Full Report

The Global Health Section (GHS) was formally approved in April 2013 during the annual International Studies Association conference in San Francisco. Since its creation, it has had the following objectives:

- To facilitate disciplinary and interdisciplinary research collaboration on the politics of global health between ISA members from around the world;
- 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;
- To disseminate global health research being conducted in International Studies to policymakers and other practitioner audiences;
- To offer scholars from other disciplines a clear hub and means of organization for strengthening and advancing their work on global health politics;
- To actively collaborate with other research networks, associations, and programs focusing on the global politics of health.

Members of the Executive Committee

Following the section elections in 2016, the leadership of the section is as follows:

- **Section Chair**: Jeremy Youde, Australian National University
- **Vice-Chair/Program Chair**: Owain Williams, University of Queensland
- **Secretary**: Anne Roemer-Mahler, University of Sussex
- **Treasurer**: Sara Davies, Griffith University
- **Executive Committee Members**:
  - Stefan Elbe, University of Sussex
  - Christian Enemark, University of Southampton
  - Sophie Harman, Queen Mary University of London
  - Adam Kamradt-Scott, University of Sydney
  - Amy Patterson, University of the South
  - Simon Rushton, University of Sheffield
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The GHS Executive Committee met on Thursday, 5 April 2018, during the annual International Studies Association conference in San Francisco. Elbe, Enemark, Patterson, Rushton, Williams, and Youde attended the meeting; Davies, Harman, Kamradt-Scott, and Roemer-Mahler sent their apologies. The meeting covered a number of important topics:

- **Budget**—there was discussion of increasing the amount of money given to the winners of the three annual prizes or to provide a small bursary to support the Graduate Student Prize to attend the following year’s conference.
- **Governing Council**—there are ongoing questions about ISA’s siting policies. The combination of the conference’s size, its desire to avoid using convention centres, and its interest in keeping costs relatively reasonable limits the number of places that we can go. There was also a revision to the amendments to the siting policy adopted in 2017 in the aftermath of the Trump Administration’s travel ban. The language that would allow ISA to terminate a contract in the event of adverse local, state, or federal regulations was so broad that no hotels had been willing to sign contracts with ISA. The Governing Council amended this language to refer to ‘government regulations’ instead.
- **Elections**—the next elections for the GHS Executive Committee will occur in 2019, with the transfer of power occurring during the Business Meeting in Toronto. The committee brainstormed ideas for encouraging more people to run for positions, and it also discussed how to ensure handover processes for any new officers or Executive Committee members. There is some ambiguity within the GHS Charter about how long any individual can serve in a particular role on the Executive Committee; this was subsequently resolved after Youde got in touch with ISA HQ.
- **Prize Committees**—to avoid confusion about eligibility for the Best Early Investigator Paper Prize, Enemark proposed that we change the wording to, “awarded a doctorate, or who has successfully defended a doctoral dissertation, no earlier than 5 years prior to the time the paper was presented, not counting periods of parental leave.” The Executive Committee members agreed.
- **Other Conferences**—Kamradt-Scott and Rebecca Katz are organizing a major conference on Global Health Security in Sydney in June 2019.

BUSINESS MEETING/RECEPTION

The GHS Business Meeting took place on Friday, 6 April 2018. Attendance was down from the previous year, but that may be a function of the meeting inadvertently being left off of the list of meetings in the conference program. The topics discussed included:

- The proposal voted down by the Governing Council to sell ISA membership email lists to publishing companies
- The Global Health Security Conference in Sydney in June 2019
• The opportunities for external funding for research on global health politics. Steven Hoffman from York University discussed the Canadian Institute for Health Research’s funding opportunities. One attendee suggested that we compile some sort of directory of funders who support global health social science research. Amy Patterson also let attendees know about her plans to propose a two-day workshop prior to the 2019 ISA conference in Toronto on research cooperation between public health and the social sciences.

• The upcoming 2019 elections—there will be a lot of opportunities for new people to get involved with the governance of the section, and current Executive Committee members are happy to share information with potential candidates about time commitments and responsibilities of the various roles. Owain Williams indicated that he plans to step down from his role at Vice Chair and Program Chair, but has offered to mentor his successor. The section extends its deepest appreciation to Owain for all of the work he has done to make GHS so vibrant at the ISA conferences.

Immediately following the Business Meeting, the section held its annual drinks reception. The section gratefully recognizes the support of Seton Hall University, the Centre for Global Health at the University of Sussex, and the CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health. We celebrated the winners of the Book Prize (Amy Patterson and Emma-Louise Anderson for Dependent Agency in the Global Health Regime: Local African Responses to Donor AIDS Efforts), Best Early Investigator Paper Prize (Dr Surma Das of the University of Guelph), and Best Graduate Student Paper Prize (Christopher Long of the University of Sussex).

**Membership and Outreach**

GHS has continued to grow each year since its creation. As of 3 November 2018, our section membership numbers 152—an increase of 10 (6.6 percent) over the past year. We continue to encourage those interested in global health politics to join the section.

GHS maintains an active Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection/?fref=ts)). It currently boasts nearly one thousand members from around the world, and provides regular updates about publications, job postings, and other material of interest. We are also exploring sponsorship opportunities that will allow us to further our presence at the annual conference and open up new possibilities for awards and professional development opportunities for our members.

**2018 Annual Conference**

The Global Health Section continues to maintain a vigorous academic presence, attracting papers and panels from scholars in international relations, public health, geography, demography, and other disciplines. Under the leadership of Owain Williams, our vice chair and program chair, we have successfully leveraged co-sponsorship opportunities with other sections to increase the number of opportunities to present global health-related research.