FULL REPORT

The Global Development Section draws together scholars broadly concerned with development and global justice working across a number of fields, for example, postcolonial studies, development studies, critical political economy, critical security studies, social and political theory, history, sociology, gender studies, and public policy. Whilst no one seems to recall the exact year in which the section was founded, it has continued to flourish for at least two decades.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

GDS membership currently stands at 609, up from last year at 572. Our reported financial balance in November 2018 was $17,477.12. The Section also receives sponsorship from the journal Third World Quarterly for its annual reception through Taylor and Francis.

AWARDS

The section makes two annual awards currently.

The GDS Book Award recognises a book which falls within the interests of the section. The 2018 winner of this award goes to:


We Honorary Mentions:


The Edward Said Award was established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding Graduate Research. The 2018 winner of this award has since been published:

ISA 2019 Program

The GDS continues to have a strong presence on the program for the Annual Convention. For 2019 we will sponsor 97 panels, built up from our allocation of 52 through collaboration with 19 other Sections/Caucuses. The Section Program Chair is very grateful for the strong collaborative spirit shown by colleagues in the other sections.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Nancy Fraser as our Eminent Scholar for 2019. Professor Fraser is Loeb Professor of Philosophy and Politics at the New School for Social Research, Einstein Fellow of the city of Berlin, and holder of the “Global Justice” Chair at the Collège d’études mondiales in Paris. We meet to celebrate her highly influential work on questions of political economy, feminism and labor.

This year will be the 3rd GDS Annual Roundtable, on the theme of ‘Planetary Futures, Developmental Pasts, and the Ongoing Colonial Climate’.

We have also established a new collaboration with the Global South Caucus (Saturday, 8.15-10.00), which is this year a roundtable titled ‘Does the Global South need Decolonial/Postcolonial Theory? A Debate’.

Online

The GDS Social Media Committee continues to be active and is currently exploring ways of providing collaborative platforms for teaching material.

GDS Officers

The 2018-19 team is as follows:

- Section/Program Chair: Meera Sabaratnam (SOAS University of London)
- Deputy Chair/Chair Elect: Ajay Parasram (Dalhousie University)
- Newsletter Editor/Deputy Chair Elect: Isaac Kamola (Trinity College).