The section on International Law serves the needs and enhances the capacities of political science, legal and other scholars, practitioners, and others with teaching, research and policy interests in the field of international law. The section strives to bring together scholars interested in the politics, history, and practice of international law and its role and impact in the field of international relations. The section is seeing overall steady growth and remains healthy with membership generally increasing overall, though down very slightly from 2018 (398 in 2018, and currently 391 for 2019).

The section’s financial balance is $8,832.90 as of November 1, 2018. The section executive committee is comprised of Jennifer Davis, Chair (to March 2020), Davis Brown, Section Program Chair (to March 2020), and Emilia Justyna Powell, Secretary (to March 2020). No elections will be held at our business meeting in 2019, as no officers come up for election until 2020.

In Toronto, the ILAW section was allocated 23 panels, the same as in 2018, and co-sponsored a total of 28 panels for the 2019 conference. We plan to host a joint reception in Toronto, co-sponsored with the International Organization and the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration sections. In addition, our business meeting will be held to announce awards and section updates.

The section will also be presenting three major awards at ISA 2019 during the business meeting: the Distinguished Scholar award, the Best Book award, and Best Student Paper award (presented the preceding year, 2018). The Distinguished Scholar Award is a bi-annual award that will be awarded at a special panel in 2019 to Beth Simmons, for her contributions to the field of international law. The three committees are composed as follows:

**Distinguished Scholar Committee**
- Wayne Sandholtz
- Henry “Chip” Carey
- Tanisha Fazal

**Book Award Committee**
- George Andreopoulos
- Henry “Chip” Carey
- Iosif Kovras

**Paper Award Committee (Student and Non-Student)**
- Michelle Jurkovich
- Mateja Peter
- Dave Benjamin

The recipients were: Beth Simmons for the distinguished scholar, Tanisha Fazal for the book award (Wars of Law), and Steven McDowell for the best paper award. There were also two honorable mentions.
for the best book award, Anthea Roberts (Is International Law International?) and Dan Plesch (Human Rights After Hitler).