International Organization (IO) Section
2019 Annual Report

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Full Report

The section on International Organizations 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. However, membership has slightly decreased the two last years from 747 members in 2017, to 732 in 2018, and 678 members in 2020 (658 in 2016). Since 2005, we have also had dips in membership in 2014 and 2016. The section’s financial balance is $23,001.12 as of 9 October 2019.

The section executive committee is comprised of John Karlsrud (Chair, to March 2020), Sarah von Billerbeck, (Section Program Chair 2020), Robert Kissack, Secretary (to March 2020), Nina Græger, Treasurer (to April 2021) and four members-at-large: Kirsten Haack (to March 2020), Vincent Pouliot (to April 2021), Tana Johnson (to March 2020) and Katie Laatikainen (to March 2020). Elections for expiring positions (Chair, Secretary and three member-at-large positions) will be held in February 2020. Election officer Kent Kille will oversee the election process. The new executive committee will choose a new program chair and the prize committees.

For Honolulu, the IO section was allocated 46 panels. Through co-sponsorship, we now have a total of 93 panels, including the Distinguished Scholar panel, plus two back-ups. Of the 93, 82 are co-sponsored. IO has co-sponsored with 26 of the 33 sections/caucuses, as well as the conference theme. We will host a reception in Honolulu, co-sponsored with the following ISA sections:

- International Law
- Human Rights
- Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration

In addition, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and Brill/Global Governance will contribute $500 each to the costs of the reception.

We will also be presenting three major awards at ISA 2020: The Finkelstein Award for best graduate student paper delivered at ISA 2019; the Chadwick Alger Award for best book of the year on international organization; and the IO Section Distinguished Scholar Award. In addition, at the ISA 2019 annual meeting, the IO section approved to continue to support a Special Workshop on the topic of International Institutions and/in the Global South for the 2021 meeting in Las Vegas.

A. The International Organization section 2020 prize committees are:

Finkelstein prize:
Katie Laatikainen, Chair, Adelphi University
Kirsten Haack, Northumbria University  
Matias E. Margulis, University of Edinburgh  

**Chadwick Alger prize:**  
Herman T. Salton, International Christian University (ICU)  
Manuel Frölich, Universität Trier  
Vincent Pouliot, McGill University  
Ellen Jenny Ravndal, The Australian National University  
Ole Jacob Sending, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)  

**Distinguished Senior Scholar Award:**  
Alynna Lyon, Chair, University of New Hampshire  
Amitav Acharya, American University  
Kirsten Haack, Northumbria University  

The Special Workshop on Global South will have its next call for ISA 2021. The committee consists of:  
Clara Egger, Graduate Institute Geneva  
Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)  
Bob Reinaldo, Radboud University  

**B. THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SECTION MADE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS AT THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING IN TORONTO:**  

**Chadwick Alger prize:** Liliana Andonova, Governance Entrepreneurs: International Organizations and the Rise of Global Public-Private Partnerships  

**Finkelstein prize:** Charlotte Grech-Madin, for her paper “Currents of Conscience: Evolution and Operation of the Water Taboo”.  

**Special Workshop on the Global South:** The Committee found no suitable proposal.