ISA annual convention 2013
The San Diego convention was a success for the IPS section, which (co)sponsored 56 panels and 7 roundtables as well as 2 poster sessions and 1 innovative panel. The San Francisco convention is promising equally well. As of February 2013, IPS has 51 (co)sponsored panels and 7 roundtables in the program.

For the 2013 convention Ole Jacob Sending acted as the program chair of the International Political Sociology section. Here is a summary of overall figures: 347 papers, 17 roundtables, and 115 panels in total were submitted. Of these, 159 papers, 10 roundtables, and 61 panels were submitted with IPS as 1st choice. Total rejection rate (of submissions with IPS as either first or second choice) was 55 per cent for papers, 30 per cent for roundtables, and 33 per cent for panels. Of those with IPS as first choice, the corresponding rejection rates are 67 per cent (papers), 40 per cent (panels), and 46 per cent (roundtables).

The fall in the number of (co)sponsored panels (when compared to the previous convention) could be explained with reference to a slight weakening of co-sponsorship. This, in turn, appears to be function of the impressively high number of panel proposals the section receives year after year. For the 2012 convention, the section had received 49 panel submissions as first choice and 92 in total, which put IPS in the second position among all ISA sections. For the 2013 convention, IPS received 61 panel submissions as first choice and 115 in total, which kept the section in second place in terms of total number of ISA panel submissions. In terms of paper submissions, proposal figures went from 137 as first choice for 2012 (327 in total) to 159 as first choice for 2013 (347 in total). The acceptance rate of panels went down from 55 per cent to 36 per cent and papers from 21 per cent to 20 per cent. Given the high number of pre-formed panel submissions received by the IPS section, the program chair’s job of seeking co-sponsorship gets more difficult every year.

Membership
International Political Sociology Section has experienced another year of growth in member numbers: from 528 in 2012 to 580 in 2013. This makes IPS the 6th largest group among ISA groups. This figure also amounts to a 10 per cent growth in IPS membership and is just below ISA’s own growth of 12 per cent (from 9555 to 10713). The reach of the section goes beyond its fee-paying members, with the IPS list-serve enjoying a membership just below 1000 subscribers.
Finances
IPS finances remain strong thanks to a steady growth in membership. The new expenditures created by the institution of the IPS Best Graduate Paper Award and the IPS Book Award claims a total of 550 USD per year. As with previous years, the section sought sponsorship from outside for the financing of the IPS reception at the annual convention. The total balance of the IPS section budget was 8362 USD by February 2013.

IPS elections
Elections will be held in March 2013, a month in advance of the San Francisco convention. Positions that are open in this year’s elections are Program/Vice-Chair (who serves for one year and assumes the position of Chair in the following year), Treasurer (renewable), and two members-at-large. Current officers of the section are as follows:

Past Chair: Xavier Guillaume, University of Edinburgh, UK
Current Chair: Pinar Bilgin, Bilkent University, Turkey
Program/Vice-Chair: Ole Jacob Sending, NUPI, Norway
Secretary-Treasurer: Rebecca Adler-Nielsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2011-13)
Communications Director: Can Mutlu, University of Ottawa, Canada

Executive Committee:
Vicki Squire, Warwick University, UK (2011-13)
Karen Smith, University of Cape Town, South Africa (2011-13)
Thierry Balzacq, Edinburgh University, UK (2012-14)
Carolina Moulin Aguiar, IRI, PUC-RIO, Brazil (2012-14)

IPS book award
The book award was instituted in 2011. In the second year of it’s running, the section received 17 nominations (3 books were disqualified for reasons of them being edited volumes, see the IPS book award regulations). The committee was chaired by Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University, Turkey) and composed of Barry Hindess (Australian National University, Australia), Jenny Edkins (Aberystwyth University, UK), Karen Smith (University of Cape Town, South Africa), and Vicki Squire (Warwick University, UK). According to IPS book award regulations two members of the book award committee are Executive Committee members and two members are appointed from outside for a two-year term. The winner of the book prize will receive his/her prize of 300USD and a plaque at the 2013 San Francisco convention business meeting.

IPS best graduate paper award
The graduate paper award was instituted in 2012 and is in the second year of its running. Notwithstanding the Chair’s best efforts to announce the award, the number of nominations went down from 7 in 2011 to 2 in 2012. Nonetheless, the committee considered both submissions to be of high quality and proceeded
with the evaluation. The two nominated papers were evaluated by a committee chaired by Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University, Turkey) and composed of Nick Vaughan-Williams (University of Warwick, UK), Thierry Balzacq, Edinburgh University, UK and Carolina Moulin Aguiar, IRI, PUC-RIO, Brazil. According to IPS best graduate paper award regulations, two members of the book award committee are Executive Committee members and one member is appointed from outside for a two-year term. The winner of the best graduate paper prize will receive his/her prize of 150USD and a certificate at the 2013 San Francisco convention business meeting.