MEMBERSHIP
FTGS Membership in November 2015 stood at 466 (2015:457). This continues the trend of a steadily rising membership since 2005, when the section had 101 members.

FINANCES
The FTGS financial balance on December 1, 2015 was $12,497.25 (as compared to $4,249.44 in November 2014). However, this did not include reception fundraising, our major annual expense (which is detailed below). In addition to the reception, the other major expense of the section is the graduate student paper award ($500).

Fundraising for the 2015 joint FTGS/ WCIS/ LGBTQA reception has generated $5325.00 through the generosity of the following sponsors:

- International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP) $1000
- Lynne Rienner Publishers $500
- University of St Andrews $500
- University of Southern California $500
- Wellesley $500
- Wake Forest University $500
- UNSW $500
- Dominican $300
- Routledge $425
- University of Sydney $300
- Loyola Marymont University $300

Sponsor Total: $5325

Co-sponsoring Section Allocation (after a review of their budgets both WCIS and LGBTQA Caucus increased their allocation this year)

- FTGS $600
- WCIS $1000
- LGBTQA $600

Section Total: $2200

Total 2016 Reception funds: $7525
[Actual 2016 Reception cost: $7422]
GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD
The 2016 FTGS Graduate Student Paper Award panel was comprised of Thomas Gregory, Heidi Hudson, and Laura Shepherd (chair). The committee issued a call for nominations in the summer of 2015, following the ISA conference. It received six nominations and ranked these using the criteria of originality and significance, rigour and relevance. The committee decided that the award should go to Nicole Sunday Grove, formerly of Johns Hopkins University and now at University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, for her paper titled ‘The Cartographic Ambiguities of HarassMap: Crowdmapping Security and Sexual Violence in Egypt’. Nicole will be awarded with the prize of $500 at the joint FTGS/ WCIS/ LGBTQA reception in Atlanta. (Normally, the winning paper would be reviewed for publication in International Feminist Journal of Politics but Nicole's paper has already been published in Security Dialogue.)

EMINENT SCHOLAR AWARD COMMITTEE
The committee selecting the 2015 Eminent Scholar, Annick Wibben, Natalie Hudson, Annica Kronsell, Megan MacKenzie, Laura Shepherd, and Caron Gentry (chair), sent out a call for nominations in April 2015 and received four complete nominations. After careful consideration, the committee selected Cynthia Weber of the University of Sussex, as the 2016 FTGS Eminent Scholar Honoree. Laura Sjoberg and Caron Gentry will chair a panel honoring Cindy’s work at the 2016 ISA conference in Atlanta with Rahul Rao, L.H.M. Ling, and Eric Selbin.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR ISA 2016
As of October 2015, our program chair, Natalie Florea Hudson, reports that for first choice submissions we had a total of 129 papers, 16 panels, and 16 roundtables. At finalization we have 72 panels/roundtables including the eminent scholar panel and the FTGS townhall meeting. Of these 72, we sponsored 13 roundtables and 59 panels. Of the 59 panels, 21 (or approx. 36%) represent proposed panels and 38 (approx. 64%) represent panels put together from individual paper submissions. Of the panels/roundtables, 25 are sponsored by one other section/caucus; 18 are sponsored by two sections/caucuses; 9 are sponsored by three other sections/caucuses, and 2 are sponsored by 4 other sections/caucuses. 18 panels are entirely sponsored by FTGS. At this point, no panels have collapsed. We have 4 panels/roundtables as backups.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
The communications committee has been doing maintenance this year. Comprised of Cai Wilkinson, Annick Wibben, Stephanie Sitzani, Saara Särmä, Akanksha Mehta, and Nicki Detraz, the committee has been working on revised guidelines for Facebook and Twitter, but this is still in progress (actually transitioning to new rules is an issue), as well as maintaining the listserv, social media presence (Facebook and Twitter), the publications blog and coordinating with ISA to get announcements and the new FTGS newsletter than went out a couple of months ago. FTGS’s Twitter presence during ISA was very strong: @FTGS was the third most active account after Annick and Raul Pacheco-Vega (see https://bretterblog.wordpress.com/2015/03/04/isa2015-as-it-happened-on-twitter/). Our volunteers, Saara Särmä and Nicki Detraz, have been invaluable in keeping the blog and social media updated.
BOOK PRIZE COMMITTEE

In 2015 FTGS inaugurated its Book Prize to honor “a book published in the preceding two calendar years that exceeds in originality, impact, and rigor toward furthering feminist theory and gender studies within the discipline of international relations.” We received a total of ten nominations for books published in 2013 & 2014 and went through several rounds of deliberation to rank the books. After deciding on four finalists, the committee decided to honor Maria Eriksson Baaz & Maria Stern's *Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War? Perceptions, Prescriptions, Problems in the Congo and Beyond* (Zed Books, 2013) with the 2015 FTGS Book Prize.

The other finalists were Marjaana Jauhola’s *Post-Tsunami Reconstruction in Indonesia: Negotiating Normativity through Gender Mainstreaming Initiatives in Aceh* (Routledge, 2013); Angela McCracken’s *The Beauty Trade: Youth, Gender and Fashion Globalization* (Oxford University Press, 2014); Laura Sjoberg’s *Gendering Global Conflict: Toward A Feminist Theory of War* (Columbia University Press, 2013).

The 2015 FTGS Book Prize Committee consisted of Zehra Arat (University of Connecticut, US), Juanita Elias (University of Warwick, UK), Helen Kinsella (University of Wisconsin, US), Spike Peterson (University of Arizona, US) and was chaired by Annick Wibben (University of San Francisco, US)

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES

After the FTGS Business Meeting in 2014, the early career/young scholar award committee, Maya Eichler (chair), Laura Shepherd, Megan MacKenzie, and Thomas Gregory, was asked to reconsider the purpose of the prize and how they were defining ‘early career’ and whether this emphasized scholarship over other forms of service. In September, Maya Eichler reported with a newly detailed description that we will be bringing to the business meeting. The description of the award currently reads:

This award recognizes an early career FTGS scholar for innovative and outstanding community engagement. The ‘community’ can include the traditional academic realms of research, teaching, and service and/or the broader policy or activist realms. This award will be given once a year and announced at the FTGS meeting at the Annual Convention. The recipient of the award will be determined by an award committee of three FTGS members. The award will consist of a plaque or certificate honoring the recipient and a $500 check. Nomination requirements include a letter speaking to the contributions of the candidate and the nominee’s curriculum vitae.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The nominations process is still on-going at the time of this report. The call for nominations was issued in mid-October and the deadline is early December. The committee is being led by Annika Bergman Rosamund.

LEADERSHIP

The FTGS Executive Committee for 2015/16 consisted of the following members (with terms served in parentheses):
Section Chair (three year term):
Annick T R Wibben, University of San Francisco, USA (2013-16)
Caron Gentry, University of St Andrews, UK (2014-17)
Megan MacKenzie, University of Sydney, Australia (2015-18)

Program Chair (three year term):
Annica Kronsell, Lund University, Sweden (2013-16)
Natalie Florea Hudson, University of Dayton, USA (2014-17)
Laura Shepherd, University of New South Wales, Australia (2015-18)

Members-at-Large (two year term):
Tom Gregory, University of Auckland, Australia (2015-17)
Helen Kinsella, University of Wisconsin, Madison (2015-17)
Annika Bergman Rosamond, Lund University, Sweden (2015-17)
Maya Eichler, Mount Saint Vincent University, Canada (2014-2016)
Heidi Hudson, University of the Free State, South Africa (2014-2016)
Cai Wilkinson, Deakin University, Australia (2014-2016)

Graduate Student Members (one year terms):
Akanksha Mehta, SOAS, UK (2015-16)
Stephanie Szitanyi, Rutgers University, USA (2015-16)

Volunteers
Juanita Elias, Warwick University, UK
Nikki Detraz, University of Memphis, USA
Sheira Malik, DePaul University, USA
Saara Särmä, University of Tampere, Finland
Saskia Stachowitsch, University of Vienna, Austria