Membership
FTGS membership in January 2013 stood at 358 (2012: 315). Since 2005, we have seen a steady increase amounting to 72 percent over the last eight years. This is in line with the membership increase of ISA membership as a whole (74%).

Finances
Our financial balance on December 31, 2012 was $6,264 (compared to $5,836 in December 2011). The Section has two major expenditures annually, its graduate student paper ($ 500) and the reception at the convention. The later has been sponsored largely through contributions from publishers. Fundraising for the 2013 reception at the ISA conference, co-sponsored by the Women’s Caucus and by the LGBTQA Caucus, has generated $2550 in commitments from the following:

Cambridge U. Press (Politics & Gender) $1000
Ashgate (Gender in a Local/Global World) 500
Taylor & Francis (IFJP) 500
Oxford University Press 250
Lynne Rienner 300

Total $2550

In addition to these pledges, both FTGS and the Women’s Caucus will be contributing $500 each to the reception, and the LGBTQA Caucus will add another $200, for a total of $3750.

Graduate Student Paper Award
FTGS issued a call for nominations for our Graduate Student Paper Award during the summer of 2012. A selection committee consisting of Natalie Hudson (chair), Laura Parisi, Celeste Montoya, and Juanita Elias received and reviewed five papers and selected as winner Megan Daigle of Aberystwyth University for her paper "Writing ‘Prostitute’ Lives: Researching Dissident Sexualities in Contemporary Cuba". A check of $500 will be presented at the FTGS/WC/LGBTQA reception in San Francisco. In addition, the paper is receiving an external review by the International Feminist Journal of Politics.

Eminent Scholar
The Section will honor Marysia Zalewski as Eminent Scholar in 2013 for her outstanding scholarship, service and mentoring. An eminent scholar committee consisting of Susanne Zwingel (chair), Elisabeth Prügl, Catia Confortini, Nikki Detraz, and Soumita Basu consulted with the FTGS executive committee, considered a number of nominations and chose Professor Zalewski as honoree. An Eminent Scholar panel chaired by Zwingel and including Soumita Basu, Cynthia Enloe, Helen
Kinsella, Spike Peterson, Jindy Pettman, Anne Runyan, Laura Shepherd, and Nick Vaughan-Williams will celebrate Professor Zalewski’s accomplishments at the ISA meeting in San Francisco. At the following joint reception, the Section’s Eminent Scholar Award will be presented to her.

**Communication**
The communications committee, consisting of Annick Wibben (chair), Janni Aragon, Juanita Elias, and Nikki Detraz enabled a high level of connectivity among our Section members and between FTGS and ISA as a whole. Important services provided by the communications committee are the maintenance of the Section’s website, including the update of section news and the advertisement of section members’ publications via the FTGS publications blog (http://ftgsresearch.blogspot.com/), maintenance of the section’s listserv and a facebook site, and communication of section news to ISA headquarters.

**Nominations**
A nominations committee consisting of Gülay Caglar (chair), Catia Confortini, Juanita Elias, and Annick Wibben put together a slate of candidates to be elected into the new FTGS leadership team at the ISA meeting in San Francisco. The sheet of candidates is attached.

**Mentoring**
The mentoring committee (Arlene Sgoutas (chair), Gülay Caglar, Catia Confortini, Caitlin Ryan, and Carrie Reilling) has worked on a number of ideas to mentor beginning academics. One initiative at the 2013 meeting will be a “buddy system” of a junior/senior pairing that could be a welcoming and non-threatening way for students to adjust to their first ISA experience. Another project is the “First Time ISA Guide” to be distributed at the 2013 convention and the early distribution of the FTGS green stickers on name tags to identify members of the Section. At last year’s meeting, the mentoring committee had offered a roundtable titled “Mentoring from the margins: Building relationships that matter” together with WCIS, the Status of Women Committee, the Diversity Committee, the Professional Development Committee, the LGBTQA Caucus and the Global South Caucus.

**Environmental Issues**
The Committee on Environmental Issues consisting of Susanne Zwingel and Megan MacKenzie made a number of suggestions to ISA headquarters and, via the ISA newsletter, to ISA members in regard to continuing efforts to reduce ISA’s ecological footprint, especially as created in the context of the annual meetings.

**Charter changes**
The Charter changes committee consisting of Susanne Zwingel (chair), Elisabeth Prügl, Soumita Basu, Laura Parisi, and Catia Confortini revised the Section’s Charter in light of changing Section practices and with a view to introduce electronic voting. The draft of the new Charter will be presented to the membership at the 2013 business meeting for consideration and adoption.
**Ethics Committee**
The Ethics committee chaired by Megan McKenzie (additional members: Jacqui True, Arlene Sgoutas, Natalie Hudson and Annick Wibben) worked on a proposal for an Ethics committee for our section with a focus on raising and discussing issues of professional integrity. This proposal will be presented to the membership at the 2013 business meeting for consideration and adoption.

**Additional Awards**
The Executive Committee has further discussed to establish one or two new Section awards, one for early career achievements, the other for an outstanding book in the field of feminism and IR. Proposals for the scope of these awards will be presented at the 2013 business meeting.

**Conference Program for ISA 2013**
Nikki Detraz, the Section’s Program Chair for the 2013 ISA conference, went through a fascinating process of reviewing paper and panel submissions by today’s feminist IR scholars. She is thankful for the help that Megan MacKenzie (our Section’s past program chair) offered her in this endeavor. FTGS received 164 paper submissions, 25 panel submissions, and 15 roundtable submissions across the two rounds. We successfully placed 40 panels on the final program, largely through actively seeking co-sponsorship. We were allocated 26 panels, therefore co-sponsorship was a great way to get more feminist work into the final program.
The initial rejection rate for papers was 16%, for panels 13%, and for roundtables 20%. This is below the overall ISA rejection rate of 35%.
The FTGS communication channels, like our Facebook page, were a helpful way to publicize our call for papers and requests for panel chairs and discussants. These are likely to be useful tools for future Program Chairs.

**PSS- ISA conference**
One FTGS-sponsored panel was submitted to the PSS-ISA conference in Budapest in 2013. It was accepted by the program chairs.

**Leadership**
The FTGS executive committee for 2012/13 consisted of the following:

Susanne Zwingel, chair  
Elisabeth Prügl, past-chair  
Laura Parisi, incoming chair  
Nicole Detraz, program chair  
Megan MacKenzie, past program chair  
Catia Confortini, incoming program chair

At large members:  
Gülay Caglar, Arlene Sgoutas, Annick Wibben, Soumita Basu, Juanita Elias, Celeste Montoya
Student members:
Caitlin Ryan

Volunteers:
Janni Aragon (Communications)
Natalie Hudson (Graduate Student Paper, Chair; Charter Changes)
Carrie Reiling (Mentoring)
Jacqui True (Ethics)