International Ethics Section Annual Report (2012)

Officers

The Officers for the section for 2011 and 2012 are as follows: Catherine Lu, McGill University (Chair), Antonio Franceschet, University of Calgary (Vice-Chair), and Brent J. Steele, University of Kansas (Secretary). A new Secretary will be elected at the 2012 business meeting, with the Vice-Chair rotating into the Chair position, and the current Secretary into the Vice-Chair position.

Membership

Membership in the Section has increased steadily, from 96 in 2007 to 225 in 2011 to 255 members, as of mid-January 2012. Out of 27 sections, 11 sections have less than 250 members, 9 sections (including International Ethics) have a middle-range level of membership between 250-400 members, and 8 sections have over 400 members (with International Security Studies having the largest membership at 1252 members).

Awards

The International Ethics Section Annual Book Award is announced every year at the International Ethics section business meeting at the ISA Convention. The prize is an award of $200 along with a plaque to the author(s). The 2011 award went to Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Bartlett, for Global Democracy and Sustainable Jurisprudence: Deliberative Environmental Law (MIT Press, 2009).

The Book Award Committee Chair organizes a book roundtable on the award-winning book for the next annual convention. For the San Diego annual convention in April 2012, Tony Lang has organized the book roundtable, with the following participants: Anthony F. Lang, Jr., Robert V. Bartlett, Walter F. Baber, Michael J. Struett, Aarti Gupta, Robyn Eckersley, and James Bohman.

The award committee also identified Notable Mentions for 2011, listed here: http://www.isanet.org/awards-grants/award-recipients.html#iethics

The 2012 Book Award committee was selected at the section business meeting in Montreal in March 2011: Simon Caney, Cecelia Lynch and Neta Crawford. The recipient of the award will be announced at the section business meeting in San Diego.

Activities

The notes from our 2011 business meeting are available online: http://www.isanet.org/ethics/minutes_2011.pdf

Due to the request of members, the section now has a Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Ethics-ISA/164199640304894
This page seeks to facilitate information-sharing among members of the International Ethics section of ISA about the activities of the section, as well as upcoming conferences, workshops, grants and funding opportunities, employment opportunities, as well as journals and other publications of interest to members of the section. The page is accessible to everyone, even those who do not have a Facebook account. The administrators of this page are Joel Davis (ISA) and the current section Chair (Catherine Lu). Anyone who ‘likes’ the page can make posts.
The International Ethics section programme chairs for the 2011 annual convention in Montreal were Catherine Lu and Antonio Franceschet. The section was allotted 20 panels, and through co-sponsorships, was able to have 30 panels. Highlights from this convention include the following: a roundtable on the book that won the 2010 International Ethics Section Book Award – Tarik Kochi’s *The Other’s War: Recognition and the Violence of Ethics* (organized by Tony Lang) and a Distinguished Scholar’s Roundtable on Chris Brown’s *Practical Judgement in International Political Theory* (organized by Toni Erskine).

The section’s reception at the 2011 annual convention, jointly held with International Political Sociology (IPS), was sponsored by Jonathan Hixon and Keesing’s, as well as the Department of Political Science at McGill University. The next reception in 2012 will be jointly held with the new International Theory section (which has a comparable membership size) instead of IPS. The 2012 reception is sponsored by Cambridge University Press (thanks to Felix Berenskoetter, Chair of the International Theory section).

The International Ethics section programme chairs for the 2012 annual convention in San Diego are, once again, Catherine Lu (Chair) and Antonio Franceschet (Vice-Chair). The section was allotted 20 panels, and through co-sponsorships, will be able to have 31 panels: 7 roundtables, 1 poster session, and 23 paper panels. Highlights include the following: two book roundtables showcasing innovations in International Political Theory, focusing on Lea Ypi’s *Global Justice and Avant-Garde Political Agency*, and Laura Valenti’s *Justice in a Globalized World: A Normative Framework* (both published by Oxford University Press); three panels on the Responsibility to Protect doctrine; three panels on the just war tradition; three panels on climate and environmental justice; and a panel in honour of Sara Ruddick (1935-2011) – ‘Maternal Thinking’ as Intellectual Gold for International Relations (co-sponsored with Feminist Theory and Gender Studies and the Women’s Caucus). The section has co-sponsored panels with Theory, Environmental Studies, International Political Economy, Global Development, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies, Scientific Study of International Processes, the English School, Human Rights, the Women’s Caucus, Intelligence Studies, Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies, International Organization, and Foreign Policy Analysis.

The International Ethics section also sponsored a panel for the joint BISA-ISA conference, to be held in Edinburgh in June 2012.

**Finances**

Balance as of October 1, 2011: $2,458.88

Future expected expenditures:
San Diego reception $1,004.00
Book Award $200.00
Book Award plaque $85.00

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