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 2019, the leadership of the section is as follows:

- Section Chair—Jeremy Youde, University of Minnesota Duluth
- Vice-Chair/Program Chair—Clare Wenham, London School of Economics
- Secretary—Stephen Roberts, London School of Economics
- Treasurer—Amy Patterson, Sewanee, University of the South
- Executive Committee Members:
  - Sara Davies, Griffith University
  - Stefan Elbe, University of Sussex
  - Eva Hilberg, University of Sussex/Hebrew University of Jerusalem (from January 2020)
  - Simon Rushton, University of Sheffield
  - Heather Wipfli, University of Southern California
  - Catherine Worsnop, University of Maryland

Actions Taken by the Executive Committee during 2019

On 11 July 2019, Andrew Price-Smith, the David Packard Professor of International Relations at Colorado College, died of cancer. Price-Smith was a key figure in global health politics, and his work remains influential for most of us who work in this field. His 2001 book, The Health of Nations, remains a touchstone text in global health politics. In light of his influence and his long contributions to the field, the Executive Committee decided over the summer to rename its annual Best Book Award as the Andrew Price-Smith Best Book Award. Simon Rushton contacted Price-Smith’s family, and they welcomed this opportunity to honor his contribution to the field. The newly renamed award will be presented for the first time at the 2020 ISA Conference in Honolulu.
2019 Executive Committee Meeting

The GHS Executive Committee met on Thursday, 28 March 2019, during the annual International Studies Association conference in Toronto. Enemark, Harman, Patterson, and Youde attended the meeting; Davies, Elbe, Kamradt-Scott, Roemer-Mahler, Rushton, and Williams sent their apologies. The meeting covered a number of important topics:

- **Elections**—results will be announced at the Business Meeting later during the convention. Several new people stood for election, which is a welcome sign.
- **Request for Letter of Support**—Kelley Lee (Simon Fraser University) asked if GHS would be willing to write a letter in support of an application she and other colleagues are making to the Canadian Institutes for Health Research to create a Network for Global Governance Research on Infectious Diseases. This letter would indicate our support for this sort of project, but it would not require any sort of financial assistance. Members of the Executive Committee saw this as a useful way to support the work of our colleagues, and agreed to take it to the Business Meeting to see whether there was broad support.
- **Publishers**—two publishers (Bristol University Press and Emerald Publishing) met with the chair to encourage submissions of book manuscripts and journal articles that discuss issues of global health politics. There may be some interest in creating a global health book series, but no commitments were made and the chair agreed to share this information with the membership.
- **Governing Council**—ISA’s siting committee looked at 15 cities outside of North America, but found that none met the organization’s cost and space requirements. None of the cities had adequate hotel space at the conference’s price point (currently ~USD 200/night) or conference facilities. The lack of conference facilities within the hotels means that ISA would need to rent space in convention centers, which significantly increases the cost and would necessitate increasing conference fees. The Governing Council will pilot a program next year to partially reimburse scholars for travel expenses if those scholars are then unable to attend because they are denied a visa. There will also be a change to membership dues and conference fees to put ISA more in line with other academic organizations. Finally, the Governing Council discussed land acknowledgements and various ways to honor the indigenous peoples one whose land conferences are being held. This statement will be included in the conference program and panel chairs will be encouraged to read it, but it will not be mandatory.
- **Term Limits**—ISA has a rule that a section chair cannot serve for more than five consecutive years. That means that Youde will need to step down by the 2021 ISA Convention in Las Vegas. The section will need to either appoint someone to serve as chair or hold a new election.

2019 Business Meeting/Reception

The GHS Business Meeting took place on Friday, 29 March 2019. The topics discussed included:

- An update on the Governing Council meeting, including a discussion of the findings of the siting subcommittee;
- The Global Health Security Conference in Sydney in June 2019;
- A request for a letter of support from Kelley Lee for her team’s application for funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research to establish a Network for Global Governance
Research on Infectious Diseases. The assembled membership voted in favor of writing this letter, and Youde will collaborate with Lee on its timing and wording.

- The 2019 election results—the section offered its thanks to the outgoing officers and Executive Committee members—Owain Williams (Vice Chair/Program Chair), Anne Roemer-Mahler (Secretary), Christian Enemark (Executive Committee), Sophie Harman (Executive Committee), and Adam Kamradt-Scott (Executive Committee). It also welcomed its newest officers and Executive Committee members—Clare Wenham (Vice Chair/Program Chair), Stephen Roberts (Secretary), Eva Hilberg (Executive Committee), Heather Wipfli (Executive Committee), and Catherine Worsnop (Executive Committee)—and the returning members. We also noted that ISA rules limit the position of Section Chair to no more than five years. As a result, Youde will need to step down from the role no later than the 2021 Conference.

- Immediately following the Business Meeting, the section held its annual drinks reception. We celebrated the winners of our annual prizes:
  - Best Book Prize—Kenneth Shadlen, London School of Economics, Coalitions and Compliance: The Political Economy of Pharmaceutical Patents in Latin America
  - Best Graduate Student Paper Prize—Mao Suzuki, University of Southern California, “Profits Before Patients?”
  - Best Early Investigator Paper Prize—Yusra Ribhi Shawar, The Johns Hopkins University

Membership and Outreach

After years of exponential growth immediately after its creation, GHS currently has 150 members. This is a decline of 2 members from the previous year, which is not a cause for concern. We plan to take more proactive steps to encourage new members to join and remind current members to renew their membership.

GHS maintains an active Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ISAGlobalHealthSection/) with more than 1000 members around the world. It 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.

2019 Annual Conference

Clare Wenham has taken over as section vice chair and program chair from Owain Williams, and she has done a remarkable job at ensuring that GHS retains its active and engaged presence at the conference. Between our existing panel allocations and co-sponsorships with other sections, GHS will sponsor 18 panels in Honolulu. In addition to the research presentations, GHS will again host its annual drinks reception after the business meeting and present awards for the best paper by a graduate student, the best paper by an early career scholar, and the best book in global health published in the past two years. As mentioned above, this last award has been renamed in memory of Andrew Price-Smith and we look forward to celebrating his life and accomplishments during the reception.