The FPA section held its annual business meeting in Atlanta on March 18, 2016. Elections produced a new leadership group, which included Dursun Peksen (President), Brian Lai (VP and Section Program Chair for Baltimore), Officers-at-Large Adrianna Boersner-Herrera, Sibel Oktay, and Leslie Wehner, and Past President Klaus Brummer.

The FPA section sponsored or co-sponsored over 100 panels and roundtables at the 2016 annual convention. Officer-at-large Leslie Wehner chaired the Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award competition, which chose Jin Mun Jeong of University of Missouri as the 2016 winner for his paper titled “Financial Sanctions: A Better Tool to Protect Innocent Civilians.” Professor Cameron Thies (Arizona State University) was honored as Distinguished Scholar at a special roundtable. Professor Thies was also honored at our annual reception, which was co-sponsored by Scientific Study of International Processes Section (SSIP) and the Political Demography and Geography Section (PDG). The reception was funded by donations from several partner groups and publishers, as well as by the sections. The reception was quite successful, and we hope to work with SSIP and PDG again in the future.

Marijke Breuning (University of North Texas) will be honored as Distinguished Scholar at a roundtable and the reception co-sponsored by SSIP and PDG at the 2017 annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. We will also hold elections at our annual business meeting, where Brian Lai will take over as Section President through the 2018 convention in San Diego, CA.

The FPA section currently has 967 members, up from 941 the previous year. Our section is still the second largest section. Our financial account has a balance of $20,988.48 as of October 25, 2016.