eds.), *Governing the Climate Change Regime: Institutional Integrity and Integrity System*. Law, Ethics and Governance Series. Oxon and New York: Routledge 2017, 70-92;

Nicolás Terradas published 'The Quest for Order in Anarchical Societies: Anthropological Investigations' in *International Studies Review* (November 2018);

Matthew Weinert published 'Reading World Society Phenomenologically: An Illustration Drawing upon the Cultural Heritage of Humankind' *International Politics*, Vol. 55(1), January 2018: pp. 26-40.

Filippo Costa Buranelli published the following:

'Spheres of influence as negotiated hegemony – the case of Central Asia' *Geopolitics*. 23, 2, 2018, pp.378-403.

'The Heartland of IR Theory - Central Asia as an International Society between Realism and Liberalism' in Isaacs, R. & Frigerio, A. (eds.). *Theorising Central Asia*. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

'World society as a shared ethnos and the limits of world society in Central Asia' *International Politics*, 55, 1, Jan 2018, pp.57-72.

Yannis Stivachtis (with Aaron McKeil) edited a special issue of the journal of *International Politics* entitled *Conceptualizing World Society* (Vol. 9, issue 1, January 2018, pp. 1-140).

This is just a flavour of the numerous articles and book produced in 2018 by section members.

## AWARDS

During the 2018 ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco, the section offered 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
- Distinguished scholar award.

After judging the submissions, it was decided not to award the graduate paper. Winners of the above categories will be announced in 2019.

## WORKING GROUPS

A new working group was proposed and accepted, entitled 'Foreign Policy Working Group', led by Nicolás Terradas, Balkan Devlen and Onur Erpul. The section's other 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

### **History of International Society Working Group**

Co-convenors: Yannis Stivachtis and Mauro Caraccioli

Laust Schouenborg and Nicholas Wheeler arranged a workshop at the University of Birmingham on 15 May 2018, with the participation of a number of section members. Its aims were:

1. To ponder the link between the English School (ES) and International Security Studies (ISS) based on Williams' and Buzan's interventions and our own and others' work.
2. To think more systematically and strategically about a list of priorities for English School security research and a potential division of labour between English School scholars.

A summary of the discussion is available on the section website.

## OTHER ITEMS

The English School website is being updated to better reflect the current work of the section. The address is: [www.englishschoolir.info](http://www.englishschoolir.info). The section wishes to thank Bettina Ahrens for all her hard work in this regard. The section also has a twitter address: @EnglSchool\_ISA.

Lastly, the section has endeavoured to increase its presence at other conferences. There was a heavy English School presence at BISA in Bath and a number of panels at the EISA in Prague in September 2018. At least three panels for the forthcoming BISA conference in London in 2019 have been submitted and the aim is to increase the section's presence in the Global South in 2019/20.