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**FULL REPORT**

The members of the Committee on the Status of Representation and Diversity met on April 2, 2012 in conjunction with the ISA Annual Convention. This report provides information about the issues discussed by the Committee and summarizes our recent activities.

**RECEPTION**

The Committee is sponsoring a joint reception with the Committee on the Status of Women at the 2013 San Francisco conference. This continues the tradition established by previous members of the committee to host a conference with similar ISA groups/caucuses.

**PANELS**

The Committee has an allocation of two panels at the annual convention. We worked with other sections/groups/caucuses representatives to sponsor the following three panels for ISA 2013. At the 2013 meeting, we plan to discuss ideas for panels/roundtables for the 2014 conference.

1. **WD08: Wednesday 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Roundtable**
   **Building a Career in a Gendered Discipline: Advice on Publication and Tenure**
   **Sponsor(s):** Committee on the Status of Representation & Diversity, The Committee on the Status of Women
   **Chair.** Sandra McEvoy, Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights
   **Cmte Chair.** Laura Sjoberg, University of Florida
   **Part.** Marijke Breuning, University of North Texas
   **Part.** Brett Ashley Leeds, Rice University
   **Part.** Melissa T. Brown, City University of New York-BMCC
   **Part.** Katja Weber, Georgia Institute of Technology
   **Part.** Mary K. Meyer McAleese, Eckerd College
   **Part.** Drucilla Barker, University of South Carolina
2. **FB11: Friday 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM Roundtable**  
   Critical Pedagogies in World Politics: Structures, spaces and contexts of learning  
   **Sponsor(s):** Active Learning in International Affairs, Global Development,  
   Committee on the Status of Representation & Diversity  
   - **Chair** Jason R. Weidner, Virginia Tech  
   - **Part.** Jorge Mascarenhas Lasmar, PUC Minas  
   - **Part.** Siddharth Mallavarapu, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
   - **Part.** Catherine Baker, University of Hull  
   - **Part.** Shiera S. Malik, DePaul University

3. **SB61: Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM Roundtable**  
   What do we teach? How do we teach it? Critical Pedagogies and World Politics  
   **Sponsor(s):** Active Learning in International Affairs, Global Development,  
   Committee on the Status of Representation & Diversity, Global South Caucus  
   - **Chair** Meera Sabaratnam, University of Cambridge  
   - **Part.** Daniel Bendix, University of Manchester  
   - **Part.** David L. Blaney, Macalester College  
   - **Part.** Naem Inayatullah, Ithaca College  
   - **Part.** Laura J. Shepherd, University of New South Wales  
   - **Part.** Andrea Paras, University of Guelph  
   - **Part.** Paul C. Kirby, University of Sussex

**Issues**

1. **Identifying members of under-represented groups:** At the 2012 meeting, we discussed a variety of issues surrounding identification of various groups in the ISA organization. We thought it would be helpful to survey other major organizations with global membership to get a sense for a rubric that could be used for group identification in the future for ISA members. We would like to determine strategies for ISA members to self-identify their race/ethnicity/etc. The difficulty we face lies in identifying members of underrepresented groups. Categories used in one country (e.g. African American in the US context) do not translate well across countries. The committee will continue discussions about how to address these important issues. We would like to put together a roundtable similar to the Status of Women’s 2013 RT on the difficulties in collecting data on gender and expand this to a broader set of under-represented groups for the 2014 conference.

2. **Writing a grant proposal to fund ISA travel for members of under-represented groups:** ISA President Beth Simmons had a useful suggestion about pursuing a grant proposal to provide funding for members of under-represented groups to attend the annual ISA convention. We will discuss possible funding sources for this initiative at the 2013 meeting. We will also determine if ISA travel funds could incorporate these criteria once we have a better sense for which groups individuals belong to.

3. **Recruiting scholars from under-represented groups at other conferences:** One committee member discussed issues with recruiting African American scholars to ISA. We discussed some strategies for networking with minority groups at other conferences, such as APSA and MPSA. We will develop more concrete ideas at the 2013 meeting.