

Report on the ISA Catalytic Workshop Grant on  
**Global Political Economy of Energy**

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**I. Overview of the Workshop**

Despite clear evidence of energy's critical role in the global economy, the IPE field remains relatively quiet on energy issues. In the last two decades, high impact IPE and U.S. political science journals have published few articles on energy. In addition, there are no IPE of energy edited volumes for advanced undergraduate/graduate courses, and energy issues beyond OPEC are rarely covered in depth in general IPE textbooks.

Our workshop, which built on a 2013 Working Group (co-organized by Hancock) was designed to jumpstart IPE research on energy by bringing together PhD candidates, post-docs, and all levels of faculty from seven countries to collaborate on an edited volume on GPE of Energy. The workshop encompassed a broad range of energy topics: (1) China's impact on energy markets, (2) energy and development, (3) the role of the public in energy policy, (4) beyond hydrocarbons: renewables and nuclear energy, and (5) energy and state power. Our 21 participants submitted 5-page memos a week before the conference. One person from each panel was appointed to coordinate a 15-minute presentation bringing together the various ideas submitted in the memos. We allowed substantial time for discussion (35-45 minutes for each panel) as well as networking during breaks, lunch and dinner.

**II. Expenses**

Our approved budget was for \$12,753, with the most significant expenditures for lodging (\$4,862), per diem (\$1,950), and a research assistant who is designing a website for the group (\$4,000). We will come in under that amount due to the cancellation of three participants who were unable to attend due to health problems and three participants who stayed with family and therefore do not require reimbursement for lodging.

**III. Assessment of Workshop**

Overall, the Workshop was a major success. The organizers received many enthusiastic comments, such as "this was the highlight of my conference," and "I have finally found the right network for my work." The ample time for discussion allowed people to actively engage throughout the day, rather than listening to presentations that would be similar to those given on regular ISA panels. Many participants met throughout the remainder of the conference, further signaling the Workshop's success.

**IV. Future Publishing Plans**

Rather than a single edited volume, we now see opportunities for several books. At the conference, we met with five university and academic presses who expressed interest in publishing the book. After the conference, we are meeting with three more presses (two university and one academic) who have expressed interest. The university presses suggested we consider co-authored books, more narrowly focused edited volumes, Handbooks, and special issues in journals. The academic presses are all ready to publish some or all of the proposed volume. We will be pursuing all of these options.