International Ethics Section Annual Report (2013)

Officers

Catherine Lu (McGill University) completed her two year term as Chair in April 2012. At the same time, Antonio Franceschet (University of Calgary) rotated into the Chair position, and Brent J. Steele (University of Kansas) rotated into the Vice-Chair position. Also, Amy E. Eckert (Metropolitan State College) was elected Secretary.

Membership

The Section’s membership decreased between January 2012-January 2013, from 255 to 237. This is unprecedented in the recent history of the Section, as membership grew steadily between 2005 and 2012, from 71 to 255. It is likely that this year’s decrease is related to the strong growth of a relatively new section, International Theory (which went from 260 to 433 in 2012-13).

Awards

The International Ethics Section Annual Book Award is announced every year at the Section’s business meeting at the ISA Convention. The prize is an award of $200 along with a plaque to the author(s). The 2012 award went to Bronwyn Leebaw, for *Judging State Sponsored Violence, Imagining Political Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

The Book Award Committee Chair organizes a book roundtable on the award-winning book for the next annual convention. For the San Francisco annual convention in April 2013, Neta Crawford has organized a book roundtable, with the following participants: Neta Crawford, Bronwyn Leebaw, Leslie Vinjamuri, Ruti G. Teitel, and James Bohman.

Members of the 2013 Book Award committee were selected at the business meeting in San Diego in April 2012: Eric Heinze and James Bohman. Neta Crawford was elected the previous year to serve for two years as the Chair of this committee.

Activities

The minutes from the 2012 business meeting are available online:


The Section’s Facebook page has become a critical site for circulating information to members:

The International Ethics section program chairs for the 2012 annual convention in San Diego 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: a roundtable on the book that won the 2011 International Ethics Section Book Award – Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Barlett’s *Global Democracy and Sustainable Jurisprudence: Deliberative Environmental Law* (organized by Tony Lang). The Section co-sponsored (with Feminist Theory and Gender Studies) a panel in honor of Sara Ruddick on maternal thinking.

The Section’s reception at the 2012 annual convention, jointly held for the first time with Theory, was sponsored by Cambridge University Press.

The Section Co-Sponsored the ISA West Annual Conference in 2012 in Pasedena, California.

The Section’s program co-chairs for the 2013 annual convention are Antonio Franceschet (Chair) and Brent J. Steele (Vice-Chair). The Section was allotted 21 panels and, through co-sponsorships, supports 29 panels. The section has co-sponsored panels with: Active Learning in International Affairs; English School; Environmental Studies; Feminist Theory and Gender Studies; Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies; Human Rights; International Communication; International Education: International Law; Peace Studies; Theory.

**Finances**

Balance as of January 2013: $1972.62

Future expected expenditures:
San Francisco reception $815.00
Book award $200.00
Book award plaque $100.00

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