

Report to ISA regarding the ISA workshop World Government and Global Politics

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, Van Ness room, Hilton San Francisco, 333 O'Farrell Street

This workshop facilitated greater exchange between IR scholars and Political Theorists on the theoretical and practical relationship between world government and four major themes of contention: global governance, democratic politics, constitutionalism, and citizenship and identity. By focusing on these themes and their relation to the idea of world government, workshop participants addressed a central re-emerging question in the study of global politics: Is the political project of world government necessary, sufficient, feasible and/or desirable for addressing contemporary challenges of war and weapons of mass destruction, global poverty and inequality, and climate change and environmental degradation?

We are happy to report that the workshop achieved its main objective of bringing together IR scholars and political philosophers to have a common conversation about the political, normative and institutional challenges presented by the idea of world government. All presenters listed below submitted either a full-length paper or a 5,000-word memo, which were distributed to all participants as they were made available. In addition to these participants, there were seven 'observers' (invited by the organizers or participants) who attended various parts of the workshop.

The workshop co-organizers, Daniel Deudney and Catherine Lu, have been in communication with the paper/memo presenters about various publication strategies, including with the *Council of Foreign Relations*, *International Theory*, and *Ethics & Global Politics*. A couple of related paper panels may also be proposed for the next ISA annual convention in Toronto.

Of the participants in the original application for an ISA Catalytic Workshop Grant, only one (Thomas Weiss) had to cancel his attendance due to a family emergency.

Recommendations about the administration of the grant

Many foreign (outside of Canada and the US) participants have to pay a booking fee when making hotel reservations. It would be good if the hotel reimbursement claim could leave some room open for these fees to be reimbursed, as long as the total does not exceed the maximum claimable amount (in San Francisco, this was US \$204).

In the email from Cameron Thies notifying us of our success in getting this workshop grant, there was not enough information about specific limits of the use of the approved grant, and this caused unnecessary confusion and work for us and the ISA staff. For example, the email stated, 'Your approved budget is \$4832. We have reduced your original request by \$360, since non-participant attendees are not allowed in the Catalytic workshops.' As it turned out, this information was incorrect, as the \$360 was deducted from our original request because the hotel could not serve breakfast before 9:00 am. (This new information was provided by Jeanne White only after we had exchanged a few confusing emails.)

In general, when I have received research and conference grants in Canada, the awarded amount is what I work with, but adjustments to where the amount is spent (for food or for travel, for example) can, within reason, be made to fit the circumstances. I found the ISA process excessively strict and laborious in this regard, and my perception (although I don't think there was an explicit intent) was that the process, especially for the food order, was tilted towards lowering the amount spent from the actual awarded amount. I understand and endorse the principle of limiting the use of workshop funds to ISA members and to those who were on the original proposal (especially for hotel accommodation reimbursement), but within reason, it seems unnecessary and undesirable to restrict food and drink orders on this basis, provided that increasing these orders does not exceed the initial awarded amount. In fact, our workshop also did not get all the food that we had ordered (see below under budget).

These are minor issues, so I raise them only for your discussion about how best to proceed in order to maximize the positive nature of the workshop experience, especially for the organizers.

Programme Schedule

9:00-10:30 am

PANEL I: Global governance and world government

Chair: Robert C. Johansen*

Presenters:

Richard Falk*, 'Toward a Global Imaginary for the 21st Century'

Dan Deudney*, 'Burying World Government: Planetary Geopolitics and Republican Greenpeace'

Mark Bevir, 'Global Governance: A Genealogy'

Stewart Patrick, 'In Defense of Global Governance: Sovereignty and the Illusion of World Government'

Discussants: Campbell Craig*, Miriam Ronzoni

10:45-12:15 pm PANEL II: Democracy and world government

Chair: Luis Cabrera*

Presenters:

James Bohman*, 'Republican Cosmopolitanism: Popular Sovereignty in Multilevel Systems'

Thomas Christiano, 'Democratic Legitimacy and Fairness in International Negotiations'

William Scheuerman*, 'Cosmopolitanism and the World State'

Catherine Lu*, 'Democracy, Global Justice and World Government'

Discussants: Mark Bevir, Chris Brown

1:30-3:00 pm PANEL III: Constitutionalism and world government

Chair: James Bohman

Presenters:

Ronald Tinnevelt*, 'World Government and World State'

Antje Wiener*, 'Constitutionalism Unbound: Approaching the Global Constitutional Architectonic from Below'

Terry MacDonald, 'Political Legitimacy in a Pluralist World Order: What Role for Constitutionalism?'

Discussant: Kim Hutchings, Daniel Deudney, Catherine Lu

3:15-4:45 pm PANEL IV: Citizenship, identity and world government

Chair: Catherine Lu

Presenters:

Luis Cabrera, 'Global Government and the Sources of Globoskepticism'

Chris Brown, 'Liberty, Civil Society and the Undesirability of World Government'

Patti Lenard*, 'Identity and Solidarity in the World State'

Discussant: Rahul Rao*, Richard Falk, Daniel Deudney

*=participants who claimed one night of hotel accommodation from the ISA workshop grant.

Final budget itemization

Total claimed on workshop grant: **US \$3678.04**

(Allowable initial amount awarded for workshop: US \$4832)

Room rental = **US \$200**

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Hotel accommodation total for 12 participants (see above) = approx. **US \$2215.94**

(Allowable initial amount awarded for hotel accommodation, for 15 people: US \$3060)

Food and drink total = **\$1462.10**

(Allowable initial amount awarded for food/drink budget = \$1572.00)

- 10:30 am Morning coffee = \$230.30
- 12:15 pm Lunch (**18 Boxed Lunches**) = **\$715.50**

I also ordered the following item for lunch, but it did not appear. At the time of the workshop, as I did not have my order document with me, the hotel staff was unable to verify the order.

Not delivered: 1 dozen Assorted Mini Bagels and Cream Cheese – \$93.00

- 1 gallon coffee = \$90.00
- 20 Bottled Fruit Juices, Iced Teas = \$106
- 3:00 pm Afternoon coffee = \$320.30

We thank the ISA Catalytic Workshop grant committee, and the ISA staff, especially Jeanne White, for making this workshop possible and a success.

Respectfully submitted 21 May, 2013.

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