OVERVIEW

This report covers the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This departs from previous reporting practice.

This was the third full year for the current editorial team. This team began working in September 2014 and serves until the end of 2019. We are over the halfway mark, having produced Volume 16 in 2015, Volume 17 in 2016, and Volume 18 in 2017.

The articles for Volume 19, issues 1 and 2, February and May 2018, are available online and the content for issue 3 August 2018 is in production at Oxford University Press. Those papers should be available online by February.

EDITORIAL INITIATIVES

In 2017, we started two initiatives: one was a commitment to publish short commentaries of interest to the profession and the second was to make a greater effort to reach Global South scholars and readers.

The commitment to publish short commentaries of interest to international studies professionals has not received much response. We published one commentary in February 2017 in Vol. 18, no. 1: “A Global South Perspective on International Relations Theory,” by Imad Mansour. This paper was the seventh most downloaded article in 2017 (see ISP Website Usage Data below). We received only one other commentary which was rejected after the review process.

The second effort has been more successful: Greater outreach to Global South scholars and readers. Two editors attended two conferences/workshops in 2017 in order to engage with Global South scholars. The first was the Global South workshop in Havana, Cuba, in July 2017. Karen Mingst and Laura Neack met with authors informally (outside a panel format) to discuss their research projects and ISP. There was a panel of ISA journal editors on the program, but ISP was not invited to participate in that panel. To facilitate our efforts in Havana, we brought Spanish language ISP branded business cards and Spanish language ISP bookmarks, both produced by Oxford University Press.

One important result of the Havana meeting was the inclusion of Dr. Mariana Aparicio, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México on the ISP editorial board.

Next, Eric Selbin and Laura Neack attended the 50th anniversary meeting of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Internacionales (AMEI) in Huatulco, Mexico, in October. At this meeting, we convened a panel/workshop to discuss what ISP publishes and to talk with Mexican scholars about how to publish with ISP. This conversation led to a broader discussion of how ISA journals might be made more
accessible to Spanish-speaking authors. For this meeting, OUP provided Spanish language business cards, bookmarks, and flyers with the titles and abstracts of articles in the February 2018 issue. Our outreach at the AMEI meeting was amplified by the efforts of Dr. Mark Boyer, Executive Director of the ISA and a co-founding editor of ISP.

One important result of the AMEI conferences was the inclusion of Dr. Jorge Schiavon, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico, to our editorial board.

The ISP editors invited other ISA journal editors to participate in a joint panel at the FLACSO-ISA conference in Quito, Ecuador, July 2018, but none responded. We submitted our own proposal featuring the editors and two ISP authors. The panel, “Collaborations between Global North Journals and Global South Scholars and Teachers,” was accepted.

| Collaborations between Global North Journals and Global South Scholars and Teachers |
| Participant: Arlene B. Tickner (Universidad del Rosario) |
| Participant: Ersel Aydinli (Bilkent University) |
| Participant: Eric Selbin (ISP and Southwestern University) |
| Participant: Laura Neack (ISP and Miami University) |
| Discussant: Karen Ann Mingst (ISP and University of Kentucky) |

**Abstract**

How can journals edited in the Global North contribute to the development of indigenous IR thinking and teaching in the Global South? Can such a collaboration promote the professionalization of Global South IR scholarship without imposing the methods and preferences of the Global North? This roundtable seeks to address these questions through a conversation begun by the panelists (the editors of International Studies Perspectives and two ISP authors) and then joined by the attendees. This conversation is inspired by a 2003 ISP article on “Hearing Latin American Voices in International Relations Studies” (Tickner 2003), and arises again in recently published and forthcoming ISP articles including “Time to Quantify Turkey’s Foreign Affairs: Setting Quality Standards for a Maturing International Relations Discipline” (Aydinli and Biltekin 2017), the teaching of IR in South African rural universities (Naude 2018), and the impact of post-9-11 reforms on IR teaching in Pakistan (Aslam 2018).

The most important part of the ISP efforts to expand our reach to Global South scholars and readers involves the publishing of Spanish language abstracts. Starting with our first issue of 2018 in February, all print issues of ISP will also feature both English and Spanish language abstracts. All online articles in advance access also have Spanish language abstracts. Oxford University Press willingly absorbed the costs of reissuing some advance access articles with Spanish language abstracts to facilitate a seamless roll out of this initiative.

**OUP MARKETING**

Oxford University Press has marketed ISP online and at conferences. In addition to providing us with Spanish language materials to use at conferences and the very important collaboration to publish
Spanish language abstracts for all ISP articles, OUP conducted marketing campaigns around the ISA Baltimore conference, and regularly features ISP authors and their articles on the OUP journals blog.

For example, the top downloaded article in 2017 was Ingvild Bode and Seunghoon Emilia Heo, “World War II Narratives in Contemporary Germany and Japan: How University Studies Understand Their Past,” Vol. 18, no. 2 (May 2017). This article was downloaded 1537 times (see ISP Website Usage Data below). OUP included this article in an ISA Baltimore virtual issue and featured it in a blog, among other initiatives.

**IMPACT FACTOR**

The impact factor score on the journal’s web page is 0.785. This is the 2016 impact factor score measuring citations for 2014 and 2015. The 2016 impact factor score decreased from the 2015 score of 0.914 to .785. Obviously, this is not the right direction. This score is important but it does not reflect on the current editorial team. The first impact score that will reflect the work of just the current editorial team will the 2019 score (for papers cited in 2017 and 2018). 2019 is also the final year of this editorial team and board. The goal for us should be to continue to publish high quality scholarship that brings citations up and starts the next editorial team and board in a strong position.

**MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED AND DECISIONS**

In 2017, 144 manuscripts were submitted. A large number of these were rejected for not fitting ISP (45.8%). Soft-rejections occur after the editors read and discuss each submission.

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**Acceptances by Gender (using binary classification)**

- Female: 24%
- Male: 76%

**Acceptances by Country Location of Submitting Author**

- United States: 33%
- United Kingdom: 33%
- Australia: 10%
- One each: Canada, France, Korea, Netherlands, South Africa

**Rejections by Gender (using binary classification)**

- Female: 30%
- Male: 70%


Rejections by Country Location of Submitting Author
United States 37%
United Kingdom 17%
Israel 10%
One each: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Switzerland, Taiwan

**TURN-AROUND STATISTICS**

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*All acceptances were revised manuscripts

**VOLUME 18, PUBLISHED 2017**

Volume 18 contained one commentary, one forum (with three contributors), and 21 original articles. The tables of content appear at the end of this report.

All Authors in Volume 18 by Gender (using binary classification)
Female 39%
Male 61%
Total number 38

All Authors in Volume 18 by Country, Total Number Each
United States 20
United Kingdom 4
Sweden 2
Turkey 2
One each: Australia, Brazil, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Qatar, and Singapore.

**REVIEWER STATISTICS**

Reviewers by Gender (using binary classification)
Female 43%
Male 57%

Reviewers by Country Location
United States 46%
United Kingdom  19%
Canada         5%
Australia      4%
Singapore      3%
Germany        2%
Japan          2%
Netherlands    2%
Turkey         2%
Brazil         1%
Norway         1%
South Africa   1%
Sweden         1%

One reviewer from each: Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Korea, Pakistan, Switzerland

ISP Website Usage Data Compiled by Oxford University Press

Geographical Usage by Continent, 2017 YTD*

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### Top Geographical Usage by Country, 2017 YTD*

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### Top Downloaded Articles, 2017 YTD*

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<td>Ingvild Bode</td>
<td>(2017), Vol. 18, Iss. 2, 131-154</td>
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<td>Revisiting the American Social Science-Mapping the Geography of International Relations</td>
<td>Peter Marcus Kristensen</td>
<td>(2015), Vol. 16, Iss. 3, 246-269</td>
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<td>Same Same or Different? Norm Diffusion Between Resistance, Compliance, and Localization in Post-conflict States</td>
<td>Lisbeth Zimmermann</td>
<td>(2016), Vol. 17, Iss. 1, 98-115</td>
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<td>The Specter That Haunts Political Science: The Neglect and Misreading of Marx in International Relations and Comparative Politics</td>
<td>Sebastian Sclosfsky</td>
<td>First published online September 8, 2017</td>
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<td>PeaceTech: The Liminal Spaces of Digital Technology in Peacebuilding</td>
<td>Pamina Firchow</td>
<td>(2017), Vol. 18, Iss. 1, 4-42</td>
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<td>Imad Mansour</td>
<td>(2017), Vol. 18, Iss. 1, 2-3</td>
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<td>Cameron G. Thies</td>
<td>(2002), Vol. 3, Iss. 4, 351-372</td>
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<td>Bringing the Gold Standard into the Classroom: Replication in University Teaching</td>
<td>Nicole Janz</td>
<td>(2016), Vol. 17, Iss. 4, 392-407</td>
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