The ISA Research and Workshop Grants Committee received 22 proposals in this funding cycle. 12 proposals were for Catalytic grants (up to $5000) and 10 proposals were for Venture grants (up to $25,000). The Committee recommended funding for 8 Catalytic grants for a total of $36,887 and 8 Venture grants for a total of $113,214. The Committee is enthusiastic about committing just over $150,000 to support these 16 workshops and is confident that the investment will pay off. However, the amount committed was roughly $20,000 more than we had in the budget. I did not discover this error until three months after sending out the acceptance letters. After briefly discussing this issue with Tom Volgy, it sounds like we will likely reduce next year’s budget to make up the difference.

Following norms established in previous funding cycles, the committee decided to recommend projects based on quality, regardless of the category under which applications were made. As reflected in the list of successful projects below, the committee ended up recommending a very diverse set of workshops for 2013.

**Catalytic Workshops**

- Juliet Karbo (Univ. of Edinburgh) and Kai Oppermann (Kings College London), “Coalition Politics and Foreign Policy”
- Susan Park (Sydney University) and Jonathan Strand (UNLV), “Global Economic Governance and the Development Practices of the “Other” Multilateral Development Banks”
- Adam Bloomfield and Shirley Scott (University of New South Wales), “Norm Anti-Preneurs: Enhancing Scholarly Understanding of Resistance to Global Normative and Legal Change”
- Matthew Sussex (Univ. of Tasmania), “Actors, Processes and Architecture in the Contemporary Eurasian Order: Political, Economic and Security Challenges”
- Tarak Barkawi (LSE), John Heathershaw (Univ. of Exeter), Anna Stravrianakis (University of Sussex), “Objects and Spaces of Humanitarianism”
- Markus Kornprobst (Vienna School of International Studies) and Martin Senn (University of Innsbruck), “Prejudgments and Prejudices: Scrutinizing Background Ideas of International Relations”
- Sarah Percy (University of Western Australia) and Betsy Jose (University of Colorado Denver), “Norm Evolution, Norm Death, or Norm Change: Why do Norms Lose Influence, and how does it Matter?”

**Venture Workshops**

- Samuel Barkin (University of Massachusetts Boston), Annette Freyburg-Inan (University of Amsterdam), Ewan Harrison (Rutgers University), Patrick James (University of Southern California), and Laura Sjoberg (University of Florida), “Philosophy and Inquiry in International Relations”
• Philip Cunliffe (University of Kent) and Kai Michael Kenkel (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro), “Rising Powers and Intervention: Contested Norms and Shifts in Global Order”
• Rachel Kerr (King’s College London) and Joanna Quinn (University of Western Ontario), “Trials and Tribulations: Two Decades of Transitional Justice Research and Practice”
• Sylvia Maxfield (Providence College) and Iain Hardie (University of Edinburgh), “Patient Credit After the Crisis: Are There New Varieties of Capitalism?”
• Randall Stone (University of Rochester), Elena McLean (Texas A&M University), Oliver Westerwinter, (European University Institute), “Influencing International Relations: Power Politics, Informal Politics, or Both?”
• Felix Berenskoetter (SOAS, University of London), “Concept Analysis in International Relations”
• Miriam Anderson (Memorial University) and David Malet (University of Melbourne), “Transnational Actors in War and Peace”
• Kathleen Hancock (Colorado School of Mines) and Juliann Allison (UC Riverside), “Global Political Economy of Energy”

POLICY ISSUES AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES
At the 2013 ISA Meeting in San Francisco the Committee discussed several issues that led to small changes in the work of the Committee and the administration of the workshops. First, Tom Volgy explained that the original purpose of the Venture grants was to promote new research. As important, the ISA leadership has long sought to fund proportionately more of the Venture proposals. However, in the past the ISA has received few proposals in the Venture category and many of these were indistinguishable from the Catalytic grants. In response the Committee encouraged ISA members to apply in the Venture category and agreed to fund follow up workshops and off-site workshops where all the standard ISA regulations would apply. In this cycle the committee received more Venture proposals than it had in the past (though only one for over 20K) and the committee funded a higher proportion of the Venture proposals. Two of the funded proposals are planning to use this increased flexibility for follow-up and/or off-site meetings. At our upcoming meeting in Toronto the Committee will discuss ways of increasing the number of Venture proposals and whether to formally limit the number of proposals that get funded. Second, the Committee followed the suggestions of ISA staff to provide greater clarity to applicants about allowed expenses and also agreed to require that applicants use the ISA-provided budget template in order to minimize errors and work of staff ex-post. As of December 2013, the vast majority of grant recipients have not attempted to make changes that require approval or that violate ISA requirements. However, the Committee Chair has received around 20 emails or phone calls asking for clarification, permission to alter the budget, permission to substitute participants, or make other changes. Laura Gottschalk has no doubt received more emails and phone calls than committee members have. I have no way of knowing whether this is higher or lower than normal and I expect that the real difficulties emerge in the spring as participants cancel and organizers ask to make additional changes. Third, the Committee agreed to drop the requirement that grant recipients organize a follow up panel at next year’s ISA Convention. Fourth, the Committee will adopt stricter budgetary oversight to ensure that we do not break the budget going forward.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank all the ISA staff, but especially Laura Gottschalk, for providing expeditious responses to all questions from the committee and from workshop organizers. They have been efficient, courteous, and quite sensible in all matters before the committee.