Membership:

The Human Rights section currently has 441 members, including 131 student members.

As you can see, our membership has grown substantially over the past few years.

2013: 441
2012: 425
2011: 381
2010: 376
2009: 312

ISA Conference (San Francisco)

At the 2013 conference in San Francisco, HR is sponsoring:

8 roundtables
36 panels

Thirty complete panel proposals were submitted, of which 12 were sponsored by the Human Rights Section. The remaining 24 panels HR sponsored were submitted independently. These 24 created panels have a total of 249 papers placed on them.

Glasgow Conference

The section co-sponsored a conference, along with the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association and the Human Rights Research Committee of the International Political Science Association, entitled Protecting Human Rights: The Duties of States and Non-State Actors. It was held at the University of Glasgow on 18-19 June 2012. 60 papers were presented and more than 130 people from 25 countries and 6 continents participated. One notable feature was a keynote address by the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect. This was the second conference sponsored by these three organisations and further strengthened international interdisciplinary links and research in the area of human rights. A follow up workshop will be held at ISA in San Francisco with some of the presenters in advance of publishing an edited volume with some of the papers presented at the conference.

H-Human-Rights
The section sponsors the email discussion list H-Human-Rights, which is hosted by H-Net. Presently, there are more than 1000 subscribers. The membership is global and it goes far beyond the section and ISA and encompasses academics, practitioners, and officials from governments and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**Officers**

Chair: Mark Gibney until 2014, then a year as Past Chair  
Chair-elect: to be filled  
Vice-Chair: Bethany Barratt - 2 years, until 2014  
Secretary: Dave Benjamin 2 years, until 2014

At-Large: 2 years  
Sonia Cardenas: until 2013  
Anja Mihr: until 2013  
Anthony Chase: until 2014  
Fei Wu: until 2014  
H-Human-Rights Lead Editor: Eric Leonard (ex officio)

**Treasury**

As of February 2013, the HR section has a balance of $12,441.

**Reception:**

Friday evening 6:30 p.m. in Continental 6.

**Awards:**

“Outstanding Paper” at the 2012 ISA Conference: Elisabeth Bremer (World Economic Forum) and Matthew Krain (College of Wooster), “The Effect of Human Rights On the Success of Microcredit Lending Institutions”

Distinguished Scholar: David Forsythe (University of Nebraska)