The Global South Caucus (GSCIS), now in its ninth 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 encourage South-oriented scholars to participate in the association’s conferences and other initiatives;
3. To encourage and facilitate South scholar publication in ISA journals and other mainstream publications;
4. To promote the ISA as a forum for dissemination of cross-regional global South research;
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 more than 450. 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. We are working on a 4th GSCIS-led workshop which will take place late in 2020 or 2021.

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 2019, the GSCIS hosted a Business Meeting and Breakfast at the annual ISA convention in Toronto. During the first International Conference of ISA in Africa which took place in August 2019 in Ghana, we co-sponsored a reception both for GSCIS members and non-members. This commitment provided a one-year membership and access to ISA journals for young African scholars based in Africa who attended the Conference.

**ISA PARTICIPATION AND EVENT PLANNING**

At the 2019 annual convention in Toronto, the GSCIS was well represented, sponsoring or co-sponsoring more than twelve panels, roundtables and special events which was accomplished in a context of our limited caucus allocation of three slots, through extensive cooperation with other sections, caucuses and committees. Specifically, we collaborated and continued to collaborate with regular partners to expand both our network and co-sponsorship opportunities.

The Caucus, additionally, continues to work closely with the Committee on the Status of Engagement with the Global South. The special Roundtable Assessing the State of Knowledge on Global South IR and Foreign Policy, that we co-sponsored with this Committee to honour the contributions of Professor Jacqueline Anne Braveboy-Wagner has been a great success. We are also happy to continue our collaboration for 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 discussed with attendees a diverse array of challenges faced by scholars working in GS environments.

Finally, we are happy to be involved 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.

For the 2020 Award, dedicated to Latin America and Caribbean region (LAC), the process led to the election of Professor Jacqueline Anne Braveboy Wagner as the Global South Caucus Distinguished Scholar. Besides, the Executive Committee decided to host the 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award ceremony at a reception which will follow the Business Meeting. A generous contribution is provided from the Arab Council for the Social Sciences’ Beirut School of Critical Security Studies Working Group to help finance the reception during the Annual Convention in Honolulu.

**ELECTIONS**

In 2019, the GSCIS membership elected new Executive Committee members and the current Governance and Leadership is as follows:

- Dêlidji Eric DEGILA (The Graduate Institute, Geneva), Chair 2019 – 2021
- Jason Strakes (OSCE Academy in Bishkek), Program Co-Chair 2019 - 2021
- Arlene Tickner (Universidad del Rosario), Immediate Past Chair 2019 - 2021
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN FIRST QUARTER 2020 FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
- Treasurer
- Asia 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
- Committee on the Status of Engagement with the Global South
- Status of Women
- Status of Representation and Diversity
- Evaluation of Executive Director
- Finance
- 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
- Tickner Award
- Deutsch Award
- Rosenau Award