

Philosophy and Inquiry in IR Final Report

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1) Detailed accounting of budget and expenses

Before ISA 2014: \$1425 (planned); \$1419 (spent) = \$6 unspent

Research Assistant, Rutgers: \$1400 (planned); \$1400 (actual)

Website Purchase: \$25 (planned); \$19 (actual)

For ISA 2014: 14020 (planned); \$12723 (actual) (difference = \$1297 unspent)

Room Rental: \$400 (planned); \$600 (actual, approved by workshop grants committee)

Coffee Breaks: \$680 (planned); \$680 (actual)

Audio-Visual: \$700 (planned); \$700 (actual)

Hotel: \$8415 (planned); \$7293 (actual) (losing David Dessler, Molly Cochran, & James Ungerer; gaining Paul Kowert & Jennifer Sterling-Folker. The addition of Jennifer Sterling-Folker for Molly Cochran was approved by the Workshop Grants Committee as was the addition of Paul Kowert, the other drop-outs were last-minute. We failed to remember in the initial budget that Matt Hoffman lives in Toronto and wouldn't need a hotel room, so we did not spend money on it).

Per Diem: \$3375 (planned); 3075 (actual) (losing David Dessler, Molly Cochran, & James Ungerer; gaining Paul Kowert & Jennifer Sterling-Folker. The addition of Jennifer Sterling-Folker for Molly Cochran was approved by the Workshop Grants Committee as was the addition of Paul Kowert, the other drop-outs were last-minute).

Wire Transfer Fees: \$450 (planned); \$375 (actual) (the loss of two international participants plus one miscalculation).

Remaining (yet unspent) expenses (plan to expense in November 2014): \$8990

Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts-Boston: \$1400 (planned)

Research Assistant, Florida: \$2000 (planned)

Podcast Recorders: \$200 (planned)

Wordpress Theme: \$100 (planned)

Research Material (software): \$1305 (planned)

Digital Project Planning Trip: \$3985 (planned)

Total planned vs total spent, sp far: \$15445 (planned); \$14142 (actual)

Total with remaining planned expenses: \$24435 (total planned); 23132 (actual plus remaining planned) (\$1303 that won't be spent)

We'd like to ask the Workshop Grants Committee for one final budget exception: to add one more person to the digital project planning trip. We'd like to ask Patrick Thaddeus Jackson to come along, given both that he was a contributor to both projects in the workshop and that he is the current editor of the ISQBlog. We had discussions about links between BigIRQuestions and the ISQ blog in our final session on Tuesday, and think there is a productive conversation to be had by including Patrick. We would ask to convert some of the money we did not spend (\$160 for a hotel room, \$75 for a per diem, and \$250 for travel costs, for a total of \$485) to this line item. We are happy to 'return' the other unspent money at the end of November.

2) How the workshop went

Our workshop was a two-day workshop, with each day focusing on one of the two projects that was involved in the workshop, involving the other project's participants in discussion about the structure of the projects, the particular papers, and the philosophical, theoretical, and empirical issues raised in each paper. The workshop was scheduled to start at 8:00am on Monday, March 24, and all of our participants turned up on time. We were able to have a good conversation with ISA staff in the morning, and our supplies were available when we needed them.

The workshop started with an introduction to the workshop as a whole, and the theory behind workshoping these two projects together, presented by Laura Sjoberg and Pat James. After that, Annette Freyberg-Inan and Ewan Harrison briefly introduced the philosophy and inquiry project that would be discussed on Monday. The first panel started at 9:00am, discussing the criteria for evaluating IR research, with presentations from Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, Annette Freyberg-Inan, and Torbjorn Knutsen, discussed by Jennifer Sterling-Folker and Brooke Ackerly. The discussion continued well into the planned coffee break, and that flowed into the second panel about using criteria to evaluate IR research. On that panel, Laura Sjoberg and Colin Wight presented very different papers, and J. Samuel Barkin and Karin Fierke presented equally divergent discussant comments. Big questions like the meaning of knowledge in the field of IR were debated, both in this session and at lunch at an Indian restaurant right down the street from the conference, Trimurti. Upon returning from lunch, the chapters empirically focused on the democratic peace in the philosophy and inquiry project were presented by Fred Chernoff, Patrick James (with absent coauthor Jarrod Hayes), and Ewan Harrison, with discussant comments from Cameron Thies and David Sylvan. Philosophical discussions carried over from the morning informed discussion about what it would mean to have knowledge about the democratic peace, and what might be left unknown.

After the third panel, the two project groups broke into individual sessions to discuss the progress of the projects and what steps happened next. In the breakout group for the philosophy and inquiry project, discussion revolved around the potential organization of and plans for the edited volume. The contributors discussed various possible structures for the book, and a possible time schedule for the submission of the volume.

In the breakout group for the quantitative methods for constructivist/critical IR project, the editors of the volume expressed their pleasant surprise with the fact that all chapters had been drafted and presented, and that, as a result, the book project timeline could be moved up. The rest of the discussion time was divided between hearing Cameron Thies' presentation (and Matt Hoffman's discussion of it), and discussing theoretical framing, titling, and audience issues for the book. Both groups continued the discussion at a dinner at F'Amelia, an Italian restaurant a short cab ride from the hotel.

The group reconvened Tuesday, March 25, for a discussion focused on the quantitative methods for constructivist/critical IR project. In these sessions individual papers were assigned specific discussants, and synthesizing discussants dealt with the papers in groups. In the first panel, on exploring quantitative methods for constructivist theory, Matt Hoffman, David Sylvan, and Karin Fierke presented papers, discussed by Ian Lustick, Tony Rivera, Brooke Ackerly, and Colin Wight. The room engaged in a lively discussion about the boundaries (if there are any) of both constructivist theory and the methods that can be used for constructivist research. The second panel continued with a similar theme, with paper presentations by J. Samuel Barkin,

Laura Sjoberg, and Ian Lustick, discussed by Ewan Harrison, Sara Mitchell, Pat James, and Ole Jacob Sending. The question of how the sort of research that the book advocates interacts with the ways that the field traditionally understands both quantitative methods and their explanatory power was brought into sharp relief in the discussion of the papers on this panel.

After a (longer-than-planned) lunch at Kirel Sushi Bar, the workshop's last panel started, with papers by Paul Kowert, Brooke Ackerly, and Tony Rivera, discussed by Fred Chernoff, Torbjorn Knutsen, J. Samuel Barkin, and Patrick Thaddeus Jackson. Some of the energy in the discussion went to talking about the issues in those specific papers, while most of it went to thinking about how they fit into the bigger book project, and how to situate the bigger book project in the discipline of IR.

The workshop was energetic from start to finish, and every participant turned in a paper. Plans for dinner on Tuesday fizzled as people were tired, but the discussion continued well into the night at Quinn's bar and grill in the Sheraton. Each project has already reached out to its contributors to discuss future plans for their publications, and for the joint BigIRQuestions site.

3) Plans for future publication

The *Quantitative Methods for Constructivist/Critical IR* project has a book contract with the University of Michigan Press, the manuscript for which is due in August 2015, but will likely be delivered significantly in advance of that date. Draft chapters have already been delivered, and will receive their first round of edits in late May/early June of 2014. Contributors will submit second drafts at the end of August, for revision suggestions at the end of September, and a press delivery date of 1 January 2015. Laura Sjoberg and J. Samuel Barkin are currently revising the theory chapter of the book for submission as a lead article from the book to the *Review of International Studies*. The article will be submitted in early July of 2014. The contributors to this project also plan to do a co-posted forum on ISQBlog (should ISQBlog accept it) and BigIRQuestions on the stakes of the philosophy and inquiry debate for quantitative methods in the field.

The *Philosophy and Inquiry in IR* project is working on putting together a prospectus for the book, to be submitted to presses in the fall of 2014. It has lined up the contributors from the workshop plus an extra contributor, Ido Oren, to round out the volume's contributors. Each of the contributors who were at the workshop wrote papers, and the editors of the volume will spend the rest of the Spring looking over those papers to think about their commonalities, organization, and fit for their volume. The contributors enthusiastically sketched out a number of frameworks for the book, and there is a lot of energy going forward.

Together, the contributors to the two projects are working on BigIRQuestions.com, a web outlet for the insights of the conversation between them. We hope to launch the site directly after the Digital Launch meeting in November of 2014.

In the meantime, a number of the contributors to the workshop began conversations about writing together on areas of mutual interest. We heard at least four conversations going on about co-authoring articles related to the subject matter of philosophy and inquiry in IR. We asked the contributors to keep us apprised of the development of these ideas, and will report any resultant publications to ISA.