FULL REPORT

CURRENT OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Daniel J. Whelan (2016 – 2018)
Vice Chair and Chair-Elect: Courtney Hillebrecht (2016 – 2018)
Treasurer: Tina Kempin-Reuter (2017-2018)

At-Large Members
- Anuradha Chakravarty (2017-2019)
- Mikyung Kim (2017-2019)

OTHER SECTION OFFICERS

2018 Conference Program Co-Chairs: Henry “Chip” Carey and Sarita Cargas
Elections Officer: Feryal Cherif
H-Human Rights Editor (ex officio): Kurt Mills

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 30, 2017, the Section has 611 members – an increase of nearly 11% from our 2016 membership count, which was 551. This is consistent with the 11% increase in overall section/caucus membership across ISA.

ISA 2018 (SAN FRANCISCO) – PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS’ REPORT (SARITA CARGAS & HENRY “CHIP” CAREY)

For the 2018 conference, we received a large and diverse number of submissions on topics ranging from transitional justice to genocide and refugees. We have a total of 75 panels for the 2018 conference. Of these, five are solely sponsored by the Human Rights Section, and the rest are co-sponsored with other sections. We will also be sponsoring a Distinguished Scholar Panel to honor “The Intellectual Contributions of Reza Afshari,” who was awarded the Section’s Distinguished Scholar Award in Baltimore in 2017.
The Program Co-chairs emphasized strategic co-sponsorships not only to increase the number of human rights-related panels but also to highlight the interdisciplinary nature of human rights research. In addition to the 2018 Conference program theme – **Power of Rules and Rules of Power**, our section partners are diverse, including those in the list below. Several of these were new co-sponsors (compared to last year): English School, Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Demography and Geography, South Asia in World Politics, and Theory.

- Active Learning in International Affairs
- Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies
- English School
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies
- Feminist Theory and Gender Studies
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Global Development
- Global Health
- Historical International Relations
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Communication
- International Law
- International Organization
- International Political Economy
- International Security Studies
- International Political Sociology
- International Ethics
- National and Migration Studies
- Post-Communist States
- Peace Studies
- Political Demography and Geography
- South Asia in World Politics
- Scientific Studies of International Processes
- Theory
- The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Allies Caucus
- The Women’s Caucus
- The Online Media Caucus

At San Francisco, our Section Business Meeting will be on Thursday, April 5th from 12:30 – 1:30pm, and we will be co-hosting our reception with ENMISA, International Law, and International Organizations at 7:30pm that evening. We hope you’ll all join us.

**2018 Elections**

There are four positions on the Executive Committee that will be open for nominations for the 2018 elections. They are:
Our esteemed Elections Officer, Feryal Cherif, has already sent out a call for nominations for these positions. Nominees for Vice-Chair are expected to run for Chair-elect in the second year of their term. Balloting will take place between January 15 and February 15.

2017 Section Awards
The following Human Rights Section members will receive awards, and will be honored at the 2018 Conference:

- Ezequiel Gonzalez-Ocanto (Oxford University) is the winner of the Section’s 2017 Best Book Award for his book, *Shifting Legal Visions: Judicial Change and Human Rights Trials in Latin America*, published in 2016 by Oxford University Press.
- Suparna Chaudhry, Ph.D. (Christopher Newport University) is the recipient of the Section’s Best Paper Award for her paper, “The Assault on Civil Society: Explaining State Crackdown on NGOs.”
- Rebecca Cordell, Ph.D. (Arizona State University) will receive the 2017 Steven C. Poe Award for her paper, “Classified Cooperation: Post 9/11 Security Alliances and Human Rights Preferences.”

We would like to thank the following Section members for serving on our Awards Committees this year:

**Best Book**
Heather Smith-Cannoy (Committee Chair)
Sarita Cargas
Steven Jensen (Past Recipient)

**Best Paper**
Mikyoung Kim (Committee Chair)
Kristi Kenyon
Rhoda Howard-Hassmann

**Poe Award – Graduate Student Paper**
Tina Kempin-Reuter (Committee Chair)
Phillip Ayoub
Susan Kang

Last year, we decided to move to a biennial award for Distinguished Scholar. That committee will open the nomination process for the 2018 award soon. Members of the committee are:

Alison Brysk (Past Recipient; Committee Chair)
Daniel J. Whelan (ExComm)
Mark Gibney
**Announcement: 2018 ACUNS/Human Rights Joint Conference**

**on Human Rights, Migration and Global Governance (LUISS University, Rome, July 12-14, 2018)**

The ISA-HR Section is a co-sponsor of the 2018 annual meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), which will be on the topic of Human Rights, Migration and Global Governance. The call for proposals can be found at [http://acuns.org/am2018/](http://acuns.org/am2018/); the deadline for proposals or panels is February 5, 2018. Please contact Kurt Mills (kurt@kurtmills.org) or Daniel Whelan (whelan@hendrix.edu) if you have any questions, or if you would like to propose a panel (each co-sponsor is guaranteed at least one panel on the Program).

**H-Human Rights**

The section sponsors the electronic discussion group H-Human-Rights, which is hosted by H-Net. Presently, there are more than a thousand subscribers. The membership is global and it goes far beyond the section and the ISA to encompass academics, practitioners and officials from governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

**Financial Report**

The Section stands in excellent financial health. At the end of October, our balance is $48,503, up about 8% from last year. Because the Section did not sponsor a summer conference this year, we didn’t experience the expenditure/income fluctuations we normally have seen.