



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ART AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (STAIR) SECTION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

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STAIR MEMBERSHIP

The STAIR membership has been growing steadily since 2014. In November 2017, STAIR membership raised to 256 members from 184 members in November 2016. The growth in membership has been more modest in 2018

Section	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
STAIR	272	256	184	174	116

STAIR ELECTIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM 2019-2021

In 2019, the STAIR section will hold election for a new executive team for a two-year period. A call for nominations and self-nominations has been circulated to STAIR members. Elections will take place in January/February 2019 and the new governance team will be announced at the STAIR Business Meeting at the ISA 2019 Annual Convention in Toronto.

STAIR COMMUNICATIONS

The STAIR team have established a new website (www.stair-isa.com), a Twitter and Facebook account. The Twitter account (@STAIRISA) currently has 1,384 followers. The team would appreciate further involvement from STAIR members in providing further resources for the website and news items for the social media accounts. The STAIR newsletter has remained the main means of communication for the section.

STAIR AWARDS

Starting in 2017-2019, STAIR has introduced three as part of its work.

- The first of these awards honors the best graduate student paper presented at the preceding year's ISA.
- The second honors the best book recently published in (interdisciplinary) fields of relevance to STAIR.
- From 2018, STAIR has also introduced a Distinguished Scholar Award 'Transversal Acts' to honour interdisciplinary work across International Relations, Science and Technology Studies, and the Arts. STAIR ISA 2018 Program

STAIR 'TRANSVERSAL ACTS' DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

The 2019 award is given to Professor Anna Leander from the Graduate Institute, Geneva, who will be honored at a special panel at the ISA Annual Convention.

STAIR BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to Antoine Bousquet, who has been awarded the 2019 book prize for *The Eye of War: Military Perception from the Telescope to the Drone*.

Congratulations to Jennifer Gabrys, who has been awarded the 2018 book prize for *Program Earth. Environmental Sensing Technologies and the Making of a Computational Planet*.

They will receive an award plaque at the joint IPS-STAIR reception at the ISA in Toronto. Details of how to nominate book for future prizes can be found here <https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/STAIR-Book-Award>

STAIR 2019 PROGRAM

The STAIR Program Chair, Aida Hozic, has led the substantial work of reviewing the STAIR submissions and compiling the programme for ISA Toronto. For the 2019 Annual Convention, STAIR has increased once more its presence on the programme. As in previous years, this success has been possible through the Program Chair's collaboration with other sections.

We would like to encourage STAIR members to choose STAIR as their first choice when submitting panels for the programme.

Section	Crafted Panels	Submitted Panels	Roundtables	Total
STAIR	14	18	16	48

STAIR GRADUATE PAPER AWARD

No award has been given this year. We encourage panel chairs and discussants to nominate papers presented at the ISA Annual Convention 2019 to be considered for the STAIR prize.

STAIR ACTIVITIES

The section has continued to collaborate with the International Political Sociology section. The two sections will hold a joint reception at ISA Toronto. STAIR has continued the collaboration with American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

STAIR has also continued to support members applying for the Special Projects Grant Program of the ISA. <https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Grants/Special-Projects>

STAIR BUSINESS MEETING TORONTO

The STAIR section business meeting will take place Friday 29 March 2019, 12:30 – 13:30
Location: Willow East, Sheraton Centre Toronto
See you there!