The International Political Economy section continues to be a vibrant, diverse, “big tent” group of scholars who benefit from engagement with each other and the broader International Studies Association. With 832 current members (an increase of sixty members over 2016), IPE remains the fourth largest ISA section behind International Security Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, and Peace Studies. For the 2018 Annual Convention, the IPE section has sponsored 90 roundtables or panels.

**Governance**

This year the IPE section began a review of its governance documents with the goal of re-chartering the section before the annual meeting in San Francisco. Kathryn Lavelle, Section Chair, consulted with ISA headquarters and a cross-section of members on a draft charter in the fall of 2017. She consulted other section charters and received feedback from former section officers, section award winners, as well as current junior and senior scholars and graduate student members. A charter will be presented to all section members for an electronic vote in early 2018 and (if passed) take effect after the business meeting in San Francisco.

**Awards**

The IPE section is affiliated with three long-standing awards that each involve the organization of roundtable sessions at the Annual Convention to honor the award recipients: the IPE Distinguished Scholar Award; the Society of Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE) Mentor Award; and the Outstanding Activist Scholar (OAS) Award for eminent scholar-practitioners. The section has also initiated an IPE Best book award.

**The Distinguished Scholar Award** recognizes senior scholars of exceptional merit whose influence and intellectual works will likely continue to impact the field for years in the future. This year’s Distinguished Scholar Committee selected Professor Kathleen R. McNamara of Georgetown University as the 2018 honoree. Her nomination letter stressed her major research achievements, which have reshaped debate in the field of the European economic and monetary union, her role in bringing constructivist and rationalist approaches together in the field, and her role as a public intellectual. Committee members also noted her work as a mentor and role model for junior scholars in the field.

**2017 Distinguished Scholar Award Committee**

Carla Norlof (Chair)

*University of Toronto*
The SWIPE Mentor Award pays tribute to women and men who have invested in the professional success of women in the IPE field. Originating in the early 1990s, 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 benefitted 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. The 2017 Committee selected Kathleen Hancock (Colorado School of Mines) as the 2018 honoree.

2017 SWIPE Mentor Award Committee

Laura C. Mahrenbach  
_Bavarian School of Public Policy/Technical University of Munich_  
Juliann Allison  
_University of California Riverside_  
Tim Buthe  
_Bavarian School of Public Policy_  
Juanita Elias  
_University of Warwick_  
Matias Margulis  
_University of Stirling_

The Outstanding Activist Scholar Award is given to an honoree who has successfully straddled academia and activism. Recipients have a record of writing that is used and recognized within the academic community, as well as a record of work that moves beyond academia into activism.

Hasmet Uluorta (chair) and this year’s committee selected Professor Jackie Smith, a Sociologist from the University of Pittsburgh, as the 2017 IPE Outstanding Activist Scholar honoree.

The Best Book Award recognizes an outstanding monograph in the field of IPE published within the last two years, on the basis of originality, significance, and rigor. This year’s committee selected Margaret E. Peters’ _Trading Barriers: Immigration and the Remaking of Globalization_ (Princeton University Press,
2017). In designating this honor, the committee noted that the book is an excellent, very carefully argued and researched work on an important topic. Its historical research extends to the 19th century. It is theoretically innovative and a model of multi-method research.

Best Book Award Committee

Miles Kahler (Chair)
School of International Service
Soo Yeon Kim
National University of Singapore
Sylvia Maxfield
Providence College School of Business
Abraham Newman
Georgetown University
Eleni Tsingou
Copenhagen Business School

Annual Meeting

Juliet Johnson has assembled an impressive set of ninety roundtables and panels for the 2018 Annual Convention in San Francisco. This includes sessions co-sponsored with a wide range of other sections as well as the Global South Caucus, the Women’s Caucus, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Allies Caucus.

Finances

The finances of the section remain strong, with available funds for the section currently standing at US$22,035. Future commitments include a contribution of US$1,150 towards the IPE reception at the Annual Convention, sponsored by Lynne Rienner. We appreciate Lynne Rienner’s support for the reception because it is an excellent occasion to toast this year’s IPE award honorees and for members to interact informally. It takes place on the Friday of the Convention, at the end of a packed day of formal IPE section events, including roundtables for the three recipients and the section business meeting. In the past 12 months, the section spent funds on the following activities: contribution towards the annual reception; expenses related to awards; and expenses related to the attendance of the OAS honoree Medea Benjamin.