INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION
2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

THIS IS YOUR NOT-SO-TYPICAL INSIDER’S GUIDE TO THRIVING AT YOUR FIRST ISA CONVENTION

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ABOUT ISA

Founded in 1959 to promote research and education in international affairs.

ISA cooperates with 57 international studies organizations in over 30 countries.

ISA enjoys non-governmental consultative status with the United Nations.

ISA celebrates 61 years of connecting scholars & practitioners in the field of international studies.

We are incredibly grateful to our members who have made this celebration possible.

Cheers to the next 61 years!
ABOUT ISA

7 REGIONS
Regions are geographic sub-units of ISA, offering opportunities for members to exchange ideas and research with local colleagues.
Membership in regions is automatically determined by the geographic location of the member and many regions have smaller conferences in the summer and fall.
http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions

4 CAUCUSES
Caucuses offer a collaborative environment for ISA members who are interested in supporting and advocating on matters of concern for identified constituencies within ISA. Members of ISA are welcome to join any caucus they would like.
Anyone is welcome to attend the caucus meetings and receptions at the Convention!
http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Caucuses

29 SECTIONS
Sections are thematic sub-units of ISA organized around specific topics and research interests in international studies. Members of ISA are welcome to join any sections they would like.
Anyone is welcome to attend the section meetings and receptions at the Convention - you do not need to be a member of the section to attend these events!
Most panels in the program are sponsored by our sections.
http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections

Under the aegis of the ISA Constitution and the leadership of Past ISA Presidents and Executive Directors, ISA has grown exponentially to bridge national and geographic boundaries and build a truly global community of scholars and practitioners. To learn more, please visit: http://www.isanet.org/ISA/About-ISA.
SECTIONS & CAUCUSES

ACTIVE LEARNING IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (ALIAS)
DIPLOMATIC STUDIES (DPLST)
ENGLISH SCHOOL (ENGSS)
ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM & MIGRATION STUDIES (ENMISA)
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ESS)
FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS (FPA)
FEMINIST THEORY AND GENDER STUDIES (FTGS)
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (GDS)
GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES (GHS)
HISTORICAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (HIST)
HUMAN RIGHTS (HR)
INTELLIGENCE STUDIES (ISS)
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SECTION (IDSS)
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS (ICOMM)
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IEDUC)
INTERNATIONAL ETHICS (IETHICS)
INTERNATIONAL LAW (ILAW)
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (IO)
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (IPE)
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY (IPS)
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES (ISSS)
PEACE STUDIES (PEACE)
POLITICAL DEMOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHY (PDG)
POST-COMMUNIST SYSTEMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (POSTCOMM)
RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (REL)
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ART IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (STAIR)
SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES (SSIP)
SOUTH ASIA IN WORLD POLITICS (SAWP)
THEORY (THEORY)
GLOBAL SOUTH CAUCUS (GSCIS)
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, & ALLIES CAUCUS (LGBTQA)
WOMEN’S CAUCUS (WCIS)
ONLINE MEDIA CAUCUS (OMC)
STRUCTURE OF ISA

**President**

The President serves a one year term and works during that time to propose programs and policies designed to advance the best interests of the Association. They convene and preside over meetings of the Executive Committee, the Governing Council, and the Annual Business Meeting while overseeing the work of the Executive Office.

**Executive Director**

The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the Association and responsible for its day-to-day operations. These operations include oversight of ISA publications, the annual programs and other conferences during the year, finance and logistics, staff supervision and much more.

**ExComm**

The Executive Committee consists of: the President, the three Vice Presidents; the President Elect; the immediate Past President; the Treasurer; the Executive Director; and four (4) Members of the Governing Council selected by its Membership. The Annual Convention Program Chair(s) serve as Ex-Officio Member(s) of the Executive Committee.

**Committees**

Standing committees & appointees are responsible to the Governing Council & should report to it at least once a year. At the discretion of the GC these annual reports may be given at the Business Meeting of the ISA and/or submitted in writing for publication. The lengths of committee members’ terms vary among standing committees and appointments.

**Governing Council**

The Governing Council is the main governing body of the Association and meets in full once a year, the day prior to the ISA Annual Convention. In addition to the Executive Committee, chairs and presidents of the sections, regions and caucuses, the Governing Council is also made up of the three Vice President-Elects, six Members-at-Large, the Annual Convention Program Chair(s), the Publications Representative and the UN-NGO Representative. Any changes made to the policies and procedures of ISA must be approved by the ISA Governing Council.
Some Advice from Seasoned Attendees

What advice would you give to an early career scholar attending ISA for the first time?

“Go to the receptions! ... Go to the panels for the sapphire talks. Go to some panels that are outside your comfort zone and try to meet at least a couple of people per day who are from institutions and programs that you’re not familiar with.”

- Mary Manjikian
  FTGS and ISS.
  Attending ISA since 2009.

“Prepare well in advance! Being prepared is the key to making the most out of a convention that is simply too big for anyone to be at everything.”

- Gearoid Millar
  PEACE Section Chair.
  Attending ISA for 10 years.

“I would advise a young scholar to get involved in the mentoring panel— it is a good way to meet others at a similar stage.”

- Kathryn C. Lavelle
  Past IPE Chair
  Attending ISA since the 1990s.

And remember...

- Make an agenda!
  - Find a workshop - they can lead to networking opportunities

- Make time to go to the exhibit hall to check out books and talk to publishers
  - Set aside time to schedule coffee with individuals whose research you would like to discuss
Navigating the Program

Types of Items on the Program:

**Panels:** 4-6 papers and 1-2 discussants

**Roundtables:** Participants do not present papers, instead, at least 1 chair and 3 participants discuss a topic.

There are five panel sessions throughout the day, and in the program they are labeled A - E:

- A = 8:00AM - 9:45AM
- B = 10:00AM - 11:45AM
- C = 12:15PM - 2:00PM
- D = 2:15PM - 4:00PM
- E = 4:15PM - 6:00PM

WA, TB, etc. are codes for the various days. For example:

- WA - Wednesday, A slot
- TB - Thursday, B slot
- FC - Friday, C slot
- SD - Saturday, D slot
- TE - Thursday, E slot

*Numbers correspond to room codes

**For example: WA08**

This panel would be held on Wednesday (W), during the first slot (‘A’) which is 8:00AM-9:45AM, in the room designated as “08”.

*Please note that while we do not have an index for room codes, room names are written in the printed program and can also be accessed on the isanet website if you are logged into your account and are registered for the Convention.
Professional Development Opportunities
&
Early Career Scholar Items of Interest

Presidential Address
2020-2021 ISA President Helen V. Milner

Please join us for the Presidential Address of 2020-2021 ISA President Helen V. Milner, followed by the ISA Presidential Reception. The Presidential Address will take place on the Thursday of the Convention in Tapa 2, Tapa Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village from 6:30 - 7:15pm, and the reception will follow from 7:15 - 8:00pm in Tapa 1.

This celebratory event is a great opportunity for networking!

Hope to see you there!

Junior Scholar Symposium (JSS)

• JSS is an opportunity for graduate students & junior scholars to present papers in a small group setting and get feedback
• 16 junior scholar projects, separated into four groups and one or two senior discussants per group
• Each presenter spends 20 minutes presenting and discussing their paper together with the small group and discussant
• For more on the 2020 JSS in Honolulu, please see page 16 of the program or contact Lembe Tiky at tigy@isanet.org
Early Career Scholar Events

- **First-Time Convention Attendees Meet and Greet with ISA Staff:** Wednesday 6:45am-7:45am in the Palace Lounge, Tapa Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Early Career Scholar Lounge** will be open from 9am-6pm on Tuesday - Friday and 9am-12pm on Saturday, in Coral 2, Mid-Pacific Conference Center, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Early Career Scholar Town Hall:** Wednesday 2:15pm, Rainbow 3, Rainbow Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Early Career Scholar Reception:** Thursday 8:00pm-10:00pm, Honolulu 1, Hilton Hawaiian Village

Professional Development Panels

- **Blogs, Twitter, and Beyond: Using the Internet as a Research Forum**
  Wednesday 10am in Hibiscus 1, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **(En)countering Privilege in Academia**
  Thursday 10am in Hibiscus 1, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **The Academic Job Market**
  Thursday 2:15pm in Hibiscus 1, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Meet the Editors of ISA Journals**
  Friday 4:15pm in Hibiscus 1, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- **Writing Grant Proposals: Do and Don’ts**
  Saturday 2:15pm in Hibiscus 1, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village

Nursing Mothers Room

**Open Tuesday To Friday, 7am - 7pm**

**Open Saturday, 7am - 6pm**

Tiara Suite, Kalia Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village &
Waihi Boardroom, Prince Wakiiki
SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

STRUCTURING INCLUSION

As part of an innovative program to help generate active discussion in the discipline about systemic discrimination in academia, ISA is sponsoring nine panels at ISA 2020. For more information, see page 13 in the program.

SAPPHIRE SERIES

The Sapphire Series consists of roundtables and talks designed to highlight key issues in the field of international relations. The Series brings together featured speakers, practitioners, and roundtables to discuss current world events, trends in academic research, and new challenges in teaching and learning. For more information, please see page 12 in the program.

COMMITTEE PANELS

Committee Panels are panels coordinated by ISA standing committees to further their work for ISA. For a complete listing of Committee Panels, please see page 14 in the program.

IN OTHER WORDS/EN OTRAS PALABRAS/EN D’AUTRES MOTS

The “In Other Words” Roundtables emerged in response to recommendations made by the first ISA-Global South Caucus Dialogue in 2016 in Atlanta. This project is designed to achieve greater inclusiveness and to reflect the diversity of our association. For more information, please see page 14 in the program.

FLASH TALKS

Unlike a full research talk given in traditional panels, a Flash Talk is an overview of a study. Presenters must draw out the most important aspects of their research in a compressed time-frame and then field a series of questions immediately thereafter. For a complete listing of Flash Talks, please refer to the program.
SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

CAREER COURSES

ISA Career Courses provide registered participants with in-depth instruction on topics such as methodology, teaching strategies, software, and more. The format of Career Courses differs depending on the topic, the preferences of the instructor(s), the teaching methodology used, and the goal(s) of the course. In all instances, however, Career Courses take place during half-day sessions on Tuesday prior to the Annual Convention (the first session is from 8:00am–12:00pm and the second is from 1:00pm–5:00pm). For more information on Career Courses please see page 15 of the program.

INNOVATIVE PANELS

A variety of different formats have been used in past innovative panels and ISA is always on the lookout for unique and different ideas and new uses of technology. Innovative panels may take any form, limited only by the imagination of the participants and organizer(s). Here are a few examples: Town Hall Meeting, Mock Trial, Debate, Demonstration, Simulation, Film Screening, Expert/Practitioner Q & A, Performance Art, Audience Participation. For a complete listing of Innovative Panels, please see page 15 of the program.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Partner Organizations are a network of international studies groups accredited by ISA to promote contacts among specialists and practitioners and facilitate scientific and cultural exchange. ISA seeks to provide channels of communication between academics and policy-makers to promote a successful link between the production of knowledge and its utilization. To learn more please see page 14 of the program.

WORKSHOP GRANTS

Research Grants (up to $10,000) are targeted for projects that aim to apply new expertise or new approaches to established research topics and are likely to catalyze rapid and innovative advances. These grants aim to bring together small groups of participants focusing on a significant research problem that stimulates cross-national examination or perspectives and engages the interests of several disciplines. These workshops meet on Tuesday prior to the Annual Convention. To learn more please see page 17 of the program.

POSTER GALLERY

Poster Gallery panels provide presenters with the opportunity to share their research in a visual format, with ISA and other journal editors offering feedback. The Poster Gallery takes place in the Coral Lounge, Mid-Pacific Conference Center, Hilton Hawaiian Village.
Be sure to check out all that the exhibit hall has to offer!

Headshot Lounge*

Oxford University Press and ISA are providing free professional headshots by Exposure Headshot Booths!

*First come, first served!

Tips for a great headshot:

1. Think about what you are going to wear
2. Dress how you would when presenting
3. Simple hair and makeup is best
4. Consider taking the photo with and without your glasses

Coffee Receptions

Thursday, March 26, at 10:00am
Sponsored by United Institute of Peace
(Booth #406)

Thursday, March 26, at 2:00pm
Sponsored by Georgetown University Press
(Booth #402)

Friday, March 27, at 10:00am
Sponsored by Georgetown University Press
(Booth #402)

#ISA2020 WiFi

Password: isa2020hi
Be sure to check out all that the exhibit hall has to offer!

Exhibitors

Come check out the books, network and meet with the over 65 exhibitors that will be located in the hall! The Exhibit Hall is located in Coral 3-5, Mid-Pacific Conference Center, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Networking Area

Academia is rigorous, and Conventions can be tiring. Come relax in the Networking Area and enjoy networking, using WiFi, catching up on emails or preparing for a presentation!
KEEP IN TOUCH!

FREE Journal Access
ISA publishes six academic journals, co-sponsors a seventh, publishes a comprehensive compendium of international studies, as well as maintains a variety of online resources for the international studies community.

Awards
Check out our awards page to see if you have any books, papers, or achievements that you would want to nominate a colleague (or yourself) for!

http://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards

Research Workshop Grants
ISA 2021 Las Vegas Research Workshop Grants aim to bring together small groups of participants focusing on a significant research problem that stimulates cross-national examination or perspectives and engages the interests of several disciplines.

For application information visit http://www.isanet.org/Programs/Grants/Workshop-Grants

Professional Resource Center
http://www.isanet.org/Programs/PRC

Follow us on social media for updates, deadlines and more!

@intlstudiesassociation  @isanet  International Studies Association

*Note that all of the above opportunities only apply to members, so be sure to become a member! ISA offers a range of services and opportunities for members, including online access to seven premier journals, professional networking at our annual Convention and international conferences, a private listserv, a variety of grants and United Nations opportunities, and discounts on Annual Convention registration.*
Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt is brought to you by ISA Headquarters.

Complete one or any of the tasks below and you will be entered into a raffle to receive a free registration to the 2021 ISA Annual Convention in Las Vegas!

You are only required to complete one of the tasks, however the more you complete, the more entries you have and the greater likelihood of having your name chosen for the registration!

Take a selfie with the following and post on either facebook, twitter or instagram (handles on previous page) and TAG ISA.

- In front of FIVE exhibitor booths
- In the Early Career Scholar Lounge
- Paying a visit to the Headquarters Staff at the Registration desk
  - ISA logo
  - The Business Meeting
  - An ISA Award winner
- Someone in the ISA leadership
- Attending the Presidential Reception
  - Meeting someone new
- At a panel you are presenting at
- At a panel you are attending
CODE OF CONDUCT

The International Studies Association wants you to be fully informed of the rules and regulations of the Association. We are a diverse group committed to and supportive of the integrity and success of our members. Whether it’s your first or fifth Convention, you need to be fully aware of what is and is not acceptable. This code of conduct refers to relations between ISA members and participants in the course of ISA activities. ISA Office Holders, from the President and Executive Director to members of the Governing Council and Editors of ISA journals, have a special responsibility to uphold and observe the Code of Conduct, promoting in the Association’s activities a professional environment characterized by constructive debate and the treatment of all members and participants with dignity and respect.

The ISA recognizes that there is a distinction between victimization through bullying and/or harassment and legitimate, justifiable, and appropriate constructive criticism. Nothing in this document shall be construed as a limitation on the ability of members and participants to constructively evaluate and critique one another’s work.

The ISA recognizes its duty to ensure that members and participants are not bullied and/or harassed. It further recognizes that this duty is of wider application and includes all members and participants, regardless of status (e.g., full-time, adjunct, postgraduate, or retired) or the period of time.

Bullying may be characterized as: Offensive, insulting, intimidating, or malicious behavior targeted at another person or persons; An abuse or misuse of power intended to undermine, humiliate, denigrate, or injure the person or persons at whom such behavior is targeted. Harassment may be defined as: Unwanted conduct affecting the dignity of anyone. It may be related to age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion, nationality, or any personal characteristic of the individual, and may be persistent or isolated. The key is that the actions or comments are experienced as demeaning and unacceptable by the recipient.

The ISA recognizes that members and participants who feel that they have been victims of bullying and/or harassment as defined in this code of conduct are entitled to pursue their case in a safe and non-threatening environment.

Any alleged violations of ISA’s Code of Conduct or concerns related to the issues included in the Code can be reported to any member of ISA’s Executive Committee. See http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Governance/ExComm for the list of current members of the Executive Committee.

For the full language, please visit:
http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Governance/Policy >
academics, publications, participation >
ISA Code of Conduct