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. It is among the larger sections of ISA, with 623 members as of November 2014. The section has a balance of $14,753.

This year the section has a new chair (Ian Hurd). The executive committee is now composed of Ian Hurd (to 2016), Joel Oestreich (treasurer, 2015), Matthias Hofferberth (secretary, 2015), Karen Alter (2015), Michael Lipson (2015), David Gartner (2015), Rebecca Adler-Nissen (2016), Katharina Coleman (2016), Leonard Seabrooke (2016), and Ken Stiles (ex officio, 2015). Our charter mandates that there shall be seven people on the executive committee, including three named offices: chair, treasurer, and secretary. There are currently nine members (plus the ex officio member - the previous chair who serves one year). Five of the nine will will rotate off in February 2015, leaving two slots to fill.

At ISA 2015, the IO section will have 44 panels for which we are the sole sponsor. Leslie Johns has been the program chair. Overall, we received 15 submissions of panels and 185 paper submissions. These listed IO as their first-choice section. We accepted 13 panels and 115 papers. These are acceptance rates of 87 and 62% respectively. In addition, we actively sought panel co-sponsorships with other sections and ended up with a strong interdisciplinary collection of co-sponsored panels. These are with English School (1 panel), Environmental Studies (3), Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration (4), Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (2), Foreign Policy Analysis (1), Global Development (4), Global Health (1), Global South Caucus (1), Human Rights (3), International Ethics (1), International Political Sociology (1), International Law (3), International Political Economy (4), Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, & Allies Caucus (1), Political Demography and Geography (1), Theme Panel (2). In sum, the section will be either the sole or co-sponsor of 57 panels at ISA 2015.

We will also give out two awards at the 2015 meetings: the Finkelstein Award for best grad-student paper and the Alger Award for best book. The Finkelstein winner is Chris Tenove of UBC for his paper "In Whose Name? Representation and Inclusion in Global Governance." The Finkelstein Committee was Alynna Lyon, Kirsten Haack, and James Muldoon. The Alger winner is Tana Johnson for her book Organizational Progeny: Why Governments are Losing Control over the Proliferating Structures of Global Governance. The Alger Committee was Roland Paris, Dominic Zaum, Mathias Koenig-Archibugui, and Katerina Linos. The Alger Committee also gave recognition to two
books as honorable mentions - these were by Karen Alter and by Séverine Autesserre. Thanks to all for their help on the committees, and congratulations to all the winners.

The section’s main expenses each year are for the awards and the annual reception. For 2015, we are budgeting $1800 for the reception, and approximately $800 for the prizes and associated costs. The reception will be joint with the International Law, Ethnicity/Nationalism/Migration Studies, and Human Rights sections.

For the coming year, the section will hold elections to fill two the offices of treasurer and secretary, and thus bring the committee membership to seven. We will also recruit a program chair for 2016. Ahead of the 2016 meetings, we will also award the Distinguished Scholar award, which will entail a review committee.

The section begins 2015 in a strong financial position, and we are exploring ways to use this strength to improve the situation of scholars with research interests in international organizations. We are particularly interested in making things easier for younger scholars and for those from traditionally disadvantaged groups, perhaps with scholarships, travel grants, and other devices.