

## **Annual Report 2011**

### **English School Section**

#### **Section/caucus membership**

Membership has grown from 25 at the Section's initiation to 143 at last count.

Sixteen panel places were allocated to the ES section for the San Diego Conference, nearly twice its allocation of two years previously, all of which were taken up, and one more was requested, which was granted. Among these, the section will be joint sponsoring eight panels. It will also be manning three poster sessions.

#### **Finances**

At present, the Section has a balance of \$4295 on account. It has regularly been given some \$1400 from *Keesings Contemporary Archives* for its reception and raises about \$500 per year from membership subscriptions.

Since the section is small, it has been agreed to let the Section's money collect. Future plans include financing a small study group. Currently, money is used for the annual reception, and fairly generously. The ES reception is shared with Diplomacy and Interdisciplinary Studies. It is held on the first day of the conference, acts as a welcome to the conference and has gained a reputation for being a good one.

#### **Awards**

The English School was proud to sponsor a distinguished scholar panel for Barry Buzan at the 2011 conference, and an award was given to Professor Buzan for his service to the English School.

English School section member, Professor Andrew Hurrell won the annual book prize for 2011 for his *On Global Order* (OUP, 2007).

#### **Activities during 2011**

The major activity, besides organizing a bumper crop of panels, has been preparing for the ISA English School study guide. Seven new chapters were commissioned and are in the course of preparation, and the formal proposal has been submitted to Robert Denmark to forward to Wiley. The new volume will cover all the major aspects of the English School approach. This is an exciting project

In addition, section member Molly Cochran and section head Cornelia Navari have begun a joint project on *Progressivism at Bay: American Thinkers on War and Peace during the Interwar Period*, which is in essence a Section project. Eight chapters have so far been

commissioned, from both sides of the Atlantic. The focus is on the major thinkers who either challenged the progressivist agenda or whose own progressive views were altered, by the war itself or by the other crises of the period. A panel on this subject has been accepted for the BISA/ISA conference in Edinburgh in June 2012.

*Politics and Ethics; Arguments from the Middle Ground* was initiated at the ISA conference in 2010 and carried forward at Montreal and at the Stockholm Conference. It has been sent out for publisher's approval, under the editorship of section head Cornelia Navari.

### **Contribution of the English School Section to the ISA**

ISA membership has given the English School the opportunity to enhance its profile and refine its disciplinary tools. In return, it has given ISA members a venue for the airing of historical studies on the development of international institutions, the evolution of internationalist thought, legal developments, and contemporary developments in thought and practice.

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