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 577, which is down from 609 from last year. Our reported financial balance in October 9, 2019 was $16,754.48.

Awards
The section makes three annual awards currently.

1. The GDS Book Award recognises a book that falls within the interests of the section. The 2019 winner of this award was
   Honorary Mentions:

2. The Edward Said Award was established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding Graduate Research. The 2019 winner of this award was Columba Achilleos-Sarll for her paper, “Seeing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Exploring Visual Representations of Race and Gender”.

3. The GDS Eminent Scholar Award is given to a scholar who has distinguished themselves with ground-breaking work within the discipline, broadly conceived. The 2019 recipient of this award was Professor Nancy Fraser.

ISA 2019 Program
GDS continues to have a strong presence on the program for the Annual Convention. For 2020 we will sponsor 98 panels, built up from our allocation of 45 through collaboration with many other Sections/Caucuses, most centrally with IPS, Theory, Historical IR, and STAIR. 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 Linda Tuhiiwai-Smith as our Eminent Scholar for 2020. Professor Tuhiiwai-Smith is Professor of Indigenous Education and scholar of ongoing colonialism, best known for her groundbreaking book, Decolonizing Methodologies. Professor Tuhiiwai-Smith has influenced scholarship on the colonial present all over the globe, and her work is essential reading for all scholars.
and students. We meet to celebrate her accomplishments with great excitement, during our 2020 meeting in Honolulu.

This year will be the 4th GDS Annual Roundtable. This year’s topic is: “The Academy: colonial, racialized, gendered spaces and pedagogy”.

**Online**

The GDS Social Media Committee continues to be active and is currently exploring ways of providing collaborative platforms for teaching material. We have a strong Social Media presence as well, with a closed Facebook group consisting of 744 members.

**GDS Officers**

The 2019-20 team is as follows:
Section/Program Chair: Ajay Parasram (Dalhousie University)
Deputy Chair/Chair Elect: Isaac Kamola (Trinity College)
Newsletter Editor/Deputy Chair Elect: Olivia Rutazibwa (Portsmouth)