The Global South Caucus (GSCIS), now in its eighth year of operation, continues to grow and consolidate its status within ISA in line with its key objectives:

1. To provide a channel for the sharing of research, information and ideas among scholars and practitioners of/in the various regions of the south;
2. To promote the ISA as a forum for dissemination of cross-regional global south research;
3. To encourage South-oriented scholars to participate in the association’s conferences and other initiatives;
4. To encourage and facilitate South scholar publication in ISA journals and other mainstream publications;
5. To work with ISA committees and sections to encourage work on South issues and regions; and
6. To engage in professional development activities intended to improve employment and advancement opportunities for South-oriented scholars.

Membership

GSCIS membership has increased exponentially since the creation of the Caucus in 2010. Between 2016 and 2019 alone, the number of members is expected to grow from 278 to 459. Because of its interdisciplinary, cross-regional orientation and Caucus status (affiliation costs are minimal and less than the cost of joining an ISA section), GSCIS continues to attract a wide range of IR, development and political science scholars focused on developing regions.

Member communications are aided by the GSCIS Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/isa.gsc/ and Twitter account, https://twitter.com/gscisa. We are currently in the process of unifying these outlets with an eye to streamlining the Caucus’ outreach. In 2018, we also redesigned and modernized our GSCIS quarterly newsletter. We continue to work to make the contents of the newsletter more robust and useful to our membership, including up to date information on employment, fellowship and conference opportunities, and member publications.

Finances

As in past years, the sources of income for GSCIS activity derive from annual membership dues, donations, and revenue from GSCIS-led conferences and workshops, of which there have been three to date, Havana (Cuba) in 2017, Singapore in 2015 and Menton (France) in 2012.
The caucus’ current financial stability continues to be largely the result of earnings accrued at the 2015 conference in Singapore. Expenses generated in 2017 relate to the Cuba workshop (whose income was equivalent to its expenses) and to the GSCIS Distinguished Scholar Luncheon held at the ISA annual conference in Baltimore.

In 2018, the GSCIS hosted a Distinguished Scholar Breakfast at the annual ISA convention in San Francisco, and at the ISA-FLACSO Conference in Quito, Ecuador, offered a meet-and-greet breakfast for approximately 60 people, both GSCIS members and non-members. In both instances, actual Caucus expenditures were minimal.

**ISA Participation and Event Planning**

At the 2018 annual convention in San Francisco, the GSCIS was well represented, sponsoring or co-sponsoring sixteen panels and roundtables, which was accomplished by stretching our limited caucus allocation of three slots through extensive cooperation with other sections, caucuses and committees. Specifically, we collaborated and continued to collaborate with the Global Development, FTGS, IPE, Peace Studies, ISS, CSW and Professional Development groups, among others, to expand both our network and co-sponsorship opportunities. The Caucus, additionally, co-organized the Global South Dialogue session during the San Francisco conference, which documented a number of issues that limit broader participation of GS scholars in ISA, along with potential solutions for addressing them. Many of the recommendations emerging from this Dialogue were incorporated into the Global South Task Force report, in which the GSCIS also participated actively.

Mid-year activities focused on the ISA-FLACSO conference in Quito, Ecuador, and the Toronto 2019 conference program and we are pleased again to co-sponsor nine panels and roundtables within the standard program. We are particularly excited about the roundtable, Assessing the State of Knowledge on Global South IR and Foreign Policy, that we are co-sponsoring with the newly created Committee on the Status of Engagement with the Global South, to honour the contributions of professor Jacqueline (Jacquie) Braveboy-Wagner to the study of the GS and advocacy for GS scholars within the ISA, including her leadership in creating the GSCIS. We are also happy to co-sponsor for the second time, the Intergenerational Café: Strategies and Support for Global South Scholars with the Committee on the Status of Diversity and Representation. We were fortunate to secure the support of 20 outstanding academics who will discuss with attendees a diverse array of challenges faced by scholars working in GS environments. Although not sponsored directly by the Caucus, we worked actively with ISA Headquarters in the preparation of the call for submissions and the selection process for two In Other Words pilot roundtables that will be conducted in French and Spanish at the Toronto convention. Finally, participated in the organization of the first ISA Emerging Global South Scholar workshop, in coordination with the Committee on the Status of Engagement with the Global South.
**AWARDS**

Beginning in 2018, the Executive Committee drafted a new procedure for electing the GSCIS Distinguished Scholar, consisting of the appointment of a Subcommittee, comprised of the GSCIS Chair, the acting GSCIS Board Member(s)-at-Large from the award region and two former at-Large Board Members from the award region. The Subcommittee reviews nominations received from the Caucus membership, add its own nominations (if deemed necessary) and presents a final candidate to the GSCIS Executive Committee for approval. This year, the process led to the election of Professor Siba Grovogui as the Global South Caucus Distinguished Scholar. Additionally, the Executive Committee decided to host the 2018 Distinguished Scholar Award ceremony at a breakfast for which participants pre-register (at a subsidized rate) on the ISA website. A generous contribution was received from the journal, All Azimuth of the Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research at Bilkent University, to help finance the breakfast.

For 2019 the Distinguished Scholar award recognizes scholarship from Asia or Eurasia. Following the call for nominations from our membership and the deliberations of the Selection Subcommittee, the GSCIS Executive Committee has decided to honour (in memoriam) the scholarship of professor LHM (Lily) Ling, who passed away this year. The 2019 award will be given during a roundtable at the Toronto convention that celebrates Lily’s outstanding intellectual contributions. Therefore, the GSCIS breakfast, for which over 140 people have preregistered, will function as a networking session and business meeting in Toronto.

**ELECTIONS**

The GSCIS elected in Baltimore a new Chair, Vice Chair and Regional Representative positions, and with greater communication efforts we achieved 22.3% of membership voting. The new Global South Caucus Governance and Leadership is as follows:

- **Arlene B. Tickner**  
  Chair (2017-19)  
  Universidad del Rosario

- **Mariana Kalil**  
  Program Co-Chair (2017-19)  
  Brazilian War College

- **Nanette Svenson**  
  Immediate Past Chair (2017-19)  
  Tulane University
Executive Committee At-Large Members

- Nassef Manabilang Adiong
  Asia Representative (2018-20)
  The Philippine International Studies Organization (PHISO)

- Waleed Hazbun
  Middle East Representative (2018-20)
  American University of Beirut

- Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel
  Africa Representative (2018-20)
  Goethe University Frankfurt

- Fabricio H. Chagas-Bastos
  Latin America/Caribbean Representative (2017-19)
  University of Cambridge

- Murad Ismayilov
  Developing Eurasia Representative (2017-19)
  University of Cambridge

Administrative

- Thiago Rodrigues
  Communications Director (2017-19)
  Universidade Federal Fluminense

- Kevin Funk
  Newsletter Editor (2017-19)
  Spring Hill College

- Erica Resende
  Treasurer (2018-20)
  Brazilian War College

Elections will be held in early 2019 for the following positions: Chair, Program Co-Chair, Newsletter Editor, Communications Director, Developing Eurasia or North-South Representative, Latin American/Caribbean Representative and Africa Representative.
GLOBAL SOUTH CAUCUS NOMINATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION’S DIFFERENT COMMITTEES

The GSCIS participated actively in nominating its membership for different ISA committee roles. The Caucus currently holds positions in the following committees:

- Academic Freedom
- Status of Women
- Status of Representation and Diversity
- Evaluation of Executive Director
- Finance
- Gerner Innovative Teaching Award
- Junior Scholar Symposium Organizer
- Long Range Planning
- Nominating
- Professional Development
- Professional Rights and Responsibilities
- Publications
- Research and Workshop Grants
- Rosenau Post-Doc
- Best Book of the Year Award
- Carl Beck Award
- Tickner Award
- Deutsch Award
- Rosenau Award