



INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES (ISSS) SECTION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

The ISSS has grown enormously in recent years. With over 1600 members, it is now, by far, the largest ISA section.

As of October 31, 2017, the section had \$147,779 in its accounts, though the costs from the annual ISSS-ISAC conference (estimated at around \$25,000) and profit-sharing with ISAC had not yet been deducted. In addition, costs from the 2017 ISA conference in Baltimore also did not seem to have been deducted yet. Therefore, it is difficult to estimate how much ISSS actually has in its accounts, though it is likely to be around \$100,000. In an effort spearheaded by the ISSS development coordinator, David Malet, and with help from the ISSS Treasurer, Erik Dahl, the section also raised \$12,850 for the ISSS reception at the 2018 annual ISA conference, San Francisco.

ISSS's conference program for 2018 in San Francisco remains the largest section program. This gargantuan task was ably managed by Pinar Bilgin of Bilkent University in Turkey, who had previously served as the ISA Program Co-Chair in 2014-15. The section received over 1000 individual paper submissions and over 150 panel and roundtable submissions. Per ISA guidelines, panel slots were split between individual paper submissions and panel/roundtable submissions, leading to 310 individual paper acceptances (31% acceptance rate) and 81 panel/roundtable acceptances (53% acceptance rate). When co-sponsorships are included, ISSS sponsored 186 panels and roundtables for San Francisco. The section expresses its gratitude to Pinar for taking on this demanding task.

ISSS will present seven awards at the 2018 conference. Charles Glaser won the ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award. Kelly Greenhill of Tufts University was the recipient of the section's Emerging Scholar Award, now in its second year. The ISSS Best Book Award went to two authors – Dara Kay Cohen, *Rape During Civil War* (Cornell University Press, 2016), and Philip Roessler, *Ethnic Politics and State Power in Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). Austin Carson was the winner of the section's Best Security Article Award for "Facing Off and Saving Face: Covert Intervention and Escalation Management in the Korean War," (*International Organization*, Winter 2016). The Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding ISSS Graduate Paper went to Tamar Mitts, for "From Isolation to Radicalization: Anti-Muslim Hostility and Support for ISIS in the West." They will receive their awards at the ISSS reception at the ISA conference in Baltimore. Each of these committee-selected ISSS awards comes with a \$500 prize and plaque to honor the winners. In addition, the Chair and Vice Chair of ISSS decided to honor outgoing Treasurer Erik Dahl with the ISSS Outstanding Service Award, for almost a decade of work on behalf of the section, in roles ranging from Program Chair for ISSS-ISAC Conference in Monterey, CA, Governing Council member, ISSS Program Chair for the 2012 ISA Conference in San Diego, and ISSS Treasurer.

The annual ISSS-ISAC conference was held at the School of International Service at American University in October 2017, chaired by Jim Goldgeier. The conference was one of the largest in the section's history, with over 300 scholars from around the world attending, including academics from Europe, Asia, South Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The two keynote speakers were Bob Jervis from Columbia University and Ashley Leeds, ISA President, from Rice University. The ISSS and ISAC (which has been re-named to International Security, or IS) are looking forward to their 2018 conference at Purdue University, hosted by Keith Shimko.

The section conducted elections for 5 seats on the ISSS Governing Council: four seats for our regular members to serve 3-year terms along with one graduate student representative, also for a 3-year term. The election illustrated significant interest in the section's activities, with 23 members standing for the regular election and five members standing for the graduate student representative election. The regular members elected were Monica Toft (Tufts University), Julia MacDonald (Denver University), Jennifer Dixon (Villanova University), and Jonathan Caverley (US Naval War College). Eugene Gholz, Vice Chair of the Section, oversaw the nominations and the voting. Current office holders, their terms, and the members of the various section committees are listed below.

Maria Rost Rublee
Section Chair February 2017 – March 2019
Monash University

Charles Eugene Gholz
Section Vice-Chair February 2017 – March 2019
Monash University

Erik Dahl
Treasurer February 2015 - April 2018
Naval Postgraduate School

David Malet
Development Coordinator February 2017 - April 2018
George Washington University

Pinar Bilgin
Section Program Chair February 2017 – April 2018
Bilkent University

James Goldgeier
ISSS-ISAC Conference Director October 2017
American University

Governing Council Members

Jon Western
February 2015 - April 2018
Mount Holyoke College

Charles Eugene Gholz

February 2015 - April 2018
University of Notre Dame

Christopher Layne
February 2015 - April 2018
Texas A & M University

Julia M. Macdonald (graduate student representative)
February 2015 - April 2018
George Washington University

Pinar Bilgin
February 2017 - March 2020
Bilkent University

Jennifer L. Erickson
February 2017 - March 2020
Boston College

Sarah E. Kreps
February 2017 - March 2020
Cornell University

James J. Wirtz
February 2017 - March 2020
Naval Postgraduate School

Sumit Ganguly
March 2016 - March 2019
Indiana University

Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv
March 2016 - March 2019
University of Tromsø

Ronald R. Krebs
March 2016 - March 2019
University of Minnesota

Patricia Sullivan
March 2016 - March 2019
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Scholar Award Committee
(through April 2018)

Patricia Sullivan, Co-Chair
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Barry Posen, Co-Chair
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ronald R. Krebs, Member
University of Minnesota

Sarah E. Kreps, Member
Cornell University

Christopher Layne, Member
Texas A&M University

Best Article and Graduate Paper Committee
(through April 2018)

Jennifer L. Erickson, Chair
Boston College

Julia M. Macdonald, Member
University of Pennsylvania/University of Denver

Jon Western, Member
Mount Holyoke College

Best Book Selection Committee
(through April 2018)

Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Chair
UiT The Arctic University of Norway

James J. Wirtz, Member
Naval Postgraduate School

Anthony Burke, Member
University of New South Wales

ISSS Council Nominating Committee
(through April 2018)

Charles Eugene Gholz, Co-Chair
University of Notre Dame

Sumit Ganguly, Co-Chair
Indiana University

H-Diplo-ISS Forum Representative
(through March 2019)

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