GLOBAL HEALTH SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Global Health Section:
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:
The new GHS Executive Committee met formally for the first time at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Toronto on 28 March 2014. The Executive Committee identified fundraising and the population of the international advisory board as priorities for the coming year. The Committee also explored plans for a global health webinar, discussed plans for panel submissions to ISA 2015, and the creation of a new GHS graduate paper prize. The members of the Executive Committee are:

- Sara Davies, Queensland University of Technology
- 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), University of Queensland
- Jeremy Youde (Treasurer) University of Minnesota Duluth

The next meeting of the board will take place on Wednesday, Feb 18, 2015, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, in the Cambridge room at the Hilton in New Orleans.
Business Meeting:
GHS held its first business meeting on Wednesday 26 March 2014, from 12:30 - 1:30 pm, in the Conference B room at the Sheraton. As this was the first ever GHS business meeting, the aims, objectives and charter of the group were initially set out. Discussions then focussed on future directions and ideas for GHS activities, providing an overview of upcoming global health events, and receiving relevant membership and financial information. The meeting also discussed a new global health book series launched by Sophie Harman and Adam Kamradt-Scott with Routledge. There was also discussion of recruitment and linkages with other ISA sections or other academic networks. The next business meeting will take place on Friday, Feb 20, 2015, 12:30 to 1:30 PM in Grand Salon 10 at the Hilton Riverside hotel.

International Advisory Board:
The Executive Committee agreed to a list of invitees to serve on the advisory board, and the following people were approached and have agreed to serve on the board:

- Suerie Moon
- Mely Caballero Anthony
- Kelley Lee
- Lisa Richey
- Ilona Kickbusch
- Sue Peterson
- Kathleen Vogel
- Maxine Whittaker
- Gorik Ooms
- David Fidler
- Evan Lieberman
- Andrew Price Smith
- John Wyn Owen
- Keith Martin
- Colin McInnes

Membership:
Over the course of the year, GHS has been able to recruit an additional 45 new members, raising its membership from 72 to 117.

Fundraising:
A fundraising campaign led by the treasurer has secured an additional US$ 1,500, substantially increasing the initial GHS budget of US$228. Substantial donations were gratefully received from the Centre for Global Health Policy at the University of Sussex, and the Australia Centre for Health Law Research, Queensland University of Technology.

Reception:
The success of the fundraising campaign has enabled GHS to host its first formal reception at ISA 2015 in New Orleans, jointly with IPS. The reception will take place on Wednesday 18 Feb 2015, 7.15pm - 8.30pm.

**Online Presence:**
GHS has continued to maintain its online presence through:
- the section’s official website: [http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/GHS.aspx](http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/GHS.aspx);
- its Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection](https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection)).

**ISA Annual Convention 2015:**
For the forthcoming Annual Convention in 2015 Global Health was allocated 8 panels. We received some 126 papers as first and second choice and 7 complete panel proposals. We will be offering 12 panels at the convention either as sole sponsors or as co-sponsors (with additional panels linked to GHS members being submitted under the BISA allocation or under the conference theme). Nine of our panels will be co-sponsored: 2 with Global Development (GD); 1 with Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS); 1 with Science Technology and the Arts in International Relations; 1 with International Security Studies; 1 with Global Development and International Organizations; 1 with FTGS and GD; 1 with International Political Economy; and 1 with Intelligence Studies. These collaborations reflect the growing multidisciplinary appeal of Global Health as a field of study and the status of ISA as the intellectual home for these diverse intersections. We have 24 first and second choice papers and 1 panel orphaned.

**Publications:**
Simon Rushton and Jeremy Youde’s new and comprehensive edited volume on Global Health Security was published in 2014 as *The Routledge Handbook on Global Health Security*. The book contains contributions from many members of GHS.

**Best Graduate Student Paper Prize:**
In 2014, GHS awarded its first "Best Graduate Student Paper" prize. The prize went to Clare Wenham for her paper entitled "The Race Against Time: Revisiting Sovereignty in Cambodia." The paper was presented at the 2014 ISA conference. The executive committee will be actively seeking out nominations for excellent graduate students papers for the 2015 prize.