International Political Economy Section 
2011-2012 Report

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The International Political Economy section has had a dynamic year with two new initiatives: the IPE Best Dissertation Award and the IPE Best Graduate Student Paper Award. The section finances are healthy and its membership is growing. We began calendar year 2011 with a balance of $4516.48. The balance at the end of the 2001 stood at $6100.02. The section membership increased from 661 in 2001 to 697 in 2012 making IPE the third largest section behind Foreign Policy Analysis and International Security Studies.

In recent years, the IPE section has received the highest number of submissions and consequently the Conference Chairs have generously allocated it the highest number of panels. For the 2011 conference, the IPE section was allocated 80 panels and eventually, the section sponsored or co-sponsored 6 roundtables and 85 panels, totaling 91 overall. For the 2012 conference, the IPE section was allocated 82 panels, and the section has sponsored or co-sponsored 11 roundtables and 92 panels, totaling 103 overall.

Every year, the IPE section recognizes scholars in two categories: IPE Distinguished Senior Scholar and Society of Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) Mentor Award. In addition, the section recognizes an eminent scholar-practitioner. This year the IPE Section has instituted two additional awards: IPE best dissertation award and IPE best graduate Student Award. The descriptions of these awards are provided below:

1. **Distinguished Senior Scholar (DSS) Award**

   The DSS Award recognizes senior scholars of exceptional merit whose influence and intellectual works will likely continue to impact the field for years in the future. At the ISA conference, the IPE section organizes a roundtable to honor the DSS honoree followed by a reception which is sponsored by Lynne Rienner.

   **Award Committee**
   
   Chair:
   Renee Marlin-Bennett (Johns Hopkins University).

   Members:
   Professor Robert Denemark (University of Delaware)
   Professor Phil Cerny (2011 DSS Award winner)
Award Recipient:
Mary Ann Tetreault, Una Chapman Cox Distinguished Professor of International Affairs at Trinity University (Texas).

Professor Tetreault is author, co-author or co-editor of 14 books and many articles, chapters and reports. Much of Tetreault's current research examines democracy in the Arab world. She co-edited Political Change in the Arab Gulf States: Stuck in Transition with Gwenn Okruhlik and Andrzej Kapiszewski (2011), and authored Stories of Democracy: Politics and Society in Contemporary Kuwait (2000). She is highly respected for her research on the Arab world and oil in the global political economy. She is the author of The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and the Economics of the New World Order (1995), Revolution in the World Petroleum Market (1985), and The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (1981). Tetreault served as co-editor of the IPE Yearbook from 1997 to 2003, and has organized volumes on various additional aspects of political economy. Professor Tetreault is also well-known for her scholarship on gender and on democracy. Her books on gender and feminist approaches include two volumes on Feminist Approaches to Social Movements, Community, and Power co-edited with Robin L Teske in 2000 and 2003; At Home in the Nation? Gender, States, and Nationalism, with Sita Ranchod-Nilsson (2000) and she is sole editor of Women and Revolution in Africa, Asia, and the New World (1994). Her interest in pedagogy led her to co-author the innovative text World Politics as if People Mattered, with Ronnie Lipschutz.

2. Society of Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) Mentor Award

Originating in the early 1990’s, the Society for Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) observed that many women in IPE did not have the close mentoring relationships that their male counterparts seemed to benefit from. Indeed, while research across disciplines has shown that mentoring can be key to higher publication rates and successfully achieving tenure, women tend to get less mentoring than men. To recognize excellent mentoring in their field, members created the SWIPE Mentor Award, presenting the first award to Robert Keohane in 1997. The SWIPE Mentor Award pays tribute to women and men who have invested in the professional success of women in the IPE field. Recipients have included scholars, an academic press editor, and deans. In 2009, with the view that many of its original goals had been reached and that other organizations were addressing its concerns, SWIPE disbanded. The award is now administered by the IPE Section.

2011-2012 Award Committee
Chair:
Kathleen Hancock (Colorado School of Mines).
Members:
Christina Davis (Princeton University)
Christine Gustafson (St. Anselm College)
Aida Hozic (University of Florida)
Professor Anja Jetschke (Hamburg International Graduate School)

Award Recipient
David A. Lake, Jerri-Ann and Gary E. Jacobs Professor of Social Sciences and Distinguished Professor of Political Science at University of California, San Diego.

Professor Lake has not only an outstanding reputation as a scholar but also as a mentor who provides outstanding support through research and professional advice. The nominators noted that he "remains connected to his students throughout their careers, providing valuable advice and support" and is seen by others throughout the discipline as a well respected mentor. The Award committee was particularly impressed by the long list of current and former students who nominated Prof. Lake, demonstrating the breadth of his mentoring success. The twelve nominators include two current Ph.D. students at UCSD plus scholars at Yale University, University of Kentucky, University of British Columbia, London School of Economics, Marquette University, University of Maryland, German Marshall Fund of the United States, and University of Toronto.

3. Outstanding Activist Scholar Award

In 2006, the IPE section of the ISA created an award for Outstanding Activist Scholar. The award was first presented at the 2007 ISA Annual Meeting in Chicago. In keeping with the criteria established by the IPE’s Activist Scholar Award Committee in 2006, the award is to be given to a person who has successfully straddled academia and activism:

Awards Committee:
Co-Chairs:
Linda Yarr (George Washington University) and Ruth Reitan (University of Miami)

Members:
Robin Broad (American University)
Barry K. Gills (Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK)
Hasmet Uluorta (University of Miami)

Award Recipient:
Mike Davis, University of California, Riverside
Mike Davis is renowned author of creative non-fiction works on topics of relevance to the global justice movement and on the political and cultural history of Southern
California, including 'Prisoners of the American Dream' about the U.S. working class and 'City of Quartz' dealing with the political economy and cultural history of Southern California. He has also written about the sociopolitical history of famines in the global south ('Late Victorian Holocaussts'), contemporary epidemic diseases and globalization ('Monster at Our Door'), the emergence of the car bomb ('Buda’s Wagon'), Southern California as apocalypsville ('Ecology of Fear'), the political ecology of slums in the global south ('Planet of Slums') and 'No One Is Illegal: Fighting Racism and State Violence on the U.S.-Mexico Border' (with Justin Akers Chacon). Davis is very active in an emerging coalition that supports public education in California and is a long-time expert on labor politics in the U.S. He is a San Diego resident and teaches at UC-Riverside.

4. IPE Best Dissertation Award

The International Political Economy Section seeks to recognize the best dissertation completed and accepted in the previous two years (2009-2011 for the 2012 award) in the field of international political economy. The recipient will be awarded a framed certificate and a check for $100.

**Award Committee**
Chair:
Thomas Oatley (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA)

Members:
Nathan Jensen (Washington University, St. Louis, USA)
Daniel Drezner (Tufts University, USA)
Hevina Dashwood (Brock University, Canada)
Anke Schmidt-Felzmann (University of Stockholm, Sweden)

**Award Recipient**
Dr. Christian Thauer (Research Associate, Free University, Berlin)

The title of Dr. Thauer’s dissertation is: "Corporate Social Responsibility in the Regulatory Void – Does The Promise Hold? Self-Regulation by Business in South Africa and China." Christian completed his dissertation at the European University Institute, Florence. Professor Adrienne Heritier served as the supervisor of his doctoral dissertation committee. The Awards committee notes that "Dr. Thauer's dissertation draws on concepts from transactions costs economics to argue that corporations sometimes have internal incentives to meet corporate social responsibility goals. He evaluates the theoretical argument using data generated from a series of personal interviews with corporate managers and field work --factory visits -- in South Africa and China. The innovative theory and original data combined to produce an exceptional piece of scholarship."
5.  **IPE Graduate Paper Award**

The International Political Economy Section seeks to recognize the best (sole authored) graduate paper presented at the previous (2011) ISA conference. To be eligible for the award, the paper must be presented on a panel sponsored or co-sponsored by the IPE section, and must be original (not published at the time of its presentation). Papers presented as posters are also eligible. Papers may be nominated by panel chairs/discussants or other conference participants, and by authors. The recipient will be awarded a framed certificate and a check for $100.

**Awards Committee**

*Chair:*
Jeffrey A. Hart (Indiana University, Bloomington, USA)

*Members:*
Abraham Newman (Georgetown University, USA)
Doris Fuch (University of Muenster, Germany)
Xun Cao (Penn State University, USA)
Stefano Guzzini (Danish Institute for International Studies Strandgade, Denmark & Uppsala University, Department of Government)
Robert Wolfe (Queen's University, Canada) served as its members.

**Award Recipient**
Daniel Berliner (University of Washington, Seattle)

The title of Daniel's paper is: The Impact of Freedom of Information Laws on Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries." The committee notes that "Daniel Berliner argues convincingly in this paper that democratic transparency is an important factor in the decision of foreign firms to engage in foreign direct investment (FDI) in developing countries. He provides solid empirical evidence for his views. The indicator of democratic transparency that he has selected is the adoption of freedom of information (FOI) laws. Together with a general commitment to the rule of law, the adoption of FOI laws is strongly correlated with inflows of FDI."