International Political Economy Section  
2013-2014 Report

2013-2014 Section Chair: Susan K. Sell, George Washington University  
2013-2014 Program Chair: Wesley Widmaier, Griffith University

The International Political Economy section has had an excellent year. The section finances are healthy. We began calendar year 2013 with a balance of $ 6,304.82. The balance at the end of the 2013 stood at $10,910.03. The section membership remains robust at 748, making IPE the third largest section behind Foreign Policy Analysis (859) and International Security Studies (1381).

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 2014 conference, the IPE section was allocated 80 panels and eventually, the section sponsored or co-sponsored 81.57 panels. IPE co-sponsored 17, underscoring our continuing commitment to partner with other sections.

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 (“Outstanding Activist Scholar”). All awards will be presented to the recipients at the IPE reception in Toronto. 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 award will be presented at our annual IPE reception that Lynne Rienner generously sponsors.

**Award Committee: 2012-2013**

*Chair:*
J.P. Singh (George Mason University)

*Members:*
Phil Cerny (2011 DSS Award winner)  
Aseem Prakash (University of Washington – Seattle)  
Susan K. Sell (George Washington University)

**Award Recipient:**

**Beth Simmons**

Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs  
Department of Government and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
Harvard University
Professor Simmons served as ISA President 2012-2013. Her two books have won multiple awards attesting to the consistent excellence of her research and scholarship. In 2010 *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics* (N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2009) won the following awards: The American Political Science Association’s *Woodrow Wilson Award* for the best book published in the U.S. on government, politics, or international affairs; the International Studies Association’s annual *Best Book Award* in the field of international studies; the *Stein Rokkan Prize* awarded by the International Social Science Council and European Consortium for Political Research for a very substantial and original contribution in comparative social science research; and an American Society of International Law *Certificate of Merit* for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship. In 1995 Professor Simmons won multiple awards for *Who Adjusts? Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy during the Interwar Years 1923-1939* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994). The book won the American Political Science Association’s *Woodrow Wilson Award* for the best book published in the U.S. on government, politics, or international affairs; and the American Political Science Association section on *Political Economy Award* for best book or article in political economy published in the past three years.


In recognition for her contributions to scholarship, in 2013 she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. In May 2012 she was inducted as an Edward M. Kennedy Fellow, and in October 2010 she was elected to the American Academy of Political and Social Science. It gives the selection committee great pleasure to add to this scholarly recognition of Professor Simmons’ professional accomplishments.

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.

2012-2013 Award Committee
Chair:
Michelle Frasher (Molloy College)
Members:
Beverly Barrett (University of Miami)
Erin Hannah (University of Western Ontario)
Susan Aaronson (George Washington University - Naval War College)
Gabriela Kutting (Rutgers University – Newark)

Award Recipient
Rorden Wilkinson
Professor of International Political Economy
School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester
Research Director, University of Manchester’s Brooks World Poverty Institute

Professor Wilkinson has not only an outstanding reputation as a scholar but also as a mentor who provides outstanding support through research and professional advice. He is a highly regarded mentor who has been tireless in his efforts to help support the scholarly careers of women in the profession. Whether including them in workshop projects and edited volumes, providing helpful feedback on research projects, or co-authoring with them he has provided invaluable service to women in the profession.

Professor Wilkinson is author of, among other things, What's Wrong with the WTO and How to Fix it (Polity, forthcoming 2014), The WTO: Crisis and the governance of global trade (Routledge, 2006) and Multilateralism and the World Trade Organisation (Routledge, 2000); editor of The Global Governance Reader (Routledge, 2005); and co-editor of International Organization and Global Governance (Routledge, 2013), Trade, Poverty, Development: Getting beyond the WTO’s Doha Deadlock (Routledge, 2013), The Millennium Development Goals and Beyond: Global Development after 2015 (Routledge, 2012), Global Governance, Poverty and Inequality (Routledge, 2010), The WTO after Hong Kong (Routledge, 2007) and Global Governance: Critical Perspectives (Routledge, 2002). He has published nine edited and co-edited volume and 30 research articles.

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

Award Recipient:
Naomi Klein

Naomi Klein is a highly accomplished Canadian author and social activist. She has published two bestsellers: No Logo (Knopf Canada and Picador, 1999) and The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism (2007). No Logo offers a critique of global capitalism and worker exploitation by firms such as Nike. The Shock Doctrine traces the implementation of free market capitalism in countries in difficult circumstances. The book examines the adoption of neoliberal economic policies throughout Latin America in the 1970s, including Pinochet’s Chile, and Margaret Thatcher’s economic shock therapy in the UK. She details how the US imposed free market principles during its occupation of Iraq. Ms. Klein’s publications have had a global major impact and both of these books have been translated into 28 languages. The Village Voice, Publishers Weekly, The Observer, and the Seattle Times named Shock Therapy one of the best books of 2007. In February 2009 Ms. Klein won the inaugural Warwick Prize for Writing from the University of Warwick in the UK for Shock Therapy.

In May 2011 St. Thomas University in Canada awarded Ms. Klein an honorary degree. Supporting such causes as Occupy Wall Street, environmental protection, and social justice The New Yorker identified Ms. Klein as “the most visible and influential figure on the American left.”