GLOBAL HEALTH SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2013

New Global Health Section Approved:
The new Global Health Section (GHS) was formally approved in April 2013 at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in San Francisco. GHS has the following objectives:

1. To facilitate disciplinary and interdisciplinary research collaboration on the politics of global health between ISA members from around the world.
2. To promote global health as an important area of study in the discipline of International Relations, and as one that sheds light on the changing nature of international politics.
3. To disseminate global health research being conducted in International Studies to policymakers and other practitioner audiences.
4. To offer scholars from other disciplines a clear hub and means of organization for strengthening and advancing their work on global health politics.
5. To actively collaborate with other research networks, associations and programs focusing on the global politics of health.

Executive Committee:
Since its inception, GHS has devoted the past months to populate its international Executive Committee, which will plan GHS’s future activities, and expand the section beyond its 72 members and its fairly modest budget of US$228. This task of establishing the Executive Committee has been completed, and we are pleased to report the following membership:

Sara Davies, Griffith University
Stefan Elbe (Chair), University of Sussex
Sophie Harman, Queen Mary, University of London
Adam Kamradt--Scott, University of Sydney
Amy Patterson, The University of the South
Valerie Percival, Carleton University
Jeremy Shiffman, American University
Simon Rushton (Secretary), University of Sheffield
Owain Williams (Vice---Chair), Aberystwyth University
Jeremy Youde (Treasurer) University of Minnesota Duluth

The first meeting of the GHS Executive Committee will take place On Friday 28 March 2014 at ISA Toronto, to develop a portfolio of future activities aimed at enhancing the visibility and size of GHS.

Online Presence:
GHS have also undertaken the following activities in relation to our online presence. First, we have developed our presence on the ISA website. You can find further information about GHS on the section’s official website (http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/GHS.aspx), which we have populated with information about our section, as well as its formal Charter. We have also
complemented this formal presence with a new Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection).

**ISA Annual Convention 2014:**
GHS coordinated the submission of global health panels for the ISA 2014 Annual Convention. In its first year of operation the Global Health Section was allocated 5 panels. Subsequently, we received/offered co-sponsorship and have been able to submit a total of 10 panels -- 3 with International Political Economy, 3 with International Security Studies, 2 with Global Development, and 1 panel respectively with Feminist Theory and Gender Studies and Environment Studies. We therefore have a total of 46 single and co-authored papers being presented at ISA. We believe this willingness to collaborate with GHS reflects the crosscutting nature of global health in contemporary International Studies. Regrettably, demand for limited places (as per first and second choices) has also involved some 21 papers failing to make the cut this year.

**Publications:**
Simon Rushton and Jeremy Youde have edited a new and comprehensive volume on Global Health Security to be published in 2014 as *The Routledge Handbook on Global Health Security*. The book contains contributions from many members of GHS and which will also be the subject of a dedicated panel at ISA 2014 in Toronto.