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ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM, & MIGRATION SECTION (ENMISA)

TO: International Studies Association Governing Council

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RE: Activities, awards, leadership, membership, and finance

This annual report of the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section (ENMISA) captures the activities for the period 2014-2015.

• **Annual Conference Program Contributions:**

The ENMISA section of the 2015 annual conference program was organized by program chair Nikolaos Biziouras, United States Naval Academy. ENMISA successfully stretched its original panel quota with numerous co-sponsorships. The initial ENMISA quota was 35 panels, through co-sponsorships with other sections we stretched it to 51 panels. A total of 16 panels were co-sponsored. We had 40 panels in 2014, this year we increased it to 51 panels.

• **Martin O. Heisler Graduate Student Paper Award:**

ENMISA annually gives an award to the best paper written and presented by a graduate student at the previous ISA annual conference. The 2015 committee included Bill Ayres (Chair), Wright State University; Ozgur Ozdamar, Bilkent University; and Daniel Naujoks, UNDP; and the committee decided to grant the Martin Heisler Award to Jonathan Blake for his paper “Ethnic Elites and Rituals of Provocation: Pastors, Politicians, and Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland”. Blake’s paper addresses an important question in the dynamics of ethnic conflict, in particular with regards to symbolic provocation and the different roles that elites play in both escalation and de-escalation of such provocative acts. He brings original survey data to bear on this question, illuminating differences among elites that can often be obscured by higher-level theories. Jonathan Blake receives a check, certificate, and a one-year ENMISA membership.

• **ENMISA Book Award:**

This year a total of 18 books were submitted to the Book Award Committee, which was composed of: Phil Orchard (Chair), University of Queensland; Maria Koinova, Warwick University; and Kumiko Haba, Aoyama Gakuin University. The award will be presented by ENMISA at the ISA Annual Convention in New Orleans, February 18-21, 2015.

This year the Distinguished Book Award goes to Joseph H. Carens, *The Ethics of Immigration* (Oxford). The Honourable Mention is Lara J. Nettelfield and Sarah E. Wagner, *Srebrenica in the Aftermath of Genocide* (Cambridge). Each of these choices were unanimously approved.

The Ethics of Immigration is a reasoned engagement with the essential question of how liberal

democratic societies should respond to immigration. Rooted both in the empirical reality of current immigration policies and in normative theory, Dr. Carens makes the case not only that immigration policy needs to be reformed, but that support for liberal values requires a significant commitment to open borders at the international, and not just national, level. In so doing, Dr. Carens has helped to create a lasting and original work which sets the standard in responding to an important challenge.

While many of the other books were excellent and worthy of recognition, the Committee recognized one in particular of deserving an Honourable Mention. In *Srebrenica in the Aftermath of Genocide*, Lara J. Nettelfield and Sarah E. Wagner focus on the long-term effects of the failure of the UN to protect the Srebrenica safe area from genocide in 1995. The book uses an interdisciplinary approach and a range of methods to explore how Srebrenica has been memorialized by survivors and their families in Bosnia and beyond, by local and national governments, and by the international community.

• **ENMISA Distinguished Scholar Award:**

ENMISA annually recognizes a scholar who has achieved high distinction in scholarship and service to the field with its Distinguished Scholar Award. The 2015 committee was composed of Rey Koslowski (Chair), SUNY, University at Albany; Hans Schattle, Yonsei University; and Jonathan Acuff, Francis Marion University; and they recognized Saskia Sassen of Columbia University as the 2015 ENMISA Distinguished Scholar.

• **Reception at the Annual Conference:**

For several years, ENMISA has co-sponsored a reception at the Annual Conference. For the 2015 reception in New Orleans we actively co-sponsored with several sections; Human Rights (HR), International Law (ILAW), and International Organization (IO), with the Academic Council on UN Systems (ACUNS); publishers; Routledge, Taylor and Francis, Keesing's World News Archive, Oxford University Press Journals, Lynne Rienner Publishers, and Ohio University Press; academic centers, Center for International Studies (University of Southern California), and The Hague Institute for Global Justice.

• **Sponsorship at the Annual Conference:**

We reversed a recent trend in lack of outside sponsorship funds being raised by our section. Kamal Sadiq coordinated with Human Rights, International Law and International Organization sections to raise funds for our 2015 reception. We brought in \$1150 from Routledge-Taylor Francis, \$350 from Oxford University Press, \$1075 from Keesing's World News Archive, \$500 from the Academic Council of the United Nations, \$100 from Ohio University Press, \$300 from Lynne Rienner Publishers, \$500 from Center for International Studies (University of Southern California), and \$1000 from The Hague Institute for Global Justice.

The total sponsored funds deposited to ENMISA (one behalf of ENMISA and co-sponsoring sections) for the 2015 reception were \$4975. ENMISA has to carry on this fund raising momentum in the coming years.

- **ENMISA Budget**

The budget for the section is showing dynamism and positive growth in the last two years. The balance at the beginning of 2013 was \$6,548.41 (January, 2013) and by the end of the year was \$8,710.63 (December 31, 2013). In January 2014 we had a balance of \$8,777.63 and by December 31, 2014 the balance had grown to \$10,552.02. The positive balance is a result of our active fund raising and rising membership dues. Another way to see this trend in our balance:

January 2012 (\$5,295), January 2013 (\$6,550), January 2014 (\$8,778), January 2015 (\$10,550).

As for annual expenditures, ENMISA spent approximately \$3,500 in 2012, \$3,700 in 2013, and 4,800 in 2014. Yearly income for the last fiscal year was \$1,581 in dues and \$4,975 in sponsorship for the ENMISA, IO, ILAW & HR Joint Reception, totaling \$6,556. The ENMISA contribution for the reception in New Orleans was \$600. Notably, we raised a total of \$4975 from sponsors for our reception. In general, ENMISA spends money on the same things every year—co-sponsorship of the reception, a graduate student paper award, plaques for the book and distinguished scholar awards. These types of expenditures will not post until after the annual 2015 convention due to the fact that it takes time to reconcile the final convention bills.

ENMISA's budget is healthy. To bring this about, during my two year term (2013-2015), three measures were adopted: 1) we stopped paying for the informal breakfast of the Executive Committee at annual conferences. 2) we increased efforts at raising funds for the section, including the annual reception. 3) we reached out to younger scholars to increase our membership and income from dues.

- **Membership History for ENMISA (ISA Figures, November 2014):**

2005 = 123
2006 = 147
2007 = 174
2008 = 211
2009 = 273
2010 = 303
2011 = 318
2012 = 331
2013 = 366
2014 = 360
2015 = 389

I am delighted to report that there has been a large jump in membership from 360 in 2014 to 389 this year (2015). The section had experienced a minor drop in Toronto due to technical glitches and other factors, and we had made it a priority to raise the membership numbers in 2015. Our efforts paid off, thus ensuring the continued long-term growth of the section. I expect us to cross the 400 member mark very soon.

• **Elections:**

ENMISA is conducting its next round of elections in 2015, in which they will select a whole new slate of officers, including a new Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and two Members-at-Large. This ensures continuity in leadership. Former ENMISA Chair, William R. Ayres (Wright State University) agreed to conduct the elections. Kamal Sadiq and Nukhet Sandal worked together to find active ENMISA members willing to volunteer for service positions. The current slate of officers will have 2-year terms beginning 2015.

Section Leadership:

Kamal Sadiq, Chair, 2013-2015

Nukhet Sandal, Chair, 2015-2017