The section on International Organization brings together scholars interested in the politics, history, and practice of international organizations and their role in politics, global and local. The section is among the largest in ISA and is growing – although membership has slightly decreased this year from 687 to 658 members. The section’s financial balance as of 31 October 2017 is $20,940.53 about 8 percent higher than this time last year.

The 2017-18 section executive committee is comprised of Alynna Lyon (Chair to April 2018), John Karlsrud (Section Program Chair to 2018), Tana Johnson, Secretary (to 2018), and Matias Margulis, Treasurer (to March 2019). The section also includes four Members-at-large: Sarah von Billerbeck (to April 2018), Jutta Joachim (to April 2018), Antje Wiener (to April 2018) and Sarah Bush (to April 2019). Elections for expiring positions (Chair, Secretary, and three member-at-large positions) will be held in January 2018. Kent Kille will oversee the election process. The new executive committee will choose a new program chair and the prize committees.

For the 2018 conference in San Francisco, the IO section was allocated 49 panels. We have 90 panels in total this year, of these 13 are solely sponsored by the IO section and 77 are co-sponsored (some with multiple co-sponsors).

As a result, we are co-sponsoring with a very broad range of partners this year: Diplomatic Studies (1); English School (1); Environmental Studies (5); Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (1); Foreign Policy Analysis (2); Global Development (3); Global Health (1); Historical International Relations (2); Human Rights (7); Interdisciplinary Studies (3); International Communication (1); International Law (3); International Political Economy (13); International Political Sociology (3); International Security Studies (17); Peace Studies (16); Power of Rules and Rule of Power (Theme) (6); Religion and International Relations (1); Scientific Study of International Processes (2); South Asia in World Politics (1).

We will host a reception in San Francisco, co-sponsored with the International Law and the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration sections. IO will contribute $2300 to the costs and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) will cover $1000 of this cost. We will also be presenting three major awards at ISA 2018: The Finkelstein Award for the best graduate student paper delivered at ISA 2017, the Chadwick Alger Award for best book of the year on international organization. The Distinguished Scholar Award (a bi-annual award) will be awarded to Amitav Acharya in 2018.
In addition, at the ISA 2017 annual meeting, the IO section approved funds to support a Special Workshop on the topic of International Institutions and/in the Global South for the 2018 meeting in San Francisco. The award committee granted $5000 to support a workshop on "Humanitarian Institutions and/in the Global South: Contestation, Translation or Regionalization? Compliant Rebels"

A. The International Organization section 2018 prize committees:

Finkelstein prize:
Erin N. Hannah, Chair, Kings University College
Sarah Bush, Temple University
Mathias Margulis, University of Stirling

Chadwick Alger prize:
Antje Wiener, Chair, University of Hamburg
Donald Puchala, Emeritus, University of South Carolina
Sherif Elgebeily, Centre for the Study of International Peace and Security

Distinguished Senior Scholar Award:
Ken Stiles, Chair, Brigham Young University
Tana Johnson, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy
Jutta Joachim, Radboud University

Special Workshop on Global South
Karen Mingst, University of Kentucky
Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)
Bob Reinaldo, Radboud University

B. In 2017 the International Organization section made the following awards at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore:

Chadwick Alger prize:


Tie for Second Prize: Barbara Koremenos (The Continent of International Law) and Vincent Pouliot (International Pecking Order)

Finkelstein prize: Jonathan Chu (Stanford), "International Organizations and American Public Opinion on Humanitarian War."