MEMBERSHIP

In December 2017, FTGS membership stood at 516 (up from 473 in 2016). This continues the trend of steady membership growth since 2005 when the section had 101 members.

FINANCES

The FTGS financial balance as of October 31, 2017 was $20,834.25 (as compared to $19,724.25 in December 2016). Growth in our budget comes from increased membership this past year as well as fundraising for the 2018 joint reception at the Annual Convention. In addition to the reception, our major expenses are the graduate student paper ($500) and the early career award for community engagement ($500).

Fundraising for the 2018 joint FTGS/WCIS/LGBTQA reception has generated approximately $4000 through the generosity of the following sponsors:

Lynne Rienner Publishers $500
The Department of Government and IR, University of Sydney $800
International Feminist Journal of Politics, Routledge, Taylor & Francis $1200
The Human Rights Studies Program, University of Dayton $300
College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office, University of San Francisco $300
Department of Politics, University of Sheffield $200
PAIS, University of Warwick £400
College of Arts and Sciences, Simmons College $300

Sponsoring Total $4000

FTGS, WCIS and LGBTQA Caucus contributed to the cost of the reception:

FTGS $1500
WCIS $750
LGBTQA $750
Section Total $3000

Total 2018 Reception Budget: $7000 (compared to $6955 spent in 2017)
REPORT ON 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM:

Submission statistics:

1. In terms of first choice, 154 individual papers were submitted to FTGS, along with 24 panels (20 of which were accepted) and 15 roundtables (14 of which were accepted).
   a. Submissions were up in each category compared to last year. Panel submissions were up from 19 to 24. Roundtable submissions were up from 12 to 15. Individual paper submissions were up from 127 to 154.
2. FTGS received an allocation of 40 panels for (compared to 39 in 2017). With co-sponsorship, we were able to create and contribute to 74 panels/roundtables.
   a. We sponsored a total of 12 independent panels.
   b. In addition, we were able to develop co-sponsoring relationship with 23 other sections. FTGS panels were co-sponsored by:
      
      Active Learning: 1  
      Environmental Studies: 1  
      Foreign Policy Analysis: 2  
      Global Development: 14  
      Global Health: 5  
      Global South: 2  
      Human Rights: 10  
      Intelligence: 1  
      International Communication: 2  
      International Education: 1  
      International Ethics: 5  
      International Organizations: 1  
      International Political Economy: 1  
      International Political Sociology: 9  
      International Security Studies: 5  
      LGBTQA Caucus: 8  
      Peace Studies: 3  
      Political Demography/Geography: 2  
      Religion and International Relations: 1  
      Science, technology, art: 7  
      Theory: 1  
      Women's Caucus: 14  
      THEME PANEL: Power of Rules: 3

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Alexis Leanna Henshaw was the chair of the FTGS Graduate Student Paper Award Committee. The committee evaluated papers against the criteria of originality and significant, rigor and relevance. The committee decided the award should go to Heidi Reily’s paper “Male Collective Identity in the People's Liberation Army of Nepal.” Heidi will be awarded with the prize of $500 at the joint FTGS/WCIS/LGBTQA
reception in San Francisco on Wednesday April 4 at 7:30. The paper will also be reviewed for publication in the *International Journal of Feminist Politics*. The committee also decided to award an honorable mention to Rebecca Wilson’s paper, “Sugar, Spice and Everything Nice? Violent Women as Moral Agents and the Witch of Uganda.”

**Eminent Scholar Award**

The Eminent Scholar Committee consisted of Natalie Florea Hudson (chair), Megan MacKenzie, Mary Manjikian, Denise Horn and Roberta Guerrina. The committee sent out a call for nominations in April 2017 and received two strong nominations before the May 13th deadline. After careful consideration, the committee selected L.H.M. Ling of The New School. L.H.M. Ling will be honored at a distinguished scholar panel in San Francisco on Wednesday, April 4 at 4pm.

**Early Career Award for Community Engagement**

This was the second year that FTGS offered the Early Career Award for Community Engagement. The committee consisted of Paul Kirby (chair), Megan MacKenzie, Tom Gregory, Jamie Hagen and Sam Cook. The committee sent out a call in June with an August 1, 2016 deadline. Paul Kirby recused himself from the vote, as he knew one of the nominees. The committee unanimously selected a team of scholars who constitute the co-organizers of the ‘Stop the Arms Fairs: Conference at the Gates’ 2015 and 2017: Mx. LucasDonna Hedlund, Dr. Aggie Hirst and Dr. Christ Rossdale. This team of scholars will be recognized at the FTGS Town Hall on Wednesday April 4 at 1:45pm in San Francisco.

**FTGS Book Award**

The FTGS Book Award Committee consisted of Megan MacKenzie (co-chair), Peace Medie (co-chair), Natalie Florea Hudson, Laura Shepherd, and Catherine Eschle. The call for nominations went out in April and the committee received five very strong nominations in May. After careful consideration of each book in terms of originality, impact and rigor towards furthering feminist theory and gender studies in the field of IR, the committee selected Dara Kay Cohen’s book *Rape During Civil War* (Cornell University Press, 2016). Dara will be recognized at the joint FTGS/WCIS/LGBTQA reception in San Francisco on Wednesday April 4 at 7:30pm.

**Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee has begun to solicit nominations for the 2018-2019 leadership team. The committee consists of Catherine Eschle, Denise Horn, Saara Sarma, Sam Cook and Roberta Guerrinna.

**Leadership**

The FTGS Executive Committee for 2017-2018 consisted of the following members, with terms served indicated in parentheses:

*Section Chair (three-year term):*

Megan MacKenzie, University of Sydney, Australia (2015-2018)
Denise Horn, Simmons College, US, (2017-2020)
Program Chair (three-year term):
Laura Shepherd, University of Sydney, Australia (2015-2018)
Mary Manjikian, Regent University, US (2016-2019)
Roberta Guerrina, University of Surrey, UK (2017-2020)

Members at large (two-year terms):
Ali Bilgic, Loughborough University, UK (2016-2018)
Alexis Henshaw, Bucknell University, US (2016-2018)
Saara Särmä, University of Tampere, Finland (2016-2018)
Paul Kirby, LSE, UK (2017-2019)
Catherine Eschle, University of Strathclyde, UK (2017-2019)

Graduate Student Members (one-year term):
Sam Cook, University of California, Santa Cruz, US (2017-2018)
Alba Rosa Boer Cueva, University of New South Wales, Australia (2017-2018)
Jamie Hagen, University of Massachusetts, US (2017-2018)

Important Ongoing Initiatives
1. New FTGS Website – The Communication Committee, chaired by Ali Bilgic and Paul Kirby, led the development and launch of *Gendering World Politics* at [https://genderingworldpolitics.com/](https://genderingworldpolitics.com/). The website engages FTGS members in the areas of research, pedagogy, activism, ISA and section news. The section hopes the website will enable better communication and sharing of resources for FTGS members as well as some enhanced coordination with FTGS social media outlets. All members are encouraged to submit ideas for the website and to follow FTGS on Twitter at @ftgs_isa.

2. FTGS remains an active member of the Coordinating Committee for *Challenging Systemic Oppressions at ISA and Beyond*. For the second year in a row, this thematic series has contributed to the creation of 10 panels at the Annual Convention aimed at moving beyond talk to identifying solutions to systemic oppressions with ISA, our disciplines and the academy as a whole.