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OVERVIEW

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) is an international non-profit organization founded under the auspices of UNESCO in 1949. Its permanent Secretariat is located at Concordia University, in Montréal (Canada) since 2001. IPSA has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and is a member of the International Science Council (ISC), which brings together over 230 science organizations across the world and actively cooperates with partners from the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The IPSA Constitution (Article 5) defines the general purpose of the Association as promoting the advancement of political science throughout the world by:

- encouraging the establishment and development of political science associations;
- facilitating the spread of information about developments in political science;
- organizing World Congresses and roundtable discussions, and providing other opportunities for personal contacts among political scientists;
- publishing books and journals and providing a newsletter to members;
- promoting internationally planned research.

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT



I would like to start this report by saying it has been a real honor and a pleasure to serve as IPASA President for the past two years. Time flies and the Seoul World Congress of Political Science is fast approaching, bringing my two-year term to an end. But the world does not seem the same as the one we were analyzing two years ago.

We, indeed, live in difficult and changing times, both in the international arena as in the domestic ones. But here we are, doing what we do better: studying, comparing, analyzing, and criticizing our political systems and their political processes and results. And we do it in a professional and institutionalized way,

involving ourselves in academic organizations such as IPASA, that provide the space to gather, discuss, and learn from each other. IPASA Congresses, conferences, and workshops entail a huge amount of intellectual exchange and scientific advancement for the benefit of our societies.

In times in which scientific knowledge is being attacked and denied its potential as a human and social asset, IPASA is more committed than ever before to strengthen its efforts and involvement in the development and enhancement of political science. The intense intellectual and scientific activity developed in the last two years is good evidence of the excellent shape in which the discipline is, willing to address all the challenges our political systems and their actors may put on the table, being ready to address them with thorough and critical analysis, for the benefit of democracy, human rights and academic freedom in our societies.

The intense activity we developed in the last 24 months would have not been possible without the work of the IPASA Secretariat members and the IPASA Executive Committee members. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of them for their generous and altruistic devotion and contribution to their task serving IPASA, creating a warm atmosphere of collegiality and friendship.

There were numerous 'on-line' and in-person meetings to deal with the regular management of the Association and its activities. As a colleague put it, given the number of on-line 'zoom' meetings, we were close to become

zombies! Among these general managing activities, I want to underline the great work developed on the IPASA Program on Summer Schools on Methods. In agreement with the IPASA Summer Schools coordinator elected in 2023, Hasret Dikici-Bilgin, the Schools MoUs were updated, and we adequately managed the difficulties raised within a couple of them. We also fostered the creation of the new Summer Schools in Spain and Poznań (Poland), and envisioned new ones, confirming the good health of this IPASA Program.

As IPASA became 75 years-old in 2024, we celebrated this 75th Anniversary holding two international conferences, in Montreal (April 2024) and Lisbon (September 2024), under two relevant themes: *Changes and New Directions on Multi-Level Governance* and *Democratization and Autocratization*, respectively. Both conferences were a success in terms of participation: Nearly 130 and 500 participants, respectively, presented and discussed their papers in the numerous panels and special sessions organized in these two conferences, which provided an excellent atmosphere for a fruitful global intellectual and scientific exchange.

In my 2023 presidential address I had announced the launching of a new mode of conference: IPASA Work-in-Progress-Sessions (IPASA-WiPS). It was conceived as a conference to be held every other year (in the non-World Congress years), with an on-line format, and with panels focused on very specific topics of interest for the respective Research Committee that organized them.

The sessions would take place simultaneously, for three consecutive days and for four hours a day, to allow for thorough and in-depth (60 to 90 minutes long) discussion where each of the (6 to 9) paper-givers received solid and in-depth comments on her/his paper, both from the discussants and from the rest of the panel participants (also experts in that substantive topic). This format would provide an excellent space for in-depth discussion on cutting-edge research on a focused topic, resulting in a journal special issue, a book, or an international research project or global research network.

This first edition of IPASA Work-in-Progress-Sessions (2024 IPASA-WiPS) took place on December 4, 5 and 6, 2024. It largely benefited from the great work performed by Carmelo Cattafi (IPASA RC-EC Liaison) as WiPS Co-chair. Up to 40 panels were proposed (by IPASA Research Committees and some IPASA Executive Committee members) and 170 paper proposals were submitted. The final number of selected panels and papers was reduced to 23 and 117, respectively.

WiPS was successfully organized and implemented in only three (3) months by a Brazilian contractor (Sintese Events), which coordinated and linked the WiPS website and systems with IPSA ones in a fully compatible way, taking care of all the administrative, technological and communication tasks WiPS entailed, the design, implementation, and development of the website and the implementation of the on-line sessions. Clearly, having more time to organize it will allow future editions to gather more participants, panels and papers. IPSA-WiPS will become a useful instrument to increase IPSA membership and to reach those who cannot participate in in-person events, due to financial or political limitations.

There were participants from a wide variety of countries: 44 participants (37,6%) from A category countries and 44 more (37,6%) from B category countries, while 27 (23,1%) were from category C countries, and only 2 (1,7%) from category D countries. Nearly two thirds (67,5%) were regular academic participants, while almost one third (32,5%) were master or PhD students (early-career participants).

The satisfaction survey conducted after its implementation showed very positive results, both regarding organization, communication, and implementation of the sessions, duration, content, discussions, and comments and results of/in the panels, and discussions regarding panel's future-plans. Up to 93% of respondents said IPSA-WiPS experience should be organized in future editions (while only 3,3% said it should not); 90% of respondents said IPSA-WiPS were interesting for the work of IPSA Research Committees (0,0% saying they were not interesting). These results make it clear that the experience was very positively valued by participants and that they would like to see new editions of IPSA-WiPS implemented in the future.

Finally, I also wish to summarize some activities of a relational nature developed along the last two years:

Two new rounds of IPSA Regional Dialogues were held, in June 2024 and April-May 2025, in which IPSA officials (the President, Chair of the Regional Dialogues Committee, and two colleagues from the EC in each occasion) met with representatives of the national associations from each of the five regions (Asia-Pacific, Africa, Europe-1, Europe-2 and The Americas). With the Regional Dialogues, IPSA aims at creating spaces where common problems and challenges are brought to the table, and where solutions and best practices are jointly shared. This initiative has become a highly valued occasion that also allows representatives of national associations in each region to meet and get to know each other.

Lastly, in my capacity as IPSA president, I participated in a number of national conferences and events, greeting the audience in the respective opening ceremony, offering a keynote speech, or chairing roundtables or special sessions. In some occasions, this participation was conducted on-line (International Association of Political Science Students, Peruvian Political Science Students Association, Central European Political Science Association, or American Political Science Association); in others, I participated in the conferences in-person (African and Latin-American Associations of Political Science, Polish, Colombian, Brazilian, Italian, Korean Political Science Associations, Latin American Studies Association, besides the conferences and academic workshops organized by IPSA in Montreal, Lisbon or in the occasion of the workshops held together with the EC meetings).

In all these occasions, I presented IPSA initiatives and encouraged the audiences to participate in IPSA programs and activities, particularly in the World Congress. These were great opportunities to get to know the respective national political science communities and interact with their members on topics and common concerns and interests.

They were indeed two busy years, in which I had the privilege to get to know and to work with great professionals, committed colleagues and involved scientists, who generously think it is more fruitful to invest their time in common ventures than seeking their individual interests. Representing IPSA and getting to know and working with its people has been both an honor and a pleasure, an experience that will accompany me all my life. They all have my heartfelt gratitude for their outstanding level of generosity, collegiality and professionalism. And particularly in these changing and difficult conditions, that impose numerous political and financial difficulties and limitations for many of our colleagues in their everyday work. Nevertheless, it is clear that the political science community is alive and remarkably active, and ready to address all the challenges our political systems may experience, providing thorough and critical analysis and defending democracy and human rights for our societies and its citizens.



Pablo Oñate

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The past two years have been exceptionally active for the IPSA Secretariat, with the association marking its 75th Anniversary in 2024 with the presentation of two international conferences.

The first anniversary conference was held at Concordia University in Montréal on 25-26 April 2024, coinciding with IPSA Executive Committee meeting no. 145. Organized in partnership with the Government of Québec, Concordia University, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Canada, and the Montréal Council on Foreign Relations (CORIM), the two-day event saw over 130 researchers and practitioners gather to discuss *Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance*, highlighting the

complexity of multi-level governance in the midst of global challenges such as climate change, pandemics, and the rise of populist movements. The conference featured 27 panels on various topics, including federalism, indigenous governance, climate policy, conflict resolution, governance in autocracies and hybrid regimes, technology and the digital world, migration, and international security. A special word of thanks goes out to Concordia University and, in particular, to Daniel Salée, Chair of the Political Science Department, for their support in making this event a success, and for 25 years of valued collaboration with IPSA.

The second anniversary conference took place at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, Portugal, from 11-13 September 2024. With a focus on the theme *Democratization and Autocratization*, the event was a resounding success, drawing close to 500 participants from 67 countries. The conference program featured 85 panels and sessions on critical issues such as democratic resilience, global governance, and public policy innovation, along with workshops on innovative research methodologies. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Madalena Meyer Resende, former President of the Portuguese Association of Political Science (APCP), for her tireless work, and to our other partners: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation; Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Spain/Portugal; Turismo de Lisboa; and the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD).

To further mark IPSA's 75th Anniversary, a digital timeline of the association's milestones and a promotional video were created. The IPSA Timeline highlights the association's rich history and global impact on the political science field, allowing visitors to trace its journey across decades. It presents IPSA's evolution since its founding in 1949, featuring key achievements, partnerships with national political science associations, IPSA World Congress events, presidents, publications, educational programs, research activities, and conferences.

As we look back on our milestones, one in particular stands out: the continued growth of our membership. In 2023, we celebrated the end of the year with a record high of 4,428 individual members. This upward trend continued, and I am pleased to announce that in 2025, we have already surpassed that figure, with 4,752 members as of June 2025. This continued growth clearly reflects the global interest in, and commitment to, political science among scholars worldwide. These encouraging numbers motivate us to further strengthen our efforts to support our members' intellectual advancement and professional development.

As part of IPSA's 75th Anniversary celebrations in 2024, we completely overhauled our institutional membership structure, redesigned to offer greater flexibility and value. The new tiered program offers packages tailored to an institution's needs and budget, providing upgraded benefits, resources, and opportunities for global engagement in political science, from basic services to comprehensive support. As a result, institutional members benefit from more affordable, customizable options, making IPSA membership more accessible and impactful than ever.

The 2024 edition of the IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute in Applied Diplomacy – IPSA's only thematic summer school, which I have the pleasure of co-organizing – was held in hybrid format in Montréal and online from 19 to 29 September 2024. The 2024 edition was an unqualified success, welcoming over 20 participants and 24 guest instructors, including professors from Concordia University and the University of Oxford, together with practitioners, former and current ambassadors and diplomats from Global Affairs Canada and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The program opened on 19 August with a keynote address by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Montréal-based International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the only United Nations specialized agency in Canada.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee members and the IPSA leadership for their continued trust and support in renewing my mandate for another four years at the 2023 World Congress. It is an honour and a privilege to lead the IPSA Secretariat with its wonderful team, and I look forward to building on our current initiatives and developing new, innovative projects in the years ahead.

Kim Fontaine-Skronski

1. INTRODUCTION

Sections 2, 3 and 4 cover various aspects of the organization, such as the IPSA membership and its Executive Committee and Secretariat. Section 5 examines relations between IPSA and other organizations. The five subsequent sections cover specific types of IPSA-sponsored academic activities: Inter-Congress Activities (section 6), the World Congress (section 7), Summer Schools (section 8), the promotion of research through IPSA Publications (section 9) and Awards (section 10).

EUROPE

01
IPSA SUMMER SCHOOL
Santiago de Compostela, Spain

02
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ABSTRACTS
Paris, France

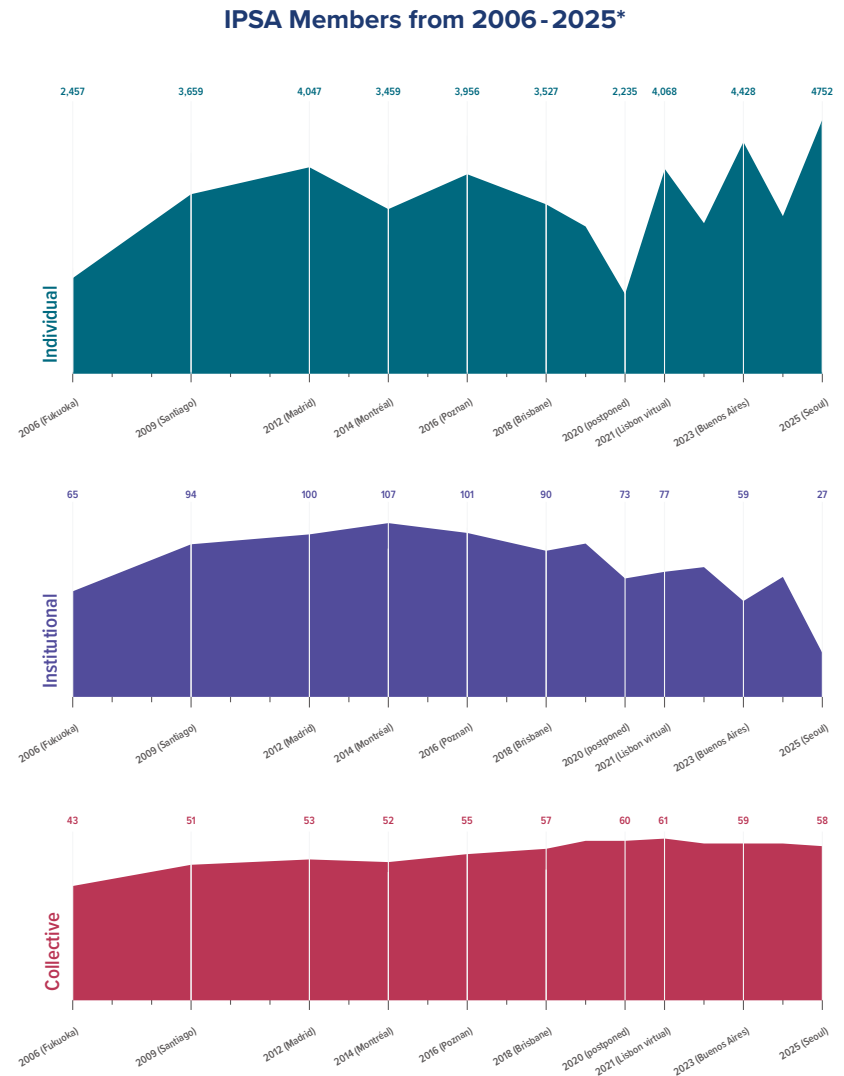
03
IPSA PORTAL, IPSAMOOC AND IPSA SUMMER SCHOOL
Naples, Italy

04
IPSA SUMMER SCHOOL
Antalya, Türkiye



2. MEMBERSHIP

In 1949, under the auspices of UNESCO, the American, Canadian, French and Indian political science associations pooled their resources to create the International Political Science Association (IPSA). A host of other national associations have since been brought into the fold. Today, IPSA boasts 58 collective members (national and regional political science associations) that, together, form a network of more than 50,000 political scientists. IPSA also offers institutional membership, which is open to institutions involved in research or teaching in political science. This form of membership was completely remodeled for 2025, and IPSA currently has 27 institutional members (political science departments and other institutions involved in political science). Our last category of membership, individual membership, is open to political scientists who support IPSA's missions, and membership has grown steadily since 1952. After a considerable drop to 2,235 in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing postponement of the World Congress, individual membership numbers reached historic heights for three consecutive Congress-years, with 4,068 members in 2021, 4,428 members in 2023 and 4,752 so far in 2025 (based on data available on 13 June 2025).



* From data available on 13 June 2025.

2.1. Individual Members

Since its creation in 1949, IPSA membership follows a cyclical trend. Membership peaks during the World Congress year, then drops off in the subsequent year. Over the long term, however, there has been a slow and steady rise in IPSA individual membership. After reaching a record 3,659 members in 2009, the Secretariat was able to sustain membership at around 1,500 members in the two following years (1,491 in 2010 and 1,551 in 2011), an achievement that once would have been unheard of for non-congress years. In 2012, for the first time in its history, individual membership surpassed the 4,000 mark, with 4,045 members, at the time the highest number of members since the association was founded.

To adjust to the new two-year cycle of World Congress events established in 2012 and reduce the negative impact of the cyclical trend in IPSA membership, IPSA individual membership was adjusted that same year. The two-year membership cycle cut the gap between non-congress and congress years in terms of membership numbers. In the non-congress year of 2013, membership stood at 3,493. Since then, variations in membership during interim years have been significantly lower. The numbers from the 2014 Congress year recalled those of 2009, with 3,459 members. Those numbers dropped slightly to 3,137 in 2015, before rising to an impressive 3,956 in 2016.

In 2017, the IPSA individual membership structure saw another significant change, with the addition of the Global South Membership category. Every resident of a low- and lower-middle income country had access to this reduced-fee membership category. Between 2017 and 2022, the Global South Membership category's share of total membership rose from 4.7% to 10.3%. Membership held firm at 3,398 in 2017, before rising to 3,690 in 2018, and dropping again to 3,160 in 2019.

Then, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting postponement of the Congress led to a significant drop in membership numbers, with only 2,235 members in 2020, the lowest figure since 2011. Thankfully, efforts were made and the numbers quickly rebounded with three consecutive new record highs of 4,068 in 2021, 4,428 in 2023 and 4,752 so far in 2025. During that period, excluding 2020, non-congress year numbers remained within the average in place since 2017, of 3,260 members in 2022 and 3,364 in 2024.

These new milestones were made possible by the success of the Congress, but also by the complete remodeling of the IPSA individual membership fee structure introduced in 2023. Individual membership was redesigned and modernized to better respond to the various financial capacities of our global membership. It is now branched into four groups (A, B, C and D), based on the country of residence. These correspond to the four groups of the World Bank statistics on Gross National Income (GNI) per capita, Atlas method. Each group is then subdivided into the usual IPSA membership categories of Regular 2-years, Student 1-year, Student 2-years, Senior 2-years, and Lifetime.

As of 13 June 2025, IPSA's individual member numbers and the related fees for each sub-category are as follows:

Country Groups By World Bank Atlas method Group	Categories	# of Members	Rates (in USD)
A HIGH-INCOME ECONOMIES (\$14,006 OR MORE)	Regular 2-years	1,974	\$222
	Senior 2-years	216	\$156
	Student 2-years	234	\$99
	Student 1-year	626	\$66
	Lifetime	89	\$1,800
B UPPER-MIDDLE-INCOME ECONOMIES (\$4,516 TO \$14,005)	Regular 2-years	426	\$99
	Senior 2-years	42	\$70
	Student 2-years	67	\$50
	Student 1-year	163	\$30
	Lifetime	15	\$825
C LOWER-MIDDLE INCOME ECONOMIES (\$1,146 TO \$4,515)	Regular 2-years	416	\$80
	Senior 2-years	28	\$40
	Student 2-years	98	\$14
	Student 1-year	249	\$8
	Lifetime	30	\$500
D LOW-INCOME ECONOMIES (\$1,145 OR LESS)	Regular 2-years	57	FREE
	Senior 2-years	1	FREE
	Student 2-years	15	FREE
	Student 1-year	6	FREE
	Lifetime	-	N/A
Total members		4,752	

IPSA Members by Gender and Continent



IPSA's fundamental objectives include achieving a balanced membership by promoting the advancement of political science and fostering collaboration between scholars from all parts of the world. As of 13 June 2025, individual membership figures, by continent, show that most individual members are still based in Europe and North America, which account for 47% of total membership. During the same period, membership from Asia has grown considerably from 14% in 2023 to an impressive 41% of current IPSA individual membership. These increases in Asia are directly attributed to the Congress being held in Seoul (South Korea), but can also be credited to the new and more affordable membership fee structure and related Congress registration rates, which will ensure a greater turnout for the Congress. Meanwhile, membership from South America predictably decreased from 33% to 5%, following a successful Congress in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 2023, and Africa (5%) and Oceania (2%) remain stable. Currently, individual IPSA members hail from 134 countries, compared to 130 in 2023, an indication of IPSA's continuing global reach.

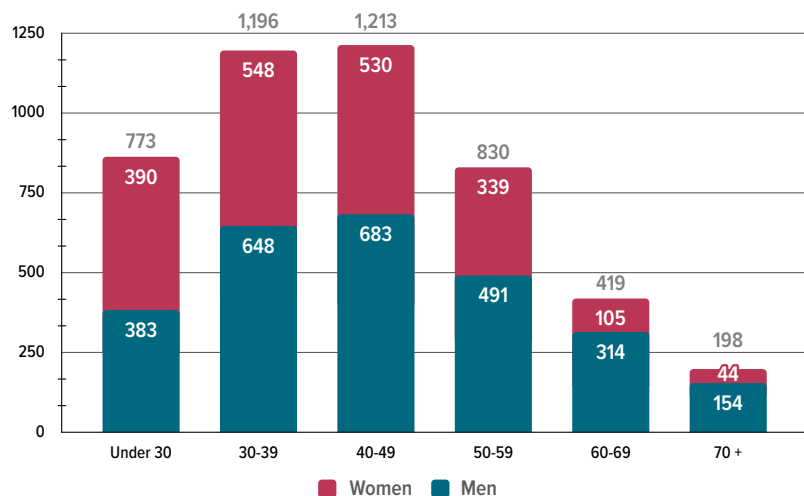
The number of IPSA members by age group has remained stable for many years now. For the period from 2004 to 2012, the average age dropped from 54 to 46 in 2006, and then to 42 in 2009, and again to 37 in 2012, demonstrating the growing popularity of the IPSA World Congress among younger scholars and students. Average member age rose again before levelling off at 44 in 2014, 43 in 2016, 45 in 2018 and 2021, and 44 in 2023 and 2025.

Ongoing stability in terms of average member age may be attributed in part to IPSA's low student membership fees, the discipline's popularity among younger generations, and a stronger IPSA presence on the Web and on social media.

Over the years, IPSA has also worked on numerous projects meant to boost membership among women. These efforts are now reflected in a positive trend towards greater female representation among IPSA membership. From 2004 to 2009, the proportion of female members rose from the 20% to 36% before levelling off at about 30% in 2010 and 2011. In 2012, the proportion of women rose to 39%, an all-time high at the time, and went on to hold at an average of 38% for the 2012-2020 period, before hitting 44% during the 2021 to 2025 period. In 2025, female membership stands at 42%.

This spike in participation among women is particularly prevalent in the under-30 age group, where the number of female members has matched those of their male counterparts (in the 49-51% range) for the sixth consecutive reporting period. This trend was also evident in the 30-39 and 40-49 age groups, where participation among women remains at 47% and 44% in 2025, respectively. Women's membership in the 50-59 age group has also remained at 45% since the last report.

IPSA Members by Age Group and Gender



From 2025 membership data available on 13 June 2025.
Unknown member age: 51 men, 53 women, 19 other, total 123.

2.2. Collective Members

The number of affiliated national and regional political science associations has decreased from 59 to 58 (see Appendix I) since 2023 with the New Zealand Political Studies Association unfortunately withdrawing from IPSA membership in February 2025.

Building collective membership in Africa, the Middle East and Asia still poses a major challenge, though efforts in this area are ongoing, and IPSA has renewed or established contact with 31 existing associations. Despite these efforts by the Secretariat and the EC, often in close collaboration with regional associations such as the African Association of Political Science (AAPS) for example, some associations in these regions have yet to join IPSA. Over the past decade, the Secretariat also reaffirmed its intention to promote the creation of political science associations around the world, by supporting political science communities in 24 countries.

Moreover, IPSA is determined to foster closer partnerships with its national and regional association members. Some initiatives have been put forward in this regard. The IPSA Regional Dialogues became a regular activity, with a third edition presented in 2024-2025. The permanent Committee on Regional Dialogues was created in 2023 to oversee the organization of the activity, with support from

the IPSA Secretariat. Held during non-Congress years, the five virtual Regional Dialogue meetings help foster stronger ties between IPSA and its collective members from Africa, the Americas, Asia-Oceania and Europe. The first round of the 2024-2025 edition held in June 2024 covered practical issues such as sharing best practices amid fast-changing circumstances surrounding association membership, professional communication, journals, newsletters and social media communications, while the second round held in April-May 2025 focused on the current topics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Academic Freedom (AF). The results of these meetings will be presented at a special session held during the 2025 IPSA World Congress in Seoul, where a report will be presented and participants will be invited to further discuss these important issues.

Finally, constant efforts have been made to improve services to collective members. The IPSA-Digital initiative offers free event planning and technical support for small virtual academic events, including access to online meeting and webinar rooms. The Secretariat also took steps to heighten the visibility of collective members, in part by promoting their events through IPSA communication channels, and the team is always on the lookout for new ways to strengthen ties between IPSA and its collective members.

2.3. Institutional Members

The IPSA institutional membership category experienced a steep drop and stagnation since 2017. Despite numerous adjustments and efforts to revive it, it became obvious that the IPSA institutional membership did not work in its actual form. For this reason, the Secretariat and the Committee on Membership and Participation completed, in 2024, a full overhaul of the institutional membership structure to provide even greater value, benefits, and flexibility.

Starting in 2025, the institutional membership is divided into country Groups A, B, C and D, following a similar overhaul with the individual membership and Congress registration fees. This way, IPSA institutional membership will be more accessible to Global South countries, as is the case with individual membership and Congress registration. Institutional membership fees are then redivided into three different levels of packages of services and benefits (Level 1 to 3), offering a range of services and benefits tailored to meet institutions' specific needs and budget.

As of 13 June 2025, IPSA has 27 institutional members (listed in Appendix II). While renewals have been slow, on the positive side, IPSA raised a total of \$15,000 USD in institutional membership revenue as of 13 June 2025, the highest amount since 2015.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 27th IPSA Executive Committee (EC) held its first meeting (no. 143) in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 19 July 2023. The subsequent EC meetings no. 144, 145, 146 and 147 were held, respectively, in Seoul (South Korea) on 4-5 November 2023, Montréal (Canada) on 27-28 April 2024, Lisbon (Portugal) on 14-15 September 2024, and Naples (Italy) on 12-13 April 2025. The term's final meeting, no. 148, will take place in Seoul on 12 July 2025, prior to the 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science.



Bottom row (left to right): Florence Haegel, Anja Jetschke, Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, Yuko Kasuya (President-Elect), Pablo Oñate (President), Dianne Pinderhughes (Past President), Kim Fontaine-Skronski (Executive Director), Indrajit Roy, Keiichi Kubo (Vice-President).

Top row (left to right): Madalena Meyer Resende (Vice-President), Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Francesca Longo, Berk Esen, Serge Granger, Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar (Program Co-Chair), Jesús Tovar, Stephen Sawyer (Abstracts Editor), Kgothatso Shai, Annika Hinze (IPSR Editor), Mauro Calise (IPSAPortal Editor and IPSAMOOOC Coordinator), Emilia Palonen, Daniel Stockemer (IPSR Editor), Irasema Coronado (Vice-President and Program Co-Chair), Hasret Dikici Bilgin (Summer School Coordinator).

Absent from the photo (taken in Buenos Aires, July 2023): Ajin Choi, Carmelo Cattafi (RC-EC Liaison), Paul Godt (Abstracts Editor).

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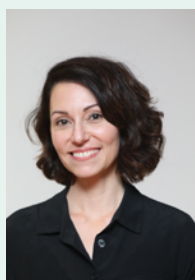
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Jesús Tovar, Mexico

3.1. The 27th Executive Committee

IPSA President Pablo Oñate began his presidency on 18 July 2023, while Dianne Pinderhughes started her Past Presidency term as ex officio member. President-Elect Yuko Kasuya was elected on the same day, during the IPSA Council meeting. Members of the 27th EC were elected the following day, on 19 July 2023.

Executive Committee 2023-2025

President	Pablo Oñate, Spain
President-Elect	Yuko Kasuya, Japan
Past President	Dianne Pinderhughes, United States
Vice-President	Irasema Coronado, United States*
Vice-President	Keiichi Kubo, Japan*
Vice-President	Madalena Meyer Resende, Portugal*
Officers	Ajin Choi, South Korea
	Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, Brazil
	Berk Esen, Türkiye
	Serge Granger, Canada*
	Florence Haegel, France*
	Anja Jetschke, Germany*
	Francesca Longo, Italy*
	Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Poland
	Emilia Palonen, Finland*
	Indrajit Roy, United Kingdom
	Kgothatso Shai, South Africa
	Jesús Tovar, Mexico

*Members of the outgoing EC (2021-2023) elected for a second mandate in 2023.

As prescribed by IPSA Rules and Procedures, the President nominates members to various subcommittees at the beginning of each new term. The subcommittees then focus their work on specific areas of IPSA governance. The membership of the subcommittees is presented by the President and ratified by the EC. All recommendations issued by the subcommittees are subject to approval by the EC. The President and the Executive Director are ex-officio members of all subcommittees.

The following members sat on subcommittees during the 2023-2025 period:

Budget Committee

Chair: Dianne Pinderhughes

Members: Pablo Oñate and Yuko Kasuya

Committee on Organization, Procedures and Awards

Chair: Serge Granger

Members: Ajin Choi, Irasema Coronado, Francesca Longo, Emilia Palonen and Jesús Tovar

Committee on the Congress Program

Chair: Irasema Coronado

Members: Berk Esen, Serge Granger, Florence Haegel, Keiichi Kubo and Magdalena Musiał-Karg

Ex-officio Member: Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar (Program Co-Chair)

Committee on Membership and Participation

Chair: Florence Haegel

Members: Serge Granger, Keiichi Kubo, Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Madalena Meyer Resende and Indrajit Roy

Committee on IPSA Gender & Diversity Monitoring

Chair: Vanessa Elias de Oliveira

Members: Berk Esen, Florence Haegel, Anja Jetschke, Indrajit Roy and Kgothatso Shai

Committee on Research and Training

Chair: Keiichi Kubo

Members: Irasema Coronado, Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, Francesca Longo and Indrajit Roy

Ex-officio Members: Carmelo Cattafi (RC-EC Liaison), Mauro Calise (IPSAMOOC Coordinator) and Hasret Dikici Bilgin (Summer School Coordinator)

Committee on Publications

Co-Chair: Anja Jetschke

Co-Chair: Madalena Meyer Resende

Members: Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, Berk Esen, Magdalena Musiał-Karg and Jesús Tovar

Ex-officio Members: Paul Godt (Abstracts Editor), Stephen Sawyer (Abstracts Editor), Daniel Stockemer (IPSR Editor), Annika Hinze (IPSR Editor) and Mauro Calise (IPSAPortal Editor)

Committee on Academic Freedom and Ethics

Chair: Francesca Longo

Members: Ajin Choi, Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Emilia Palonen and Kgothatso Shai

Committee on Regional Dialogues

Chair: Emilia Palonen

Members: Ajin Choi, Berk Esen, Anja Jetschke, Madalena Meyer Resende and Kgothatso Shai

The committees mentioned above presented the following activities during the 2023-2025 period.

3.2. Budget Committee (Dianne Pinderhughes)



The Budget Committee oversees the preparation and implementation of the IPSA budget as well as plans and reviews IPSA's financial operations. One of its main tasks in the last two years was to oversee the 2025 World Congress budget.

Since the initial 2025 World Congress budget projected a deficit across all attendance scenarios, the Budget Committee asked the Secretariat to revise the budgetary projections by incorporating various strategies to increase revenue and reduce costs. After discussion, the committee decided against increasing registration fees, instead emphasizing the urgent need for the Seoul Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to step up its sponsorship and fundraising efforts and for IPSA to adopt stronger promotional strategies aimed at increasing attendance. The committee suggested that every effort should be made to reduce costs where possible.

Notable reductions included negotiations that reduced venue rental costs and adjustments to audio-visual expenses, which are now projected at \$72,000, down from an initial estimate of \$92,000. Despite these efforts, all attendance scenarios, ranging from 2,500 to 3,000 participants, projected a significant deficit. The committee recognized the very high costs associated with hosting the event in a professional convention centre and discussed the need for sustained efforts to secure sponsorships and further reduce costs.

The Budget Committee recognized the importance of maintaining clear and open communications with the LOC as discussions progress in future World Congresses. The Secretariat was mandated to prepare a detailed overview of confirmed contributions, pending requests, and associated costs to support continued coordination and revise the budget to reflect the most recent updates.

Modulated Membership Fee Structure – Impact

As mandated by the Budget Committee in April 2023, the Secretariat conducted an impact assessment on the recent modulation of the individual membership fee structure introduced that year. These changes resulted in an estimated revenue loss of \$16,000 USD compared to 2021, the Secretariat concluded, even while membership increased to a record high of 4,428. This increase failed to translate into higher membership revenue owing to the significant rise in members from Group B countries, who benefit from a 50% discount on their membership fees. Although membership income was not as high as expected, the ultimate goal, in line with IPSA's mission, was to increase membership, especially in underrepresented regions, and this was definitely achieved. This said, things improved in 2024 with a rise in revenue of 12.6% compared to non-Congress year individual membership revenues in 2022.

Cashflow and Total Assets

The 2024 year-end financial statements and report prepared by the external accounting firm Hébert Marsolais, showed a modest deficit of \$13,312 USD. Despite the deficit, this figure is lower than the previously projected deficit of \$23,000 USD, reflecting careful financial management. IPSA ended 2024 with total assets of \$1.048 million USD, which includes cash and term deposits, receivables, prepaid expenses, and other assets.

Executive Director Fontaine-Skronski projected that IPSA's cash reserves would reach the highest year-end cash flow on record. This strong financial position is attributed to prudent financial management and the successful execution of revenue-generating activities.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Conferences

Montréal: The final budget for the April 2024 Montréal conference indicated that the event generated \$35,689 USD in registration and sponsorship revenue, with a small surplus of \$9,965 USD after all.

Lisbon: The conference was well attended, including by a number of non-member registrants. It was suggested that these non-member participants be contacted after the event and offered a discount to become IPSA members. The committee also reviewed projected expenses and noted that adjustments had been made to reduce costs. Of particular note was the \$39,211 credit from the Lisbon hotel, originally from the 2020 World Congress. This amount, reported as a prepaid expense, was used for hotel accommodations during the conference and EC meeting in Lisbon. Registration fees remained the primary source of revenue, supplemented by contributions from partners and sponsors. Overall, this event resulted in a positive financial outcome, with a surplus of \$19,465 USD, which exceeded initial projections.

IPSA Investment Strategy

Throughout 2023 and 2024, IPSA maintained a strong financial position, creating a favorable context for long-term financial planning. In response, the Budget Committee tasked the Secretariat with exploring future investment scenarios and developing a formal investment policy. This policy will serve as a framework to guide IPSA's financial decisions and ensure the responsible management of its reserves.

3.3. Committee on Organization, Procedures and Awards (Serge Granger)



During the 2023-2025 term, the Committee on Organization, Procedures and Awards (COPA) met regularly to distribute IPSA Awards and update its Rules and Procedures.

COPA is pleased with the large number of entries in most categories. The number of applicants for the Global South Award (29), Theodore J. Lowi Book Award (97), Stein Rokkan Travel Grant Award (19), Francesco Kjellberg Award (10), Guillermo O'Donnell Award (13) and the newly created Kim Dae-jung Award (9) is further proof of IPSA's enduring appeal. In addition to these awards, COPA oversaw the distribution of 40 travel grants from more than a thousand submissions.

COPA believes that restrictive criteria applied to nomination procedures should be revised in light of the problems that contributed to a lower-than-expected number of submissions for the Karl Deutsch and the Mattei Dogan awards. In addition, the 2021-2023 COPA report specified that *"complicating matters is that some winners, citing a variety of reasons, apply to present their lectures virtually, even though the awards stipulate that the lecture must be given in person at the Congress."* IPSA needs to clarify these rules with the foundations involved in the selection process, notably those requiring a physical presence at the Congress.

COPA was responsible for handling the selection process for the Theodore Lowi Book Award in 2025, together with the American Political Science Association (APSA). Three members from COPA and two from APSA were involved in the process. COPA proposed that IPSA and APSA add \$125 USD each to increase the cash prize to \$1,000 USD.

The new Kim Dae-jung Award will be presented during a roundtable at the 2025 Congress. This format increases the work of COPA, which must find four or five participants for the roundtable. The manner in which this task is handled should be discussed to ensure that the related responsibilities are fulfilled. COPA agreed that the organization of this award and others should be reviewed in the context of the IPSA Rules and Procedures.

The composition of the jury for the Guillermo O'Donnell Award differs from that of the other awards and poses multiple challenges, including delays in receiving confirmations from the proposed members. The recommendation is that the jury selection process be reviewed.

COPA in late March 2025 received proposed modifications to the IPSA Rules and Procedures. Members were invited to review the document and submit questions or suggestions.

3.4. Committee on the Congress Program (Irasema Coronado and Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar)



The Committee on the Congress Program (CCP) plays a vital role in the planning and execution of the IPSA World Congress of Political Science. The committee's responsibilities include advising on the program structure, overseeing the acceptance and distribution of panels and papers, and offering guidance on all other aspects of the Congress

in keeping with IPSA's Rules and Procedures. The CCP ensures compliance with IPSA's commitments to gender balance and diversity and emphasizes inclusivity by promoting participation by scholars from the Global South and supporting the presentation of academic work in multiple languages.

In mid-2023, Irasema Coronado and Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar were appointed as Program Co-Chairs for the 28th IPSA World Congress and consequently served as Co-Chairs of the CCP. Other members of the CCP included Magdalena Musial-Karg, Florence Haegel, Serge Granger, and Keiichi Kubo. Euiyoung Kim and Ajin Choi served as representatives of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) on the CCP.

The theme for the 28th World Congress in Seoul (South Korea) is *Resisting Autocratization in Polarized Societies*. It was developed collaboratively by the Program Co-Chairs in consultation with the CCP, the LOC, and the IPSA Executive Committee (EC). The theme underscores a pressing global issue – the erosion of democratic norms and the rise of autocratic regimes – and aims to foster critical dialogue on strategies for democratic resilience.

The Congress structure reflects the centrality of this theme. Congress Theme (CT) panels and roundtables, organized by invitation, feature leading experts who will address key dimensions of autocratization, populism, and polarization. General Tracks (GL) encompass a broad range of topics across the discipline, while Research Committee (RC) tracks, representing more than 50 specialized areas, provide depth and diversity. Interdisciplinary and cross-regional collaboration has been a guiding principle in the coordination of these tracks.

A rigorous peer review process was used to ensure the quality of the Congress program. Track Chairs, selected from a broad network of international scholars, reviewed some 6,274 paper proposals. Operating under defined expectations as to their respective roles, they worked to assemble high-quality papers into thematically coherent panels. For the first time, panels in languages other than

English and French were accepted. Consequently, 33 panels will be presented in Korean, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi and Ukrainian—further advancing IPSA's commitment to linguistic diversity. All Track Chairs will be acknowledged by name in the official Congress Program.

This Congress will also feature Special Events, organized in formats distinct from traditional panels or roundtables, and will include café-style lunchtime events on research methods and publishing. These events are designed to facilitate informal, mentor-driven engagement and networking opportunities.

Plenaries will feature prominent scholars and public figures. IPSA President Pablo Oñate will chair the Presidential Plenary, “Populism, Polarization and the Consequences for Democracy,” with participation from six scholars representing diverse global regions and academic career trajectories. Keynote speakers will include former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who will speak about “Liberal Democracy, Multilateralism, and Global Citizenship,” Professor Donatella della Porta, who will address “The Contentious Politics of Academic Freedom: Social Movements and Repression,” and Professor Neera Chandhoke, whose keynote is titled “Resisting Legal Autocracy in South Asia.” Additionally, the Congress will feature sessions honoring recipients of IPSA's distinguished awards.

The successful planning of this major event has been made possible through the close collaboration between the IPSA Secretariat and the LOC. The LOC played a critical role in bringing the Congress to Seoul and securing the Coex Convention and Exhibition Centre as an outstanding venue. The CCP and the Program Co-Chairs extend their deepest gratitude to Yee-Fun Wong, Roksolana Bobyk, and the entire Secretariat staff for their exceptional support throughout the planning process. The 28th IPSA World Congress attests to the collective efforts of a dedicated international team working to promote the advancement of political science scholarship.

3.5. Committee on Membership and Participation (Florence Haegel)



Institutional Membership Reform: Progress and Outlook

Following the restructuring of the individual membership fee system during the previous mandate, aimed at making it more inclusive, the Committee on Membership and Participation (CMP) shifted its focus to reforming institutional membership during its 2023–2025 mandate. Its objective was to review the services, benefits, and fee structure associated with this category, which has seen a decline in participation, to make it more attractive.

In addition to individual and collective members (such as national political science associations), institutional

members are comprised of a broad range of entities, including academic departments, libraries, and other scholarly organizations. The CMP conducted a thorough consultation and developed a set of proposals aimed at enhancing the benefits available to institutional members. These deliberations were supported by reports from the Secretariat, based on in-depth research and comparative analysis, with the objective of aligning IPSA's offerings with those of other leading international associations. The results of this reform are detailed in the document entitled *IPSA Institutional Membership Reform: Proposal for New Services and Structure*.

The core objective was to improve the range and quality of services and benefits offered to institutional members, and to make membership packages more attractive and relevant. The new structure includes:

- access to enhanced website-related benefits;
- free and discounted individual memberships;
- promotional opportunities;
- congress-related benefits.

The revised fee structure is divided into groups A, B, C and D, with different fee structures offered based on the country where an institution is located. Furthermore, the groups are also divided into three (3) different levels of services and benefits packages ranging from a basic benefits package (Level 1) to a high-end full package including exclusive and complimentary services (Level 3). This way, IPSA institutional membership is accessible to institutions worldwide. The initial impact of the reform – both financial and in terms of engagement – has been highly positive. That said, there remains significant potential to further expand the base of institutional members.

Collective Membership: New Incentive Measures

For collective memberships, the CMP has proposed that discounted and complimentary individual memberships be introduced to enhance the value of the IPSA Collective Membership. The proposed benefits would include:

- a 25% discount for two regular two-year individual memberships;
- a 50% discount for five one-year student memberships;
- five complimentary one-year student memberships for collective members who are in good standing with their annual dues.

These measures are designed to add tangible value to collective membership, recognize their ongoing support, strengthen our collaboration, promote IPSA within member associations, and potentially attract new members. The CMP views this approach as a positive step toward strengthening engagement and increasing support within IPSA's collective membership.

Fraud Prevention

As a complementary initiative, the CMP submitted two proposals intended to clarify IPSA's membership policies and adapt them to ongoing institutional developments. Both were approved by the Executive Committee (EC).

Following the implementation of the institutional membership reform, it became apparent that certain universities applying for membership were not recognized in their home countries and may have been fraudulent entities. To address these situations, the EC approved the proposal to the effect that all institutional membership applications should be reviewed by the CMP. IPSA reserves the right to refuse, cancel, and refund any application deemed invalid.

3.6. Committee on Gender and Diversity Monitoring (Vanessa Elias de Oliveira)



The Committee on Gender and Diversity Monitoring is dedicated to promoting gender and diversity inclusiveness within IPSA, its member associations and the political science discipline worldwide. As part of its Strategic Plan 2023-2027, IPSA aims to foster best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion in political science. This report outlines the Committee's efforts to meet these objectives during the 2023-2025 period.

Chief among the efforts to achieve these objectives was the Gender Inequalities in Political Science Survey conducted with IPSA individual members and individual members of national and regional political science associations (PSA) with IPSA membership status. This initiative was an extension of the regular *IPSA Gender and Diversity Monitoring Report* issued by IPSA in 2011, 2013, 2017 and 2022, which provides a comprehensive assessment of how gender and diversity concerns are addressed within the IPSA-affiliated PSAs, highlighting under-representation among women in political science associations, particularly in leadership roles and senior academic positions. Although some progress was noted, significant disparities remain, underlining the need for continued efforts to promote equity within the discipline.

The new survey was aimed at gauging perceptions of inclusivity, equity, and diversity among IPSA and PSA individual members to identify areas that may require collective debate and improvements. It focused on perceptions of working conditions, inappropriate conduct in interpersonal relations, and gender inequalities in the field. By identifying disparities and challenges, the survey is intended to promote targeted initiatives in favour of a more inclusive community. The survey, which circulated via email and IPSA social media from December 2024 to March 2025, was meant to elicit feedback from IPSA and PSA individual members. A total of 1,200 responses were received, and the main findings are presented in the *IPSA Survey REPORT: Gender Inequalities in Political Science*.

Between 2023 and 2025, the Committee on Gender and Diversity Monitoring also proposed naming IPSA's Global South Award after a female political scientist.

Among the existing IPSA awards, only one – the Wilma Rule Award for the best paper on gender and politics – is named after a female political scientist. Considering that, the Committee recommended that the Global South Award be named in honour of a distinguished female political scientist from the Global South who has made significant contributions to political science.

The committee proposed the name of Margaret Aderinsola Vogt (May 26, 1950 – September 23, 2014), a renowned Nigerian diplomat and political scientist and an important figure in the discussion on civil wars and peacekeeping in Africa. Ms. Vogt served as Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peace-building Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) until mid-2013, after being appointed to the position by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2011. The IPSA Executive Committee approved the proposal, and Margaret Aderinsola Vogt's family were deeply honoured by the tribute. The new name of the award will be announced to the community at the Seoul World Congress.

Finally, IPSA played an active part in discussions on gender equality as part of the International Science Council's (ISC) Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES). IPSA representatives, Vanessa Elias de Oliveira and Kim Fontaine-Skronski, contributed to the *2025 Study on Gender Equality in Global Science Organizations*.

3.7. Committee on Research and Training (Keiichi Kubo)



During the 2023-2025 term, the Committee on Research and Training (CRT) focused on the three areas under its jurisdiction: Research Committees (RCs), IPSA Summer Schools, and IPSA Massive Open Online Courses (IPSA-MOOC). Together with the RC chairs, it also played an instrumental role in launching a new IPSA event, namely the IPSA Work-in-Progress-Sessions (WiPS).

Regarding the RCs, the CRT approved 14 funding applications submitted by 20 RCs. These included individual and joint applications for a total of \$28,500 USD in approved funds, a decrease compared to the

previous term (total \$33,900 USD for the 2021-2023 period) despite the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. This decrease is due primarily to the introduction of new amendments to IPSA's Rules and Procedures, under which RCs can only apply for events held during the non-Congress years (Article 2, Book 10). This change naturally led to the significant decrease in the number of funding applications in the March 2025 call (only two applications for events planned in 2026). The resulting decrease does not mean that the RCs are becoming less active. On the contrary, RCs continued to stage various in-person and online events, making use of IPSA Digital to develop and report on activities with the support from the IPSA Secretariat. Also, the CRT approved evaluation reports submitted by 12 RCs, in accordance with the IPSA Rules and Procedures.

During the 2023 World Congress, Carmelo Cattafi was elected as the new RC-EC Liaison. Prof. Cattafi has worked to improve communications with RC Chairs and Co-Chairs by regularly meeting and communicating with them. The improved

communications with RC Chairs and Co-Chairs resulted in the RCs actively contributing to three major academic events held by IPSA in 2024, namely the IPSA 75th Anniversary Conferences in Montréal (April 2024) and Lisbon (September 2024), and the WiPS (December 2024).

As for IPSA Summer Schools, a new Summer School was successfully launched during the 2023-2025 period, namely the IPSA-AECPA Summer School in Spain, a joint venture between IPSA and the Spanish Association of Political Science and Public Administration (AECPA). Its first edition was successfully completed at the University of Santiago de Compostela in September 2024. This Summer School's unique feature is that its venue will change in accordance with communications between the AECPA and local universities. With the addition of the IPSA-AECPA Summer School, IPSA now has a total of eight Summer Schools (Antalya, Mexico, Montréal, Naples, São Paulo, Singapore, Spain and St. Petersburg). With the exception of the St. Petersburg Summer School, which has been suspended since 2022, all of them remain active and the latest editions were completed successfully in 2024 and 2025 (in Brazil). Hasret Dikici Bilgin, the Summer School Coordinator appointed at the 2023 World Congress, actively interacted with local organizers, thereby helping improve communications with IPSA Summer Schools.

IPSAMOOCs have been an extraordinary success: As of April 2025, IPSAMOOCs, jointly provided by Federica Web Learning and IPSA on the edX and Coursera platforms, have reached a wide international audience, with more than 130,000 enrolments from more than 190 countries. IPSAMOOCs now offer several new features, including multilingual translation and AI-enhanced learning environments. Recently, the IPSAMOOC4AFRICA Project has been launched with the expectation that IPSAMOOCs can and will make a significant contribution to the enhancement of political science education in Africa. Making a noteworthy contribution to these new developments was long-standing IPSAMOOC Coordinator, Mauro Calise. In April 2025, the IPSA Executive Committee approved the appointment of Fortunato Musella as Co-Coordinator of IPSAMOOCs. He will work alongside Prof. Calise to further advance the IPSAMOOC project.

3.8. Committee on Publications (Madalena Meyer Resende and Anja Jetschke)



This report summarizes the work of the IPSA Committee on Publications (CP) during its 2023–2025 term. The Committee addressed several ongoing and new priorities related to IPSA's publication activities, including journal management, publication ethics and strategic partnerships. Its members met regularly and participated in discussions on IPSA's publishing strategy, contracts and new initiatives.

Development of the Governance Review

One of the Committee's most important tasks involved the uptake of the existing *Governance Review* as an IPSA journal published by Sage, with negotiations conducted by Daniel Stockemer and Kim Fontaine-Skronski. The partnership was formalized with the offer of a five-year contract (2027–2031). The journal will be an online-only publication under a hybrid model combining subscription and open-access options. The offer constitutes a cost-neutral solution for IPSA.

The key elements of the agreement are as follows:

- an editorial stipend to support the new editorial team;
- free online access for IPSA members;
- copy editing support for authors from developing countries;
- integration with Sage's global marketing and distribution platforms.

The Committee will oversee the appointment of the new editorial team and the journal's relaunch strategy, including a review of its objectives and scope.

Renewal of the IPSR contract with Sage

The Committee also considered and endorsed a proposal to renew the publishing contract with Sage for the *International Political Science Review* (IPSR) to cover the years 2027–2031. The decision is based on considerations of stability, continuity, and current market conditions in academic publishing.

Index for predatory publishing

Over the course of the term, the Committee supported the creation and refinement of a tool for identifying predatory journals. Led by Daniel Stockemer, Annike Hinze and Theresa Reidy, the related project resulted in a 10-point diagnostic index for assessing the legitimacy of journals based on editorial practices, ethics and transparency. The tool will be launched at the Seoul World Congress and published on the IPSA website in August 2025 before being distributed to national and regional political science associations.

Abstracts and the Trends series

The *International Political Science Abstracts* continue to operate with stable subscriptions and income. The Committee noted the strong response to the *Trends in Research* publication, led by Daniel Stockemer and Steven Sawyer, which has heightened the visibility of the *Abstracts*.

Based on this response, the Committee supported the planned introduction of two further series: *Trends in Teaching*, which will start in January 2026 and, in the future, *Trends in the Profession*. These new series are intended to broaden the range of abstracts and reflect developments in political science research and pedagogy.

Broader strategic considerations

Throughout its tenure, the committee has been involved in discussions about open-access publishing, the ethical landscape of academic publishing, and IPSA's potential role in setting standards for national, regional and international political science associations. The committee has also worked to ensure that IPSA publications align with the Association's broader strategic goals, including a commitment to diversity, equity and global representation.

The 2023–2025 term included the negotiation of major contracts, the development of a new journal, and the introduction of tools for improving publishing practices. These activities are intended to strengthen IPSA's publishing portfolio and provide useful resources for the political science community. The Committee recommends continued attention to editorial development, outreach and innovation during the upcoming term.

3.9. Committee on Academic Freedom and Ethics (Francesca Longo)



The Committee on Academic Freedom and Ethics (AFEC), for its term from July 2023 to July 2025, has been actively engaged in three main areas of focus. The first activity stemmed from the merger of the previous committees dedicated to academic freedom and ethics into a single, unified committee. After fruitful collective discussions on how to integrate these two important topics into their future work plan, the Committee opted to concentrate its efforts on examining the impact of predatory journals on research ethics and the processes involved in the evaluation and accreditation of universities and research centers. To this end, a collaboration was initiated with the Committee on Publications.

These efforts will culminate in a roundtable discussion titled “Predatory Publishing and Ethics in Research: What’s Up?” scheduled to take place at the Seoul IPSA World Congress. Jointly organized by AFEC and the Committee on Publications, this roundtable aims to achieve two main objectives: To raise public awareness about the dangers posed by predatory journals to the integrity of research, and particularly to young scholars who may be more vulnerable to such practices; and secondly to present and discuss the Index for predatory publishing, developed and designed by the Committee on Publications to serve as a self-evaluation tool for journals and help researchers identify potentially predatory publications. Additionally, AFEC plans to produce a series of informational materials and guidelines to educate researchers and institutions on how to recognize and prevent predatory publishing practices and thereby strengthen the overall integrity of academic research.

The second key AFEC activity involved the development of a standardized format for a formalized procedure to monitor potential violations of academic freedom among political scientists at the national level. This tool is intended to be shared

among national scientific associations with an eye to helping them create or update their procedures for purposes of better protecting the rights of researchers and academics. After receiving approval from the Executive Committee (EC), this monitoring framework was distributed together with the Guidelines on Academic Freedom, drafted earlier in 2023, to support efforts by national associations to safeguard academic independence. The initiative also calls for training sessions and resources to be offered to help associations effectively implement these procedures and thereby foster a global culture of respect for academic freedom.

The AFEC's third area of focus consisted of fostering cooperation with the IPSA Executive Committee, under the guidance of the IPSA President. This collaboration was aimed at managing specific situations where academic freedom was at risk. Notably, AFEC helped draft the “Statement on Academic Freedom Concerns in the USA,” which was published on the IPSA website in April 2025. This statement highlights ongoing challenges and emphasizes the importance of protecting academic independence worldwide, thus reinforcing IPSA's commitment to defending scholars' rights across different contexts. The Committee also plans to continue engaging with international partners to promote policies that safeguard academic freedom and monitor emerging threats to scholarly independence globally.

3.10. Committee on Regional Dialogues (Emilia Palonen)



At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the IPSA Executive Committee (EC) discussed ways to reach out to IPSA collective members for purposes of sustaining or rebuilding relationships. A decision was then made to create an opportunity to reconnect with collective members through a broader dialogue involving the presidents and/or executive directors/ secretary-generals of collective members. The IPSA Regional Dialogues have since become a regular activity on the Association's agenda.

The Committee on Regional Dialogues became a regular IPSA sub-committee in 2023. It convened during the 2023–2025 term to organize the third edition of the IPSA Regional Dialogues with colleagues from IPSA collective members. This third edition was divided into two phases, with the first in June 2024 and the second in April–May 2025.

Regional Dialogues were held online in different time zones, with the presence of the IPSA President, the Committee Chair, and various members of the IPSA Executive Committee present to act as Chairs of the various meetings (Africa, Americas, Asia/Oceania, Europe 1 and 2) and Mathieu St-Laurent from the IPSA Secretariat organizing the logistics. Altogether, some 63 participants took part in the two rounds of dialogues. It was a fascinating opportunity to see how the various regions differed, but also, in many cases, to share similar experiences for mutual learning purposes.

For the Committee, the challenge lay in raising topics tangible enough for all the partners to join the conversation and practical enough to challenge collective members, while ensuring their relevance in relation to political science as a global discipline. Given the diversity of political contexts on a global level, the Committee decided to formulate the first round around practical issues of sharing best practices amid fast-changing circumstances surrounding association membership and professional communication, from journals and newsletters to audiovisual social media communications. Participants in this first round addressed the following questions:

- How have you solved challenges related to membership across generations? What are the pull-factors for members (what do you offer and what is successful)?
- What is the role of associations in academic publishing in the country/region? Do you publish anything from newsletters to journals? How have these practices changed over time (digitalization, new formats, open access, open peer review)?
- What is the role of audiovisual communications in your association: online or hybrid meetings, podcasts, videos and social media?

The first round demonstrated how IPSA collective members had developed a great set of best practices for retaining and gaining members, offering early-career scholar activities, organizing conferences, developing publishing for open access and even open peer review, along with diverse ways of conferencing and exploring online communications across several platforms. The discussion also gave rise to other themes that affect the sustainability of political science communities.

The focus of the second round was on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Academic Freedom (AF) in connection with the World Congress theme of authoritarianism and the challenge to democracy. Also reiterated were the concerns, first raised during the previous discussion, about the resilience of political science communities. Regarding AI, session participants were asked to discuss what it has done to transform our field of study, specifically in terms of teaching and research, and whether the associations had addressed the issue. On the subject of AF, participants were prompted to answer how current political developments, and the spread of polarization, illiberalism or authoritarian rule are affecting their national political science communities and practices in the field of political science, and how their associations had engaged with these trends.

These questions gave rise to a vigorous discussion, given the slide toward authoritarianism around the world. We also witnessed the mobilization of anti-science or alternative science forces, and polarization was deemed to be an added issue with the potential to impact the political science community. Many associations had already found tools to deal with these issues. Some had already observed the emergence of deep partisan politics and authoritarianism, which enabled participants in several regions to reflect on practices that could be developed to navigate and even confront highly polarized and/or authoritarian politics. The outcomes of the two rounds of sessions will be compiled into a unique

report presented at a special roundtable on the Regional Dialogues during the Seoul World Congress, where Dialogue participants, and the broader community of scholars, will be invited to further discuss these issues and their prevalence within the profession. The report will also be shared with the IPSA community.

3.11. Special Committees

Bid Committee

Chair: Pablo Oñate

Members: Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, Serge Granger, Yuko Kasuya and Dianne Pinderhughes

The Bid Committee is responsible for assessing the applications to host the 29th IPSA World Congress in 2027 and making recommendations to the IPSA EC.

Presidential Search Committee

Chair: Pablo Oñate

Members: Yuko Kasuya, Dianne Pinderhughes, Irasema Coronado, Indrajit Roy

This committee is responsible for the process of searching for and recommending a presidential candidate to the EC for the 2027-2029 term.

Task Force on the Scope of the Discipline and Teaching

Chair: Jesús Tovar

Members: Ajin Choi, Anja Jetschke and Indrajit Roy

This task force was created in 2023 to explore the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating Artificial Intelligence and Networking in teaching and researching in Political Science.

Working Group on African Engagement

Chair: Yuko Kasuya

Members: Pablo Oñate, Dianne Pinderhughes and Kgothatso Shai

The group was created on the suggestion of Prof. Kasuya in September 2024 to explore how IPSA can improve its involvement in the African region.

4. SECRETARIAT

The IPSA Secretariat, located at Concordia University in Montréal (Canada), remains the core administrative body of the Association. In 2026, IPSA proudly marks the 25th anniversary of the Secretariat's presence in Montréal, which has provided continuity, stability, and effective coordination across IPSA's diverse activities. Over the past two years, the team has remained stable, with eight dedicated staff members supporting the day-to-day work of the Association. During this period, IPSA's activities continued to expand, particularly with the organization of the IPSA 75th anniversary events.

The Secretariat provides support to the Executive Committee, oversees the organization of major events and manages IPSA's communications. It also ensures the delivery of services to members, financial administration, and the implementation of internal policies, while supporting IPSA's growing network of international partnerships.



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Yee Fun Wong



Ekaterina Kuzmenko



Éric Grève



Roksolana Bobyk



Haluk Dag



Fernand Thériault



Stephanie Doughty

4.1. Structure of the Secretariat

The composition of the permanent Secretariat team has not changed since the last report. It currently consists of Kim Fontaine-Skranski (Executive Director), Mathieu St-Laurent (Membership, Research and Strategy Senior Director), Yee Fun Wong (World Congress and Events Senior Director), Ekaterina Kuzmenko (Administrative Director), Éric Grève (IT Project Manager), Roksolana Bobyk (Program, Registration and Awards Officer), Haluk Dag (Communication and Promotion Coordinator) and Fernand Thériault (Accountant).

In September 2024, the Secretariat welcomed Stephanie Doughty as the World Congress and Event Assistant through the Mitacs Business Strategy Internship program. Mitacs is a Canadian non-profit organization that supports research and innovation by facilitating partnerships between academia, industry, and the non-profit sector. Her mandate is to assist with the organization and coordination of the IPSA World Congress and other event-related activities.

4.2. IPSA Secretariat Activities

Over the past two years, the Secretariat has continued to expand and diversify its activities, reflecting the evolving needs of the association. This ongoing development demonstrates its commitment to providing IPSA members with high-quality services and advancing IPSA's global mission. The core responsibilities of the Secretariat include the effective management of IPSA's financial, operational, and human resources; support for IPSA's Research Committees; coordination with the editors and administrators of IPSA Publications, Summer Schools, and IPSAMOO; and oversight of membership services, which have grown in both volume and complexity.

The Secretariat also plays a key role in organizing IPSA's major events, particularly the World Congress of Political Science, as well as Executive Committee and Council meetings. In recent years, its role has expanded to include a growing number of inter-congress events, most notably the IPSA 75th Anniversary Conferences, which have required significant logistical and programmatic coordination.

In addition, the Secretariat is responsible for producing the *Participation* magazine and other official publications, as well as maintaining IPSA's digital infrastructure, including the website, monthly newsletter, and social media channels, to ensure timely and effective communication with members and partners worldwide.

4.2.1. IPSA World Congress Planning and Management

The World Congress and Events department is responsible for the full operational coordination of the IPSA World Congress of Political Science and other major events. It plays a crucial role in all phases of Congress organization, from assisting the Bid Committee in evaluating potential host cities to supporting the Program Chairs in shaping the academic program and overseeing the submission and review of paper and panel proposals. With technical support from the IT Project Manager, the design and administration of the Congress website and registration system are developed in-house.

In collaboration with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the team oversees all logistical aspects of the event, including venue arrangements, accommodation planning, vendor coordination, and on-site operations. The department also leads outreach efforts, promoting the Congress, managing sponsor and exhibitor relations, and ensuring visibility across IPSA's communication platforms.

Organizing the World Congress remains a multifaceted undertaking, requiring extensive planning, cross-departmental collaboration, and responsiveness to evolving global contexts. In addition to its work on the World Congress, the team successfully led the organization of two high-level international conferences as part of IPSA's 75th Anniversary celebrations in 2024.

4.2.2. IPSA Membership

The Secretariat plays a central role in managing and promoting IPSA membership, ensuring that the Association remains responsive to the priorities of its diverse and growing global community. Membership communication and coordination are overseen by the Membership, Research and Strategy Senior Director.

One of the key developments during this period was the revision of the institutional membership model. The revised structure aims to increase the value of membership by clearly differentiating benefits between institutional categories and providing greater incentives for active engagement. This work was undertaken in close collaboration with the Committee on Membership and Participation and reflects IPSA's broader efforts to expand access and strengthen partnerships with academic institutions worldwide.

As regards individual membership, it has reached record highs during this biennium, demonstrating IPSA's growing visibility and appeal within the political science community. The Secretariat remains dedicated to maintaining this momentum by identifying new ways to improve services and benefits for all members, whether through streamlined processes, better digital tools, or increased networking opportunities.

4.2.3. Participation and other publications



Participation, IPSA's biennial magazine, continues to serve as an important platform for informing and engaging the individual, institutional, and collective members, offering a curated overview of IPSA's activities, new initiatives and strategic priorities. The August 2024 edition was primarily dedicated to the upcoming 28th IPSA World Congress in Seoul, featuring profiles of keynote speakers, thematic highlights, updates from the LOC, and practical information for participants.

In parallel, IPSA continues to expand its Online Conference Proceedings Library, which provides open access to a substantial archive of scholarly contributions from past IPSA events. With over 17,040 paper abstracts and 9,368 full papers from World Congresses and major conferences since 2006, the library serves as a valuable academic resource for the global political science community.

4.2.4. Website, Newsletter and Social Media



The Secretariat team is constantly updating and improving the IPSA website to make navigation as seamless and interactive as possible. The “My News” feature allows IPSA members to post their news directly on the website and on IPSA’s social media accounts. Each year, over 500 news items are posted by IPSA members and Secretariat staff combined. The

monthly electronic IPSA Newsletter, with a subscription base of 11,000, remains an effective way of keeping members informed of IPSA-related news and events in political science worldwide.

IPSA continues to expand its presence on social media by launching new accounts. In 2024, as part of its efforts to better engage with students and young political scientists across various platforms, IPSA created accounts on Bluesky, Mastodon, Threads, and TikTok. With a total of eight social media accounts, the association now reaches 177,000 followers worldwide.

4.2.5. IPSA Digital



Launched in March 2021, IPSA Digital offers Research Committees (RCs) and Collective members free technical and planning support for virtual academic events, such as conferences, workshops, and annual meetings. The service also provides access to online meeting and webinar platforms.

The initiative aims to foster innovative dialogue and strengthen networks within the global political science community. Since its launch, several RCs and Collective members have successfully used IPSA Digital to organize international academic events.

4.2.6. Information Technology Projects

Over the past two years, IT development has continued to play a central role in enhancing IPSA’s digital infrastructure and improving the online experience for members and staff. Notable projects include the development of a tool to identify predatory publishing practices, the technical implementation of the revised institutional membership structure, the creation of a digital IPSA timeline highlighting key milestones in the association’s history, and the design of an in-house system for on-demand badge printing at events such as the World Congress.

In addition to these initiatives, IPSA has begun exploring the integration of Artificial Intelligence into its operations with the aim of increasing productivity and improving member services. This forward-looking approach reflects IPSA’s commitment to innovation and operational efficiency.

Ongoing efforts have also focused on strengthening internal IT policies, cybersecurity protocols, and documentation practices. The IT department remains a key driver of IPSA’s digital transformation, ensuring that the organization remains agile, secure, and responsive to the needs of its global community.

4.2.7. Strategic Plan

In line with the priorities set out in the 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, IPSA has taken steps to broaden its scholarly outreach and strengthen engagement across regions. Initiatives include the development of academic freedom guidelines and the preparation of best practice recommendations on Artificial Intelligence in research and teaching. Work is also underway to expand the publication portfolio, offering new avenues for scholarly contribution and visibility. To complement the biennial World Congress, IPSA is actively increasing its inter-congress programming to provide more frequent opportunities for networking, dialogue, and professional exchange. A mid-term report will be presented to the IPSA Council during the 2025 World Congress in Seoul.



5. RELATIONS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Science Council (ISC)



The International Science Council (ISC) was created in 2018 as the result of a merger between the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC). Based in Paris (France), ISC is a non-governmental organization with a membership of over 230 organizations, including international scientific unions as well as associations from natural and social sciences and the humanities, and national and regional scientific organizations such as science academies and research councils. It is the only international NGO representing both the natural and social sciences, and the world's largest global science organization. As a constitutive member association, IPSA collaborates with ISC on various fronts.

In November 2024, *International Political Science Review* (IPSR) Co-Editor Daniel Stockemer was selected as a member of ISC's Global Roster of Experts. The Roster was established in 2024 to provide timely, multidisciplinary scientific advice to the United Nations and its member states on pressing global issues, including climate change, inequality, biodiversity loss, and public health.

American Political Science Association (APSA)



IPSA continued its strong collaboration with the American Political Science Association (APSA) during the covered period. The 2024 APSA Annual Meeting was held in Philadelphia (USA) from 5-8 September 2024. IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes participated in the APSA Award Reception on 4 September, where she presented the 2024 APSA-IPSA Theodore J. Lowi First Book Award to Rochelle Terman. Chaired

by *International Political Science Review* (IPSR) Co-Editors Daniel Stockemer and Annika Hinze, IPSA held two panels on 5 September. The first panel, titled "Democratic Backsliding and Academic Freedom I: A Macro-Perspective", addressed the global decline in democratic freedoms and its impact from a macro perspective. The second, titled "Democratic Backsliding and Academic Freedom II: Case Studies", explored specific case studies from various countries, with a focus on the relationship between democratic backsliding and Academic Freedom. On 6 September, IPSR hosted a cocktail reception, which gave attendees a unique opportunity to meet the Co-Editors.

The 2023 APSA Annual Meeting was held in Los Angeles (USA) from 31 August - 3 September 2023. IPSA presented an online Pre-APSA Annual Meeting Workshop on the "Digitalization of Scientific Associations: Challenges and Technological Solutions" on 30 August 2023. Chaired by IPSA President Pablo Oñate, the workshop drew executives from scholarly associations, experts in digital solutions for associations, and virtual platform suppliers. Speakers included Kim Fontaine-Skronski (Executive Director, IPSA), Jon Gurstelle (Senior Director, Publications, APSA), Nick Scott (Independent consultant in digital transformation for non-profit associations), Mitch Malinsky (Head of Sales and Strategic Partnerships, Pheedloop), and Tom Heneghan (Director of New Business, Planstone). IPSA was also represented at a roundtable chaired by IPSA Vice-President Irasema Coronado on 1 September. Titled "The Role of Women in Local and International Politics from a Feminist Dimension", the discussion featured prominent scholars and activists with in-depth expertise in women's empowerment worldwide. IPSA also helped organize panels through its Research Committees. On 31 August, the RC01-Concepts and Methods panel, "Tackling Causality and Causal Inference across the Social Sciences", addressed the challenges and solutions related to causality and causal inference in political science and related fields. On 2 September, the RC36-Political Power panel, "Power, Information and Disinformation",

delved into the complex dynamics of power in the digital age, particularly as they relate to information and disinformation.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)



The European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) and IPSA signed a Memorandum of Un-

derstanding (MoU) to strengthen their academic cooperation. The document was signed by IPSA President Pablo Oñate and ECPR Vice-Chair Petra Meier at the 2023 IPSA World Congress in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 18 July, following a meeting with IPSA and ECPR leadership attended by IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes, IPSA Executive Director Kim Fontaine-Skronski, and ECPR Executive Committee member Daniela Irrera. The MoU establishes an official bilateral agreement between the two associations, further consolidating their long-standing collaboration in several areas. The agreement also allows IPSA and ECPR to present academic panels at their respective flagship events.



Photo (left to right): IPSA Executive Director Kim Fontaine-Skronski, IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes, IPSA President Pablo Oñate, ECPR Vice-Chair Petra Meier and ECPR Executive Committee member Daniela Irrera.

As part of its collaboration with ECPR, IPSA was present at the 2024 ECPR General Conference, held in Dublin (Ireland), from 12-15 August 2024. Chaired by Theresa Reidy, with Emilia Palonen as discussant, the IPSA panel “Democratic Innovations in South Korea: Experiments and Prospects” was held on 14 August 2024. It included three papers on various aspects of democratic innovation in South Korea. IPSA also held a virtual exhibition booth. Participants had the opportunity to learn more about IPSA’s wide array of activities, educational programs and recent publications, and gain insights into the 2025 IPSA World Congress.

Additionally, the IPSA Research Committee on Politics and Ethnicity (RC14) presented the latest edition of its annual colloquium on the theme *Challenges of Plural Societies* in Chişinău (Moldova) from 28-31 May 2024, in collaboration with the ECPR Standing Group on Identity. Also collaborating on this event were IPSA RC23-Elections, Citizens and Parties, RC28-Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance, RC50-The Politics of Language, and RC53-Indigenous Politics.

IPSA also participated in the 2023 ECPR General Conference, held in Prague (Czech Republic) from 4-8 September 2023. The association hosted a virtual exhibition booth, and IPSA World Congress and Events Senior Director, Yee Fun Wong, presented an information session on the IPSA World Congress, including an overview of the abstract submission process for the 2025 edition of the event.

International Studies Association (ISA)



The International Studies Association (ISA) and IPSA formalized their cooperation in September 2021, signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that enables both organizations to present academic panels at their respective main events and allows IPSA members to join the ISA membership roll and vice versa. As part of this partnership, IPSA participated in the 2025 ISA Convention, held in Chicago (USA) from 2-5 March 2025. IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes chaired the panel titled “Issues of Democratic

Participation: Elections and Governance Across World Geographic Regions” on 3 March, while IPSA Past President Marianne Kneuer sat on the panel of experts brought together to discuss electoral participation and outcomes across various world regions.

IPSA was also represented at the 2024 ISA Convention held in San Francisco (USA) from 3-6 April 2024, through a roundtable discussion honoring the groundbreaking work of Thomas Risse. The roundtable, titled “New Perspectives on Transnational Non-State Actors – A Roundtable Honoring the Work of Thomas Risse”, was held on 3 April and chaired by Hans Peter Schmitz (University of San Diego) and Anja Jetschke (University of Göttingen and IPSA Executive Committee member), who served as discussant and speaker, respectively.

International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS)



The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) represents students of political science and related studies worldwide. IAPSS strives to make a sustained academic contribution to the education of its members, foster exchanges among young political scientists across the globe, and promote social and scientific responsibility. To achieve this, they offer a host of events and publications along with professionalization and career services, and they advocate in favour of political science interests at the international level.

IPSA Executive Committee member Francesca Longo participated in the “Advocacy in Political Science” roundtable at the 2025 IAPSS Virtual World Congress held on 21 May 2025. Moderated by Soumyadeep Chowdhury (Deputy Head of the IAPSS Academic Department), the session featured Jonathan Polk (ECPR Executive Committee member).

The period from 2012 to 2025 was marked by continued cooperation between IPSA and IAPSS. IAPSS moved its headquarters from Nijmegen (Netherlands) to Montréal (Canada) in 2022, with IPSA and Concordia University playing an instrumental role in establishing a permanent home for IAPSS in Montréal.

The two associations also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to renew and expand their academic and institutional cooperation.

International Public Policy Association (IPPA)



IPSA takes great pride in supporting the International Public Policy Association (IPPA) and its flagship event, the International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP). IPSA is pleased that IPPA was created as a corollary of the successful 2013 ICPP, organized by members of six (6) IPSA RCs and other entities associated with IPSA’s collective membership.

IPSA supports IPPA’s initiatives as a welcome development of this integral and vital field of political science. As such, IPPA can count on continued support and collaboration from IPSA, not only for its conference, but also to promote the work of practitioners in the field of public policy – which is a core part of IPSA’s mission. IPSA and IPPA signed an MoU in February 2023 to renew their cooperation. The MoU extends a bilateral agreement between the two associations dating back to 2017, paving the way for further collaboration on several fronts. For instance, this new agreement allows IPSA and IPPA members to join the partner association’s membership roll.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)



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IPSA and the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), the world’s largest professional association for individuals and institutions involved in Latin American studies, signed an MoU to enhance their academic cooperation in September 2022. The MoU established a permanent bilateral agreement between the two associations, thereby allowing them to explore new opportunities for collaboration.

The 2025 LASA Congress was held in San Francisco (USA) from 23-26 May 2025. IPSA sponsored a panel titled “Practitioner-Academic Dialogue: Bridging Theory and Practice in Political Science and Public Policy”. Chaired by IPSA Executive Committee member Vanessa Elias de Oliveira, with IPSA President Pablo Oñate serving as discussant, the panel gave rise to a productive exchange between academics and practitioners in political science and public policy, with a focus on strategies for bridging the oft-cited gap between theory and practice in these fields. IPSA EC members Irasema Coronado and Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar also took part in the panel as presenters, and IPSA held a virtual booth at the event. LASA delegates learned about IPSA activities and publications, as well as the 2025 IPSA World Congress.



Photo (left to right): Irasema Coronado, Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar and Tony Payan (Rice University) at the 2024 LASA Congress.

IPSA was also present at the 2024 LASA Congress, held in person in Bogotá (Colombia) and virtually from 12-15 June 2024. On hand to represent IPSA were IPSA Executive Committee members and 2025 IPSA World Congress Program Co-Chairs Irasema Coronado and Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar, who organized and chaired the panel titled “Borders Unveiled: Navigating Complexities in the U.S.–Mexico Region through Migration, Feminism, and Artivism”, which was held on 12 June. The panel explored the complex implications of emerging international migration flows and the ongoing wave of homicides victimizing women in Ciudad Juárez, bringing a critical perspective to bear on the border wall through a feminist lens. IPSA also held a virtual booth at the LASA Congress.

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP)



IPSA was present at the 2024 Latin American Congress of Political Science, held in Lisbon (Portugal) from 17-20 July 2024. IPSA presented two of roundtables featuring IPSA President Pablo Oñate and several Executive Committee members. The first, “Table of Representatives of National Associations: The State of Political Science in Latin America”, saw IPSA President Pablo Oñate as well as presidents and representatives of national political science associations across Latin America gather to discuss the current state and future directions of the discipline in the region. Speakers included IPSA EC members Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar, Madalena Meyer Resende, and Vanessa Elias Oliveira. The second IPSA roundtable, titled “Populism in Latin America and Europe: Different Characteristics of the Same Phenomenon? Consequences for Democracy”, examined the phenomenon of populism, with a focus on its impact in Latin America and Europe. The discussion covered the diverse features of populist movements in both regions, as well as their roots, rhetoric, and political strategies. IPSA President Pablo Oñate and EC member Azul A. Aguiar Aguiar participated in the roundtable as speakers.

Colombian Political Science Association (ACCPOL)



IPSA attended the 2024 Colombian Political Science Association (ACCPOL) Congress, held at the University of Cauca in Popayán (Colombia) from 30 October to 1 November 2024. Representing the association, President Pablo Oñate delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. In his opening remarks, Prof. Oñate thanked the organizing committee and reaffirmed IPSA’s commitment to supporting political science communities across Latin America. President Oñate also contributed to the panel “Democracy and Institutional Capacity of States in Latin America”, during which he discussed approaches to strengthening democracy and promoting institutional capacity-building within the region.



Photo: IPSA President Pablo Oñate speaking at the opening ceremony of the 2024 ACCPOL Congress.

Korean Political Science Association (KPSA)



In preparation for the 2025 IPSA World Congress in Seoul (South Korea), an international workshop on the theme *Resisting Autocratization and Reinventing Democracy – Global Perspectives* was held at Seoul National University prior to IPSA’s 144th EC meeting from 2-3 November 2023. The workshop was jointly organized by the Local Organizing Committee of the 2025 IPSA World Congress, Seoul National University, the Korean Political Science Association (KPSA), and IPSA. It brought together IPSA Executive Committee members, diplomats, scholars from several Korean universities, along with experts and professionals from various fields, to engage in an interdisciplinary exploration of the challenges facing democracy worldwide.



Highlighting the event was the keynote address delivered by Ban Ki-moon, the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations. In his keynote, Ban Ki-moon expressed concern about the global resurgence of authoritarianism and the erosion of democratic institutions, which pose a growing challenge to peace, security, and democracy. As a thank-you gift for his keynote address, Ban Ki-moon received IPSA's first open-access book, *Does the UN Model Still Work? Challenges and Prospects for the Future of Multilateralism* (Brill, 2022), co-edited by IPSA Executive Director, Kim Fontaine-Skronski, Valérie Thool, Lecturer in International Law at Université de Sherbrooke (Canada) and Norbert Eschborn, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Canada.



Photo (left to right): IPSA Executive Director Kim Fontaine-Skronski, IPSA President Pablo Oñate, and Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

IPSA President Pablo Oñate and Past President Dianne Pinderhughes also chaired a two-part panel titled “Democracy in Retreat and Authoritarian Resurgence”. The panel explored the global democracy crisis affecting both new and established democracies, spanning such issues as democratic erosion, populism, polarization, anti-immigration sentiment, and economic disparities. The workshop's final panel, “Participatory Democracy and Civic Education”, was chaired by Jiewuh Song (Seoul National University). It set out the keys to reinventing democracy, highlighting its scope beyond institutional reforms linked to representative democracy.

Mexican Political Science Association (AMECIP)



The Mexican Political Science Association (AMECIP) held its 11th International Congress in Guadalajara (Mexico) from 24-27 October 2023. The event featured a keynote address by IPSA Past President (2018-2021) Marianne Kneuer titled “Democratic Erosion: Interaction between National and International Dimensions”. The 2025 IPSA World Congress Program Co-Chair Azul A. Aguiar Aguilar also led a special roundtable with Alberto Olvera on “Democratic Erosion and Civil Society” to address mounting concerns about democratic backsliding worldwide.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)



IPSA hosted a virtual exhibition booth and held a virtual World Congress information session featuring Yee Fun Wong, IPSA's Senior Director of World Congress and Events, during the 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Conference held in Chicago (USA) and virtually on 13-16 April 2024. The virtual booth provided information on IPSA's 75th anniversary conferences in Montréal and Lisbon, the 2025 IPSA World Congress in Seoul, as well as IPSA activities, educational programs and recent publications. The information session also included an overview of the abstract submission process for the 2025 IPSA World Congress.

Polish Political Science Association (PPSA)



IPSA had a strong representation at the 2024 Polish Political Science Congress, hosted by the Polish Political Science Association (PPSA) and the University of Łódź (Poland) from 18-20 September 2024. Representing IPSA at this international gathering were IPSA President Pablo Oñate, PPSA President

and IPSA EC member Magdalena Musiał-Karg, and IPSA EC member Jesús Tovar. The highlight of the congress was the roundtable titled “Backsliding of Democracy in the World: Challenges and Solutions for Restoring Democratic Standards”, chaired by Prof. Musiał-Karg, with Professor Oñate serving as a panelist.



Photo (left to right): Prof. Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham, UK), Prof. Pablo Oñate (IPSA President), Joanna Mucha (Member of Parliament), Prof. Magdalena Musiał-Karg (PPSA President and IPSA EC member), Prof. Jesús Tovar (IPSA EC member, Mexico), Michał Gramatyka (Member of Parliament).

Following the congress, President Oñate and EC members visited the Polish Parliament, where they met with several elected officials.

IPSA President Pablo Oñate also delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the New Ideas in Political Science conference, held in Krakow (Poland) from 14-15 March 2024. This event was co-organized by PPSA, the Jagiellonian University and the Adam Mickiewicz University. The New Ideas in Political Science conference was the second phase of a PPSA-IPSA joint initiative aimed at fostering partnerships among political science associations in Central and Eastern Europe. Prior to this event, the Central Eastern European Regional Workshop was held on 26 October 2023. The PPSA initiated the workshop, which was hosted online by the IPSA Digital service and chaired by Magdalena Musiał-Karg. Its focus was on the significant challenges facing political science in the region and the importance of collaboration among political science associations.

African Association of Political Science (AAPS)

IPSA President Pablo Oñate participated in the 17th Biennial Conference and 50th Anniversary Celebration of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS) held at the University of Pretoria in Pretoria (South Africa) from 12-14 October 2023. On 12 October, Prof. Oñate gave the opening speech and met with the presidents of national political science associations to discuss their activities and the challenges they face in a post-pandemic world.



Photo: IPSA President Pablo Oñate delivers the opening speech.

Jeux de la Science Politique (Political Science Games)



IPSA supported the organization of the 13th *Jeux de la Science Politique* (Political Science Games) with the objective of building closer ties with the local political science community and increasing its visibility locally. The event was held at the Université de Sherbrooke (Canada) from 12-14 January 2024. IPSA hosted a booth at the networking event on 13 January to discuss its academic activities, services and opportunities for students, and upcoming events, notably the 75th-anniversary conferences and the 2025 World Congress.

South African Association for Political Studies (SAAPS)

IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes was a keynote speaker at the 16th Biennial Conference of the South African Association for Political Studies (SAAPS), held at the University of Mpumalanga in Mbombela (South Africa) from 13-15 September 2023. Prof. Pinderhughes gave a keynote address on 14 September summarizing the activities of selected political science associations, including IPSA, regional organizations such as AAPS, and national organizations such as SAAPS, the American Political Science Association (APSA), and the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCBPS).



Photo: IPSA Past President Dianne Pinderhughes delivers her keynote address.

University Club of Montreal

IPSA Executive Director Kim Fontaine-Skronski gave a lecture marking United Nations Day at the University Club of Montreal (Canada) on 24 October 2023. Dr. Fontaine-Skronski discussed IPSA's first open-access book, titled *Does the UN Model Still Work? Challenges and Prospects for the Future of Multilateralism* (Brill, 2022). The lecture sparked an engaging and dynamic Q&A session, with audience members asking a variety of questions related to the book, the UN system, and today's urgent global crises.

IPSA Executive Committee Meetings

To convene and foster collaboration with its collective members, IPSA traditionally holds Executive Committee (EC) meetings, mostly by invitation from national associations. In 2023-2025, IPSA held the following meetings:

- 144th EC meeting held in Seoul (South Korea) on 4-5 November 2023, preceded by the International Workshop on "Resisting Autocratization and Reinventing Democracy – Global Perspectives" on 2-3 November.
- 145th EC meeting held in Montréal (Canada) on 27-28 April 2024, preceded by the *Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance: IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference* on 25-26 April.
- 146th EC meeting held in Lisbon (Portugal) on 14-15 September 2024, preceded by *Democratization and Autocratization: IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference* on 11-13 September.
- 147th EC meeting held in Naples (Italy) on 12-13 April 2025, preceded by a Workshop of AI Enhanced Digital Education: Challenges and Opportunities held on 11 April.

Journée des Organisations Internationales (International Organizations Day)



IPSA took part in the 2024 edition of the *Journée des Organisations Internationales* (Montréal's International Organizations Day), presented by *Connexion Internationale de Montréal* (CIMtl) on 16 May 2024. Playing host to the event was the *Centre d'entreprises et d'innovation de Montréal* (CEIM). Haluk Dag, Communication and Promotion Coordinator, was on hand to represent IPSA and promote its full slate of activities, educational programs, and publications. They also highlighted the organization's 75th anniversary conferences and the 2025 IPSA World Congress.



Photo (from left to right): Hicham Khanafer (Vice-President of Events, CIMtl), Amanda Fakihi (President, CIMtl), Kim Fontaine-Skronski (IPSA Executive Director), Sonia Ziadé (Co-founder, CIMtl) and Pablo Oñate (IPSA President-Elect).

IPSA President-Elect Pablo Oñate and Executive Director Kim Fontaine-Skronski participated in CIMtl's *Journée des Organisations Internationales* on 18 May 2023. The event marked CIMtl's 10th anniversary with a program featuring four roundtables and eight representatives of international organizations discussing the latest trends and challenges.

Promotion of the World Congress

With support from the IPSA Executive Committee, the IPSA Secretariat launched a digital-centric advertising strategy to promote the 2025 IPSA World Congress. In addition to the events already mentioned in this section, the Secretariat placed advertisements in the programs and on the websites of various political science events. EC members also participated in events and conferences presented by the following organizations:

- Workshop - Safeguarding Democracy: Multifaceted Responses to Election Disinformation (17-18 January 2024, Jakarta, Indonesia)
Representation by IPSA President-Elect Yuko Kasuya
- New Zealand Political Studies Association Conference (15-17 February 2024)
- Finnish Political Science Association Annual Conference (16-17 May 2024)
Representation by Executive Committee member Emilia Palonen
- IPSA Colloquium organized by five IPSA Research Committees (29-31 May 2024)
- French Political Science Association Conference (2-4 July 2024)
- Spanish Association of Political and Administrative Science Congress (22-24 July 2024)
Representation by IPSA President Pablo Oñate
- Italian Political Science Association Conference (12-14 September 2024)
Representation by Executive Committee member Francesca Longo
- German Political Science Association Conference (24-27 September 2024)
- Turkish Political Science Association Congress (28-29 September 2024)
Representation by Summer School Coordinator Hasret Dikici Bilgin
- Japanese Political Science Association Conference (5-6 October 2024)
Representation by President-Elect Yuko Kasuya and Vice-President Keiichi Kubo
- Chinese Association of Political Science - Taipei Conference (26-27 October 2024)
- Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (14-16 November 2024)

6. INTER-CONGRESS ACTIVITIES

IPSA celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2024, marking an impressive history of scholarly contribution dating back to its inception in Paris in 1949. IPSA has since played a crucial role in fostering the development of political science worldwide, promoting collaboration between scholars in emerging and established democracies, and supporting academic freedoms.

To commemorate this significant milestone, the Association organized two international conferences. The first, held in Montréal (Canada), from 25-26 April, focused on *Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance*, while the second, held in Lisbon (Portugal), from 11-13 September, was on *Democratization and Autocratization*. The 75th-anniversary conferences highlighted IPSA's achievements in the political science field and provided a platform through which to strengthen its longstanding ties with members and partner institutions across the world.

6.1. Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance: IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference



IPSA President Pablo Oñate's opening remarks at the conference.

IPSA presented the *Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance* Conference at Concordia University in Montréal (Canada) from 25-26 April 2024. The event featured 79 papers across 27 panels and drew 119 participants from 26 countries, including leading scholars, government and city officials, for a wide-ranging discussion on issues from the role of the European Union as an international actor, federalism, decentralization, climate policy, and international security to contemporary issues, such as the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic,

technology and the digital world, migration, and governance in autocracies and hybrid regimes.

The conference also featured two roundtables. On 25 April, participants gathered for the "Practitioners' Roundtable on Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance", led by IPSA President Pablo Oñate. On 26 April, the "Academics' Roundtable on Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance" took center stage, chaired by IPSA President-Elect Yuko Kasuya.

In addition to the academic sessions, the conference included the 75th Anniversary Opening Ceremony and Reception, during which the IPSA History Timeline, a digital chronicle of the Association's milestones, was launched.

The conference was presented in partnership with the Government of Québec, Concordia University, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Canada, and the *Conseil des relations internationales de Montréal* (CORIM), with collaborative support from the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), the *Société québécoise de science politique* (SQSP), Future Earth - Sustainability in the Digital Age, Forum of Federations, and *Connexion internationale de Montréal* (CIMtl).



Practitioners' Roundtable on Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance.

Photo (left to right): Ghislain Picard (Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Québec-Labrador and Expert-in-Residence, Concordia University), Sara Veilleux (Director General, Africa, Francophonie and Multilateral Relations, Québec Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie), Norbert Eschborn (Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Canada), Micheline Ayoub (Executive Director, Future Earth), Oumar Diallo (Director, Office of International Relations, City of Montréal), and Pablo Oñate (IPSA President).

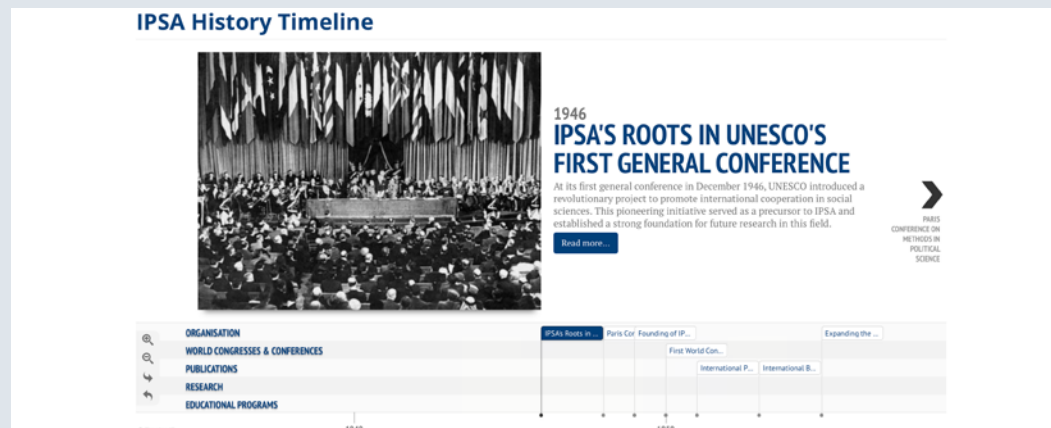


Academics' Roundtable on Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance.

Photo (left to right): Yuko Kasuya (IPSA President-Elect), Francesca Longo (EC member), Daniel Salée (Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Concordia University), Serge Granger (EC member), and Vanessa Elias de Oliveira (EC member).



Photo (left to right): Norbert Eschborn (Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Canada), Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor of Concordia University), Pablo Oñate (IPSA President) and Kim Fontaine-Skronski (IPSA Executive Director).



IPSA History Timeline

As part of the 75th-anniversary celebrations, the IPSA Secretariat created a digital timeline providing a comprehensive overview of its rich history and enduring impact on political science. The timeline tells the story of IPSA since its founding in 1949 and offers a wealth of information, including on its flagship achievements, the relationship between IPSA and national political science associations worldwide, and IPSA World Congress events, presidents, publications, educational programs, research activities, and conferences.

ipsa.org/about-ipsa/timeline

6.2. Democratization and Autocratization: IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference



Photo (left to right): Lourdes Sola (IPSA Past President), Dianne Pinderhughes (IPSA Past President), Helen V. Milner (IPSA Past President), and Pablo Oñate (IPSA President).

IPSA held the second anniversary conference on *Democratization and Autocratization* at the Gulbenkian Foundation and NOVA University in Lisbon (Portugal) from 11-13 September 2024. The three-day conference held special significance, as it coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution

in Portugal, which Samuel Huntington identified as the starting point of the “third wave” of democratization. The program featured a keynote address and over 80 panels and sessions on critical issues such as democratic resilience, global governance, and public policy innovation, along with workshops on innovative research methodologies.

The highlight of the conference was the keynote address by Adam Przeworski, the Carroll and Milton Emeritus Professor of Politics and Economics at New York University, with IPSA President-Elect Yuko Kasuya chairing the session. In his keynote address, titled “Studying Democracy”, Prof. Przeworski reflected on the evolution of democratic thought and explored how our understanding of democracy has evolved in response to real-world challenges.

The conference also featured the following six roundtable discussions on contemporary issues in political science, with the participation of Executive Committee members and other prominent scholars:

“LOC Roundtable: Lusophone African Democracies, 50 Years After Portugal’s Democratic Transition”; “Autocratization Studies in the XXI Century: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead”; “IPSA Past-Presidents Roundtable: Reflections on Leadership and IPSA at 75 Years”; “LOC Roundtable: Portraits of Regime Changers in Portugal’s Carnation Revolution”; “LOC/FLAD Roundtable: Revisiting Juan Linz’s Theories of Regimes”; and “IPSA Roundtable: Conversation on the Impact of Political Science in Society: Could we do Better?”

The conference was presented with support from the Gulbenkian Foundation and in partnership with the Portuguese Political Science Association (APCP). Also sponsoring the event were the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Spain/Portugal Office, Turismo de Lisboa, and the Luso-American Development Foundation. Finally, Brill, Verlag Barbara Budrich, Cogitatio Press, and Frontiers in Political Science were present as exhibitors.



Photo: IPSA President-Elect Yuko Kasuya chairs the keynote address of Adam Przeworski.



Photo: Adam Przeworski delivers the Keynote Address at the Democratization and Autocratization Conference in Lisbon on 11 September 2024.

6.3. The Work-in-Progress Sessions (WiPS)

As part of its 75th-anniversary celebrations in 2024, IPSA introduced the Work-in-Progress Sessions (WiPS), providing members of its Research Committees (RCs) with a global platform on which to present and discuss their research in progress. Organized by IPSA President Pablo Oñate and IPSA Research Committee-Executive Committee Liaison

Carmelo Cattafi, the sessions took place virtually from 4-6 December 2024, with several members of the Executive Committee playing an active part in the discussions.

Over the course of three days, participants attended 23 panels and presented 117 papers on various topics, including legislative/parliamentary party groups, democratic resilience, comparative public

health policy, the new global-local world order, migration policies, and Artificial Intelligence.

Each work-in-progress paper was presented and discussed in depth, with panel discussants, participants, and chairs providing feedback. The WiPS aims to facilitate the development of special journal issues, books, specialized research networks, or specific research project proposals.

7. IPSA WORLD CONGRESS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

For the past 76 years, the IPSA World Congress of Political Science has been one of the most influential international political science events. This section offers a brief recap of the 2023 IPSA World Congress, outlines the preparations for the 2025 edition and concludes with a presentation of the future host city for the 2027 Congress.

7.1. The 27th IPSA World Congress of Political Science (2023)



The 2023 IPSA World Congress of Political Science was held in dual format on 15-19 July 2023 under the theme *Politics in the Age of Transnational Crises: Vulnerability and Resilience*. It was the first IPSA Congress to take place in person since Brisbane in 2018 and the first ever to offer a parallel virtual component. The 2023 World Congress in Buenos Aires was a resounding success, drawing 2,995 participants from 98 countries, making it the second most attended event in the history of the Association. Amongst the attendees, 16% joined virtually and 84% attended in person. Women scholars represented 45,9% of all attendees, while students made up 33%, a record in student participation.



The program featured four plenary sessions, 12 special sessions and four award sessions. A total of 647 panels were organized and 2,556 papers were presented. Of these, 568 panels featuring 2,223 papers took place onsite and 79 panels featuring 333 papers were presented virtually. Research Committees (RCs) remained central to the academic program, organizing 368 panels (57%).

The plenary sessions featured John Ishiyama, Distinguished Research Professor at the University of North Texas; Anna Triandafyllidou, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration at Toronto Metropolitan University; and IPSA President Dianne Pinderhughes, whose session titled “New World A Comin...? The Political and Social Dimensions of Change and Crises Across a World without Boundaries,” included scholars Terri Givens, Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Swarna Rajagopalan, Marian Sawyer and Pearl T. Robinson. The final plenary, organized by the LOC, titled “Democracy in Latin America in the 21st Century - Lessons to the World,” was chaired by Angeles Rodríguez with Julieta Suárez-Cao as discussant and experts Gabriela Rodríguez Rial, Daniel Buquet, Carlos Huneeus and Alberto Olvera.

The 2023 IPSA World Congress offered café events and roundtables as part of the special sessions. The new IPSA Guillermo O'Donnell Award for Latin American Scholars was launched on 16 July with a special lecture on the concept of democracy as an inherent contradiction by the 2023 LASA Guillermo O'Donnell Democracy Award recipient, Terry L. Karl.

7.2. The 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science (2025)



The 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science will be held at the Coex Convention Centre in Seoul, South Korea, on 12-16 July 2025 under the theme *Resisting Autocratization in Polarized Societies*. With over 3,500 registered participants expected to gather in Seoul, this edition will be the largest event in IPSA's history. The academic program will feature over 700 panels.

For the second consecutive Congress, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) includes members from multiple national and regional associations, namely the Korean Political Science Association (KPSA), the Japanese Political Science Association (JPSA) and the Chinese Association of Political Science (Taipei) (CAPS), with the aim of strengthening ties within the Asian community.

Confirmed plenary speakers include Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will present a keynote address titled "Liberal Democracy, Multilateralism and Global Citizenship." Donatella della Porta, Professor of Political Science at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Italy, will be speaking on "The Contentious Politics of Academic Freedom: Social Movements and Repression." IPSA President Pablo Oñate's plenary will bring together scholars Azul A. Aguiar Aguilar, Carlos de la Torre, Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Murat Somer, Kurt Weyland and Ji Yeon Hong to explore the theme "Populism, Polarization and the Consequences on Democracy." The last plenary speaker, Neera Chandhoke, Honorary Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Equity Studies in India, will present a lecture titled "Resisting Legal Autocracy in South Asia."

Additional highlights will include award lectures, café events, roundtable discussions, and receptions. There will also be two advanced Research Methods Courses. As is customary for each Congress, delegates will have an opportunity to visit the Exhibition Hall to find the most up-to-date information and products from exhibitors including international publishing houses, associations, NGOs, universities, tech companies and more.

7.3. The 29th IPSA World Congress of Political Science (2027)



IPSA is excited to announce that the 29th IPSA World Congress of Political Science will be held in Rome (Italy), in July 2027.

Following an online meeting held on 15 February 2025, the IPSA Executive Committee officially selected Luiss Guido Carli as the host institution for this prestigious event. The Congress will be organized in collaboration with Luiss Guido Carli and the Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP). The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has already been formed with the involvement of leading Italian scholars.

The Congress program will be developed under the guidance of Program Co-Chairs Vanessa Elias de Oliveira (Brazil) and Francesca Longo (Italy).

This will be the second time Rome welcomes an IPSA Congress; the first one being held in 1958.

Rome, with a history spanning over two thousand years, is regarded as the world's first great modern metropolis. The city played a pivotal role in shaping the artistic and cultural heritage of Western civilization. UNESCO designated Rome's entire historic center as a World Heritage Site in 1980, celebrating iconic landmarks such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, and many others.

Stay tuned for more exciting information about the 2027 IPSA World Congress in Rome by visiting the IPSA website.

8. SUMMER SCHOOLS

While Europe and North America had well-established political science methodology curricula, many universities in other regions lacked proper courses in field-specific research methods. As a result, students often relied on methodologies from other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, and economics, which did not always meet the unique needs of political science. This led to an overemphasis on quantitative methods and statistical analysis, whereas political science research required a broader range of methods. Established methodology summer schools in the United States, Western Europe, and Central and Eastern Europe, including those at the University of Michigan, the University of Essex, and the University of Ljubljana, played a crucial role in promoting academic excellence in political science. Under the leadership of Dirk Berg-Schlosser in 2009, IPSA decided to offer similar summer schools in “uncharted” territory to give promising young scholars additional training opportunities in political science methods for their research purposes.



Hasret Dikici Bilgin has assumed the leadership of the IPSA Summer School program for the 2023-2025 period. The program is designed to provide students and early-career scholars with high-quality, advanced training in qualitative and quantitative political science and social science methods.

The Summer School program covers four general areas of methodology:

1. Quantitative data analysis;
2. Qualitative data analysis;
3. Comparative research designs and methods;
4. Conceptual analysis.

The program aims to help students hone their methodological skills, foster global peer connections, and encourage knowledge-sharing with colleagues. In collaboration with local organizers, IPSA currently offers seven annual Summer Schools focused on methods and concepts. Six specialize in political science and social science methodology (São Paulo, Singapore, Mexico City, St. Petersburg, Antalya, and Spain), while one focuses on concept formation and theorizing (Naples). Additionally, a Summer Institute was established at Concordia University in Canada in 2021. The IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute in Applied Diplomacy gives students and young professionals the opportunity to learn about traditional inter-state diplomacy, but also about trade negotiations, non-state actors, and science diplomacy, from a theoretical and practical perspective.

São Paulo Summer School (Brazil)



The first IPSA Summer School in Latin America was established at the University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil, in 2010. It has since become one of the region's largest and most important summer schools. The IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods and Techniques in Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations has become a prestigious educational event that allows participants to enhance

their knowledge, skills and understanding of contemporary political science and public policy issues.

The 2025 edition of the IPSA-USP Summer School was held in person at the University of São Paulo from 13 to 31 January 2025. The Summer School welcomed 105 participants from 40 institutions across six countries, including in Europe and the Americas. Women accounted for 38% of the instructors and 52% of student participants, while faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and PhD students accounted for 41% of all participants. To facilitate a structured learning experience, the 12 courses are organized into four specialized tracks, covering topics such as Case Studies and Qualitative Analysis, Modeling and

Analyzing Public Opinion, Time-Series Cross-Section Analysis, and Multi-Method Research.

The 2024 edition of the IPSA-USP Summer School was held from 15 January to 2 February 2024. The Summer School welcomed 75 students from 35 institutions across 11 countries, including from Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Women represented 33% of the instructors and 48% of the student participants, while faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and PhD students represented 79% of all participants. The school offered 13 courses organized into four tracks, covering topics such as survey research methods, public policy analysis, and multi-method research.

Singapore Summer School



Established in 2012, the Singapore Summer School is organized by the National University of Singapore (NUS). Recognized as the leading program for basic and advanced methods training in the Asia-Pacific region, it attracts participants from all over the region as well as from Africa, Europe, and North America. All courses provide participants with rigorous, hands-on training in state-of-the-art research methods in political science, taught by seasoned international faculty. It has since become one of the largest and most popular IPSA Summer Schools.

The 2025 IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Methods was held from June 30 to July 11, 2025. Most classes were offered in person on the NUS campus, while some classes were given virtually.

The 2024 edition of the IPSA-NUS Summer School was held on 1-12 July 2024. The academic program featured 12 courses encompassing both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. While the Summer School was conducted primarily in person, certain courses, such as Qualitative Data Analysis, were made available online to meet the high demand. The 2024 edition was attended by 321 participants from 23 countries: Australia, Canada, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United States, and Vietnam.

St. Petersburg Summer School (Russia)



The IPSA-HSE Summer School in Concepts, Methods and Techniques in Political Science was inaugurated in 2017. Organized by the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) in St. Petersburg (Russia), the school aims to help students improve their abilities to use modern methods of political and social research, and to promote cooperation between young scholars from all over the world.

The Summer School has been suspended since 2022.



Group photo at the 2024 Singapore Summer School.

Spain Summer School



The first edition of the IPSA-AECA Summer School for Political Science and Social Science Research Methods, a collaboration between IPSA and the Spanish Political Science Association (AECPA), was presented at the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) from 9-14 September 2024. The school provides advanced training for graduate students and academics interested in honing their research skills. It offers an excellent opportunity for participants to expand their methodological knowledge, engage in research discussions, and establish new collaborations. The IPSA-AECA Summer School is structured around two sessions and two types of courses: basic and advanced. Basic courses are taught in Spanish, while advanced courses are taught in English. The first edition welcomed 22 students.

The 2025 edition of the IPSA-AECA Summer School was held from 3-9 July 2025. Some courses were available in hybrid format, giving students the option to attend either online or in person.

Antalya Summer School (Türkiye)



Initially held at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara (Türkiye) from 2013 to 2015, the IPSA Summer School in Türkiye moved to Antalya Bilim University in 2019, where the Continuing Education Center provides logistical support to the School. The IPSA-Antalya Summer Method School for Social Science Research Methods offers advanced training for graduate students and scholars looking to strengthen their methodological skills.

The 2024 IPSA-Antalya Summer School was held virtually from 16-27 September 2024. Six courses were offered under the program, which also allowed students to combine two courses across different weeks. This year, the two courses in question were Text-as-Data and Counterfactual Analysis in Qualitative Methods. Antalya Bilim University's Learning Management System (LMS) was also used effectively to share course materials and interact with students. A total of 16 participants from Belgium, the United Kingdom, the United States, Georgia, Trinidad and Tobago, the Philippines, and Türkiye attended the Summer School. Participants included MA students, PhD candidates, and other with doctoral degrees. Three were academic staff at Turkish universities.

The 2025 edition of the IPSA-Antalya Summer School will be held virtually from 25 August-5 September 2025.

Naples Summer School (Italy)



Jointly organized by Federica Web Learning and IPSA, the first edition of the IPSA-Federica Summer School on Concept Analysis in the Web Environment was initially held on the island of Capri (Italy) in September 2018. An innovative workshop format was introduced as part of the academic program, blending online and in-person learning to deliver advanced theoretical and practical training in research methodology.

Following several successful editions in Capri, the 5th edition of the Summer School, in hybrid format, was held in Naples from 4 to 6 September 2024, marking the first time that city played host to the event. This edition welcomed eight participants from four countries: Türkiye, Germany, Italy, and India. Participants used the pioneering application of Web 2.0 logic known as “hyperpolitics” to create a Repository of Political Science Concepts, an academic ecosystem comprised of books (Calise and Lowi, University of Chicago Press, 2010), a working platform (hyperpolitics.net), hyperlinks and learning communities dedicated to defining concepts in terms of their relationship to other concepts.

The 2025 edition of the IPSA-Federica Summer School will be held in September 2025.

Montréal Summer Institute (Canada)



The IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute in Applied Diplomacy, presented in collaboration with Concordia University, is IPSA's first summer school in Canada. Its inaugural edition was held virtually from 7 to 16 June 2021. Developed by Elizabeth Bloodgood (Concordia) and Kim Fontaine-Skronski (IPSA), the 10-day intensive program offers a combination of theoretical and policy-oriented seminars, together with a hands-on Diplomacy Lab. Lab participants work in teams on real-world case studies, engaging with real-time scenarios presented by experienced diplomats.

The 2024 edition of the IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute was held in person in Montréal (Canada) and virtually from 19-29 August 2024. The event drew 20 participants. While the Summer Institute was offered in-person, international students who wished to take non-credit courses were given the option of attending virtually. Participants in the Diplomacy Lab worked on case studies and presented policy recommendations on the following topics: Advancing Global Sustainability Through Digital Governance; Fighting Online Extremism and Violence Against Immigration; and Advancing SDGs in the Arctic in Tense Geopolitical Times. The Institute also featured a keynote address by H.E. Annick Goulet, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The 2025 IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute will be held in person in Montréal and virtually from 18-28 August 2025.

Mexico Summer School



The IPSA-FLACSO Mexico Summer School on Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science was established in 2016 at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Mexico City. This intensive two-week program offers courses spanning a range of methodological approaches, including quantitative and qualitative methods, mixed methods, survey analysis, data science, and quantitative public policy analysis.

The 2024 IPSA-FLACSO Summer School was held in an online format from 17 June to 12 July 2024. It featured a variety of high-level courses (in Spanish and English) on the most innovative research methods and techniques that inform analysis and measurement in the political and social sciences. Each course included an intensive three-hour daily session led by an international instructor, followed by a two-hour laboratory session led by a teaching assistant. A total of 11 participants attended the IPSA course Quantitative Modeling for the Social Sciences, with women and men accounting for 54.5% and 45.5% of participants, respectively. Among the participants, five held a bachelor's degree, three held a master's degree, and three held a PhD.

The 2023 IPSA-FLACSO Summer School was conducted virtually on 5-30 June 2023. Some 13 short introductory courses were given in Spanish during the first two weeks of the academic program (5-16 June), while the subsequent two weeks (19-30 June) saw five international courses offered in English. A total of 16 participants from Bangladesh, Mexico, Nicaragua, South Korea, and the United States enrolled in the IPSA course Quantitative Modeling for the Social Sciences, with men and women accounting for 75% and 25% of participants, respectively. Participants came from diverse academic backgrounds, including five with a bachelor's degree, 10 with master's degrees, and one with a PhD.

The 2025 IPSA-FLACSO Summer School will be held virtually on 25 August-5 September 2025.

Creation of New Summer Schools

In 2023, IPSA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adam Mickiewicz University to establish the IPSA-Poznań Summer School on Methods in Political Science, New Media, and Communication Research. The inaugural edition will be hosted by Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland), in 2026.

IPSA Summer Schools Participation Since its Creation

Summer School	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
São Paulo	87	135	133	126	153	165	109	169	162	173	N/A	76	N/A	N/A	75	105
Singapore			39	96	116	147	186	204	166	180	120	160	118	287	321	TBD
Ankara/Antalya				21	34	20	X	X	X	11	CXL	24	21	21	16	TBD
Mexico							65	60	48	50	28	31	14	16	11	TBD
St. Petersburg								24	62	40	CXL	34	X	X	X	X
Naples									14	10	CXL	10	10	X	8	TBD
Montréal											CXL	11	12	X	20	TBD
Spain															22	TBD

X = Not held; CXL = Not held because of the COVID-19 pandemic; N/A=Numbers not available; TBD = To be held after 1 July 2025.

9. PUBLICATIONS

IPSA has three major publications: the bimonthly *International Political Science Abstracts*, first published in 1951 with the support from UNESCO and the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Paris), published by SAGE; the *International Political Science Review*, which dates back to 1980 and is also published by SAGE; and IPSAPortal and IPSAMOOC, administered at the University of Naples Federico II since 2003 and 2016, respectively.

9.1. International Political Science Abstracts



Created in 1951, the *International Political Science Abstracts* is an essential tool for research in the fields of political science, international relations, conflict studies, human rights, political economy, political psychology, political sociology, political communication, international law, ethnic studies, and other related fields. A unique global resource, IPSA provides rapid access to scholarly publications from every region of the world, featuring English (and French) abstracts for journal articles published in languages from Arabic to Urdu.

Initially in a print edition only, an online database is also accessible today on two commercial platforms: EBSCO (since 1951) and Ovid (since 1989). SAGE has been marketing the print edition since 2007, and the *Abstracts* currently provides nearly 8,000 abstracts of articles annually, selected from over 1,000 journals and yearbooks worldwide. A not-for-profit publication, the *Abstracts* also supplies revenue in support of IPSA's activities.

Following founding Editor Jean Meyriat, Serge Hurtig took over in 1963 and guided the publication's expansion until his retirement in 2016. In 1999, Hurtig was joined by Paul Godt, who, in 2003, was appointed Editor. In 2015, Stephen Sawyer joined the team, first as Associate Editor, then Editor. Editorial Assistant Fabienne Serrand is indispensable in producing each new issue of the *Abstracts*. Their office is based at SciencePo, Paris.

In 2023, the *Abstracts* launched a new initiative, *Trends in International Political Science*, providing review articles on trending research topics in political science. Since then, the journal has seen a notable surge in usage across the board. The journal has seen an 82% increase in downloads since the *Trends* project began. Stephen Sawyer has been working with the IPSR Editor, Daniel Stockemer, and the *Trends* editorial assistant, Jacob Bromberg, to launch a new initiative *Trends in Teaching International Political Science*. We are very pleased to announce that Euiyoung Kim and John Ishiyama have agreed to serve as the inaugural editors for this initiative.



Paul Godt



Stephen Sawyer



Fabienne Serrand

9.2. International Political Science Review



The *International Political Science Review* (IPSR), edited by Daniel Stockemer and Annika Hinze, with the support from Assistant Editor, Mathis Bouquet, entered its 46th year of publication in 2025.

IPSR is published five times a year and has an annual page budget of 720 pages. Submissions to the journal have increased sharply in recent years. The journal now receives roughly 300 submissions per year. The Thomson-Reuters Journal Impact Factor (JIF) has significantly improved. In 2024, the one-year impact factor was 2.3 and the five-year impact factor was 2.7.

IPSR is ranked in Q1 in Political Science and International Relations by CiteScore and by Clarivate in the journal rankings of political science and international relations journals. The Altmetric data for the journal are also very strong, with many articles featuring in the top 5-10 per cent of all research scored by Altmetric. Related to these metrics is a continued strong performance in full-text downloads of the journal, which stood at over 300,000 in 2024.

Thematic issues have been particularly successful in improving the journal's impact factor. Annual calls have resulted in some excellent special issue proposals. IPSR also publishes smaller symposia of 3-4 articles on current topics and accepts proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year. The adoption of a more vigorous social media strategy has helped promote special issues, symposia and individual articles with authors and editors being asked to prepare blog posts, YouTube abstracts and infographics. This social media engagement is supported by the journal's Facebook, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts, which are used to disseminate important updates from the journal, news about specific promotions and advice on publishing with IPSR. The editors have extended publishing advice for authors on the IPSR website and have produced a YouTube tutorial.



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9.3. IPSAPortal and IPSAMOOC



IPSAPortal, edited by Mauro Calise, has been an official IPSA publication since 2003 and a pioneer in the open access frontier. The Portal's chief purpose is to foster online research and provide authoritative guidance to electronic sources for students and scholars worldwide, with special attention to political scientists from developing countries where internet access remains inadequate.

In a joint venture with Federica Web Learning, the Center for Multimedia Education of the University of Naples Federico II, IPSA offers IPSAMOOC, a set of political science Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), the online higher education format that provides an open environment for cooperative knowledge around the world. Authored by some of the most outstanding academics from the IPSA community, the IPSAMOOCs are giving thousands of political scientists and students of politics worldwide open access to a highly qualified political science core curriculum. The IPSAMOOCs are available on edX and Coursera, the leading MOOCs global platforms. IPSAMOOCs are offered in English and in a multilingual format with text translation in French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Turkish.

The IPSAMOOC courses have proven to be an extraordinary success with the international audience, totaling over 130,000 enrollments, with a continuous growth of registered learners from more than 190 countries.

At the Naples EC meeting in April 2025, Fortunato Musella, the new Director of Federica Web Learning, was nominated to join Mauro Calise as Co-Coordinator of IPSAMOOC. A Professor of political science at the University of Naples Federico II, Musella will contribute with his experience and vision to the development of IPSAMOOC in the new AI enhanced digital environment.



Mauro Calise



Fortunato Musella

10. AWARDS

To reward dedication and excellence in political science, to enhance the quality and diversity of participation in its World Congress of Political Science, and to encourage more women, graduate students, young scholars, and scholars from emerging countries to take part in IPSA activities, IPSA has created the following awards.

Karl Deutsch Award



The purpose of the Karl Deutsch Award is to honour a prominent scholar engaged in the cross-disciplinary research of which Karl Deutsch was a master, focusing on recognizing outstanding scholarship in the field of global politics. The recipient receives

a \$1,000 USD cash prize and presents the Karl Deutsch Lecture at the IPSA World Congress. The award is made on the recommendation of the IPSA Committee on Organization, Procedures and Awards (COPA) and supported by the Karl Deutsch fund.

Recipients:

- 2025 Hyeong-ki Kwon
- 2023 John Coakley
- 2021 Jane J. Mansbridge
- 2018 Robert D. Putnam
- 2016 Rein Taagepera
- 2014 Pippa Norris
- 2012 Alfred Stepan
- 2009 Giovanni Sartori
- 2006 Charles Tilly
- 2003 Juan Linz
- 2000 Jean Laponce
- 1997 Gabriel Almond

Prize of the Foundation Mattei Dogan



The Prize of the Foundation Mattei Dogan awarded by the International Political Science Association for High Achievement in Political Science is to honour a scholar of high international reputation in recognition of her/his contribution to the advancement

of political science, with a particular focus on recognizing outstanding scholarship on comparative studies of political elites. The recipient is invited to present a prize lecture at the IPSA World Congress and receives a cash prize from the Foundation Mattei Dogan.

Recipients:

- 2025 John Higley
- 2023 Joni Lovenduski
- 2021 Maurizio Ferrera
- 2018 James Scott
- 2016 Theda Skocpol
- 2014 Ronald Inglehart
- 2012 Klaus von Beyme
- 2009 Philippe Schmitter
- 2006 Guillermo O'Donnell

Stein Rokkan Travel Grant Award



The purpose of the Stein Rokkan Travel Grant is to assist a small number of graduate students in participating in the IPSA World Congress by covering their essential travel and accommodation costs. The awards are made on the recommendation

of the COPA, supported by the Stein Rokkan fund.

Recipients:

- 2025 Daniel Tjarks (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- 2023 Alexandros-Christos Gkotonakos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)
- 2018 Aeshna Badruzzaman (Northeastern University, USA)
- 2016 Joan Barcelo (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
- Ozge Uluskaradag, (Concordia University, Canada)
- 2014 Ainsley Dianne Elbra (University of Sydney, Australia)
- 2012 Bulat Akhmetkarimov (Johns Hopkins University, USA)
- Madalitso Zililo Phiri (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
- Muhammad Ali Nasir, (University of Karachi, Pakistan)
- 2009 Maria Fernando Boidi (Vanderbilt University, USA)
- Erika Gorbak (Harvard University, USA)
- Luciana Santana (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil)
- 2006 Helder Ferreira Do Vale (Universidad de Barcelona, Spain)
- Par Engstrom (Mansfield College, United Kingdom)
- Julia Rozanova (University of Alberta, Canada)

IPSA Guillermo O'Donnell Award for Latin American Scholars (new)



The IPSA Guillermo O'Donnell Award for Latin-American Scholars is meant to reward a Latin American scholar with residence in the region who is working on pioneering and innovative research in political science. Created in 2023, the award recipient receives a prize of \$3,000 USD and is invited to present a lecture at the IPSA World Congress.

Recipients:

2025 Carlos Pereira, (Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Brazil)

Kim Dae-jung Award (new)



The Kim Dae-jung Award was established in 2025 to honor the legacy of Kim Dae-jung, the former President of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Sponsored by the Kim Dae-jung Foundation, it is awarded

to honor a scholar of high international reputation in recognition of her/his academic contribution to global peace, democracy, and human rights. A roundtable celebrating the recipient of the Kim Dae-jung Award on global peace, democracy and human rights will be organized at the IPSA World Congress. The award is made based on the recommendation of the COPA. The recipient receives a \$5,000 USD cash prize.

Recipient:

2025 T.V. Paul, (McGill University, Canada)

Francesco Kjellberg Award



The purpose of the Francesco Kjellberg Award is to encourage young scholars to present papers at the IPSA World Congress. The recipient is offered a complimentary two-year IPSA membership and \$1,000 USD funding for her/his travel costs to the following World Congress. The award is made on the recommendation of the COPA on the basis of nominations by convenors and chairs at the IPSA World Congress and is based on academic excellence.

Recipients:

- 2023 Ana Paula Fraga**, - Paper: "Out of the Curve: Comparing Right-Wing Extremism in Latin America and Europe (1999-2018)"
- 2021 Lenhard Hamza**, - Paper: "Local Government Accountability, Oversight, and the Intervention Mechanism in South Africa"
- 2018 Elif Naz Kayran**, - Paper: "Understanding Anti-Immigration Demands: Reconceptualising the Labour Market Competition Hypothesis and the Role of Institutions"
- 2016 Hanno Jentzsch**, - Paper: "Tracing the Local Origins of Farmland Policies in Japan - Local-National Policy Transfers and Endogenous Institutional Change"
- Maroine Bendaoud**, - Paper: "Are Governments Smarter Than We Think? The Welfare State in Canadian Provinces"
- 2014 Jessica Guth**, - Paper: "Gendering the Court of Justice of the European Union"
- 2009 Rafael Pinero and Mauricio Morales**, - Paper: "Financiamiento Público de Campañas: Cómo los subsidios por votos estimulan el gasto electoral"
- 2000 Charles Gomes**, - Paper: "L'effet de la culture juridique sur la politique d'immigration en France et aux États-Unis"
- 1997 Euiyoung Kim**, - Paper: "The Business Interest Association and the Political Economy of Development in South Korea"

Wilma Rule Award on Gender and Politics



This award is designed to encourage research in gender and politics. It is given to the best paper on gender and politics presented at the IPSA World Congress. The subject matter of the paper should include issues relating to women's participation and representation in politics and society, especially the identification of entry barriers to decision-making arenas.

Recipients:

- 2023 Mariana Gené and Carolina Glasserman Apicella**, - Paper: "Informal Rules and Gendered Political Hierarchies: On the Experience of Women Deputies in the Argentine Congress"
- 2021 Nayia Kamenou**, - Paper: "Feminism Hijacked: Women, Gender and Political Agency in the Golden Dawn and the National Popular Front"
- 2018 Ki-Young Shin, Jackie F. Steele and Mari Miura**, - Paper: "Does 'Constituency Facetime' Reproduce Male Dominance? Insights From Japan's Mixed-Member Majoritarian Electoral System"
- 2016 Mona Lena Krook**, - Paper: "Violence against Women in Politics: A Rising Threat to Democracy Worldwide"
- 2014 Jennifer Marie Piscopo**, - Paper: "Inclusive Institutions versus Feminist Advocacy: Women's Legislative Committees and Caucuses in Latin America"
- 2012 Amanda Gouws**, - Paper: "Multiculturalism in South Africa: Dislodging the Binary between Universal Human Rights and Culture/Tradition"
- 2009 Anne Marie Holli and Milja Saari**, - Paper: "The Representation of Women in the Parliamentary Standing Committee Hearings in Finland"
- 2006 Manon Tremblay**, - Paper: "Democracy, Representation, and Women: A Worldwide Comparative Analysis"
- 2000 Karen Bird**, - Paper: "Gender Parity and the Political Representation of Women in France"
- Marian Sawyer**, - Paper: "Representation of Women: Questions of Accountability"

Global South Award (IPSA Margaret A. Vogt Award for Global South Scholars)



This award was established to recognize the cumulative body of work done by a scholar from the Global South whose scholarly contribution is focused on countries and themes relevant to the Global South. In 2025, this award was renamed the IPSA Margaret A. Vogt Award for Global South Scholars, in honour of Professor Vogt, a renowned Nigerian political scientist who dedicated her career to promoting democracy, human rights, and peace around the world. The award recipient presents a prize lecture at the IPSA World Congress of Political Science and receives a \$1,000 USD cash prize to cover travel expenses.

Recipients:

- 2025 Zaynab El Bernoussi
- 2021 Abdalradi Alijla
- 2018 Meenakshi Bansal
- 2016 Erica Gorback
- 2014 Sunil Kuma
- 2009 Yogendra Yadav

Meisel-Laponce Award



The Meisel-Laponce Award was created by the *International Political Science Review* (IPSR) to honor John Meisel and Jean Laponce, the first two editors of IPSR. Initially given every four to five years, the prize is awarded at every World Congress to the best article published in IPSR in the previous two years since 2020.

Recipients:

- 2025 Hilde Coffé and Marion Reiser, "How perceptions and information about women's descriptive representation affect support for positive action measures", *International Political Science Review*, 44:2 (2023)
- 2023 Niels Spierings, "Democratic Disillusionment? Desire for Democracy after the Arab Uprisings", *International Political Science Review*, 41:4 (2020)
- 2020 Kim Strandberg, Staffan Himmelroos and Kimmo Grönlund, "Do discussions in like-minded groups necessarily lead to more extreme opinions? Deliberative democracy and group polarization", *International Political Science Review*, 40:1 (2019)
- 2015 Lingling Qi and Doh Shull Chin, "How mass political attitudes affect democratization: Exploring the facilitating role critical democrats play in the process", *International Political Science Review*, 32:3 (2011)
- 2011 Jørgen Møller and Svend-Erik Skaaning, "Beyond the Radial Delusion: Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy and Non-democracy", *International Political Science Review*, 31:3 (2010)

APSA-IPSA Theodore J. Lowi First Book Award



The Lowi Award recognizes the author of a first book in any field of political science that exemplifies qualities of broad ambition, high originality, and intellectual daring, showing promise of having a substantive impact on the overall discipline, regardless of method, specific focus of inquiry or approach to subject.

Recipients:

- 2025 Max Gallien, *Smugglers and States – Negotiating the Maghreb at its Margins* (Columbia University Press, 2024)
- 2024 Rochelle Terman, *The Geopolitics of Shaming: When Human Rights Pressure Works—and When It Backfires* (Princeton University Press, 2023)
- 2023 Fiona Feiang Shen-Bayh, *Undue Process: Persecution and Punishment in Autocratic Courts* (Cambridge University Press, 2022)
- 2022 Christian Dyogi Phillips, *Nowhere to Run: Race, Gender and Immigration in American Elections* (Oxford University Press, 2021)
- 2021 Simukai Chigudu, *The Political Life of an Epidemic - Cholera, Crisis and Citizenship in Zimbabwe* (University of Oxford, 2020)
- 2020 Rachel Augustine Potter, *Bending the Rules: Procedural Politicking in the Bureaucracy* (University of Chicago Press, 2019)
- 2019 Stephanie J. Rickard, *Spending to Win: Political Institutions, Economic Geography, and Government* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)
- 2018 Margaret Peters, *Trading Barriers: Immigration and the Remaking of Globalization* (Princeton University Press, 2017)
- 2017 Dara Kay Cohen, *Rape During Civil War* (Cornell University Press, 2016)
- 2016 Jennifer C. Rubenstein, *Between Samaritans and States: The Political Ethics of Humanitarian INGOs* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Awards presented by IPSA Research Committees

Award for Concept Analysis in Political Science (RC01)



RC01 - Concepts and Methods gives this award every three years to published scholarly work that covers concept analysis, concept formation or conceptual innovation, as well as the fields of operationalization, measurement, and data collection.

Recent Recipients:

- 2024 Adam Lerner
- 2021 Lisa Wedeen
- 2018 Alisha Holland
- 2015 Robert Adcock
- 2012 Roman David
- 2009 Jennifer Gandhi

Best C&M Working Paper Award (RC01)



RC01 - Concepts and Methods recognizes the best working paper published in either of its two series during the three previous years. It now also covers journal articles and contributions to edited volumes.

Recipients:

- 2024 James Johnson
Honorable mention: Joe Soss
- 2014 Peter Stone
- 2011 David Kuehn

Charles H. Levine Memorial Book Prize (RC27)



RC27 - Structure and Organization of Government (SOG), sponsor of the journal *Governance*, awards the Charles H. Levine Prize to a book that contributes considerable theoretical or practical significance in public policy and administration. It is named

in honour of Charles H. Levine, an accomplished member of the RC who served on the editorial board of *Governance*.

Recent Recipients:

- 2025 Ola G. El-Taliawi, *The Politics of Refugee Policy in the Global South* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024)
Honorable Mention: Luis L. Schenoni
Bringing War Back In: Victory, Defeat, and the State in Nineteenth-Century Latin America (Cambridge University Press, 2024)
- 2024 Ezequiel A. Gonzalez-Ocantos, Paula Muñoz Chirinos, Nara Pavão, and Viviana Baraybar Hidalgo, *Prosecutors, Voters, and the Criminalisation of Corruption in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2023)
- 2023 Akshay Mangla, *Making Bureaucracy Work: Norms, Education and Public Service Delivery in Rural India* (Cambridge University Press, 2023)
- 2022 Virginia Oliveros, *Patronage at Work: Public Jobs and Political Services in Argentina* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)
Antje Ellermann, *The Comparative Politics of Immigration: Policy Choices in Germany, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)
- 2021 Jonathan Craft and John Halligan, *Advising Governments in the Westminster Tradition: Policy Advisory Systems in Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand* (Cambridge University Press, 2020)
- 2020 Katherine Bersch, *When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- 2019 Daniel J. Fiorino, *A Good Life on a Finite Earth: The Political Economy of Green Growth* (Oxford University Press, 2018)
- 2018 Aila M. Matanock, *Electing Peace: From Civil Conflict to Political Participation* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)
- 2017 Gary J. Miller and Andrew B. Whitford, *Above Politics: Bureaucratic Discretion and Credible Commitment* (Cambridge University Press, 2016)
- 2016 Jennifer Hadden, *Networks in Contention: The Divisive Politics of Climate Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)
- 2015 Jessica F. Green, *Rethinking Private Authority: Agents and Entrepreneurs in Global Environmental Governance* (Princeton University Press, 2014)

Ulrich Kloeti Award (RC27)



The Ulrich Kloeti Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Study of Public Policy, Administration, and Institutions is given in honor of Ulrich Kloeti, a founding member of RC27 - Structure and Organization of Government (SOG) and its co-chair for ten years. It is presented to a scholar who had a sustained career and made exceptional contributions to research in the field.

Recipients:

- 2025 Robert Henry Cox
- 2024 Martin Lodge
- 2016-2017 Joel Aberbach and Per Lægreid
- 2014-2015 Bert Rockman and Graham Wilson
- 2011 B. Guy Peters
- 2010 Nicole de Montriecher
- 2009 Colin Campbell

Publius: The Journal of Federalism Distinguished Scholar Award (RC28)



Supported by the Center for the Study of Federalism, this biennial award is given to living, recognized scholars whose publications continue to make significant and major contributions to our understanding and appreciation of the history, theory, and/or practice of federalism in single or multiple countries and/or transnational arrangements, such as the European Union. The award is presented at the RC28 business meeting held during each IPSA World Congress.

Recipients:

- 2025 Harihar Bhattacharyya
- 2023 Jill Vickers
- 2020 Thomas O. Hueglin
- 2018 Arthur Benz
- 2016 John Kincaid

APPENDIX I – COLLECTIVE MEMBERS, 2025

Association Council Representatives

African Association of Political Science.....	1
American Political Science Association.....	3
Angolan Political Science Association.....	1
Argentine Society of Political Analysis	2
Association française de science politique	3
Association of Political Science of Paraguay	1
Association of Political Studies of Kazakhstan*	1
Association Tunisienne d'Études Politiques.....	1
Australian Political Studies Association.....	2
Bolivian Political Science Association	1
Brazilian Political Science Association	2
Bulgarian Political Science Association.....	1
Cameroonian Political Science Society.....	1
Canadian Political Science Association.....	3
Chilean Political Science Association	1
Chinese Association of Political Science (Taipei).....	1
Colombian Political Science Association	1
Croatian Political Science Association.....	1
Czech Political Science Association	1
Danish Political Science Association	1
Dutch Political Science Association.....	1
Ecuadorian Political Science Association.....	1
Finnish Political Science Association.....	2
French-speaking Belgian Political Science Association.....	1
Georgia Political Science Association.....	1
German Political Science Association.....	3
Hellenic Political Science Association.....	1
Hungarian Political Science Association.....	1
Icelandic Political Science Association	1

Association Council Representatives

Indian Political Science Association.....	2
Israel Political Science Association	1
Italian Political Science Association.....	2
Japanese Political Science Association	3
Korean Political Science Association.....	1
Latin American Political Science Association.....	1
Lebanese Political Science Association*.....	1
Lithuanian Political Science Association.....	1
Mexican Political Science Association.....	1
Nigerian Political Science Association.....	1
Nordic Political Science Association	1
Norwegian Political Science Association	2
Philippine Political Science Association	1
Polish Political Science Association.....	3
Political Science Association of Nepal.....	1
Political Studies Association of the UK	3
Portuguese Political Science Association.....	1
Romanian Association of Political Science	1
Russian Political Science Association	3
Serbian Political Science Association	1
Slovak Political Science Association	1
Slovenian Political Science Association	1
South African Association of Political Studies	1
Spanish Association of Political and Administrative Science	1
Swedish Political Science Association.....	2
Swiss Political Science Association	2
Turkish Political Science Association.....	1
Ukrainian Political Science Association.....	1
Uruguayan Political Science Association	1

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APPENDIX II – INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS, 2025*

*Please note that in 2024, a total of 11,761 non IPSA member institutions gained access to IPSR through SAGE publications.

AFRICA (5)

Malawi (3)

Malawi Political Science Association
Mzuzu University
– Department of Governance,
Peace and Security Studies (GPSS)
University of Malawi
– Department of Politics and Government
(UNIMA-DPG)

Nigeria (1)

Western Delta University, Oghara (WDU)

Somalia (1)

SAFE Education & Strategic Research
Network (SAFE)

LATIN AMERICA (3)

Ecuador (1)

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias
Sociales FLACSO Sede Ecuador
(FLACSO Ecuador)

Mexico (1)

Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero
– Instituto Internacional de Estudios Políticos
Avanzados Ignacio Manuel Altamirano
(IIEPA IMA UAGro)

Peru (1)

Universidad Católica de Santa María (UCSM)

NORTH AMERICA (4)

Canada (3)

Concordia University
– Political Science Department
Université du Québec à Montréal
– Département de science politique
York University

United States of America (1)

Bircham International University (BIU)
– Faculty of Arts & Humanities,
Department of Social Sciences

ASIA (5)

Indonesia (1)

Universitas Airlangga
– Department of Politics

Philippines (4)

Adamson University
– Social Sciences Department
University of Santo Tomas
– Department of Political Science
University of Batangas
West Visayas State University
– Department of Social Sciences

EUROPE (10)

Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)

University of Sarajevo
– Faculty of Political Sciences

Czech Republic (1)

Charles University
– Faculty of Social Science

Germany (2)

Bibliothek der Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
– Institut für Politische Wissenschaft

Georgia (1)

University of Georgia
– Security, Policy and Nationalism Research
Center (UGSPN)

Hungary (1)

University of Public Service

Ireland (1)

University College Dublin
– School of Politics and International Relations

Portugal (1)

Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais
e Políticas (ISCSP)

Spain (1)

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
– Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Políticas

United Kingdom (1)

Oxford University
– Department of Politics and International
Relations (DPIR)

APPENDIX III – IPSA RESEARCH COMMITTEES, 2025

RC #	Research Committee	Chair(s)	Creation	Next Evaluation
RC01	Concepts and Methods	Tobias Hofmann	1976	2028
RC02	Political Elites	Juan Rodriguez-Teruel	1972	2028
RC03	European Unification	Daniela Vintilla	1972	2028
RC04	Visual Politics	Sima Baidya	2020	2030
RC05	Comparative Studies on Local Government and Politics	Carmen Navarro	1972	2024*
RC06	Political Sociology	Lucia Miranda-Leibe	1970	2028
RC07	Women and Politics in the Global South	Swarna Rajagopalan	1988	2028
RC08	Legislative Specialists	Irina Khmelko	1971	2028
RC09	Comparative Judicial Studies	Rhonda Evans	1973	2025*
RC10	Electronic Democracy	Domagoj Bebić	2007	2028
RC11	Science and Politics	Paul Baker	1975	2025*
RC12	Biology and Politics	Tony Wohlers & Ryuta Ito	1975	2025*
RC13	Democratization in Comparative Perspective	Adam Szymański	1989	2030
RC14	Politics and Ethnicity	Sheena Sookrajowa	1976	2028
RC15	Political and Cultural Geography	María Lois	1978	2028
RC16	Socio-Political Pluralism	Mikolaj Czesnik	1976	2022*
RC17	Comparative Public Opinion	Min-hua Huang	2011	2026
RC18	Asian and Pacific Studies	Meena Bardia & Angelin Chang	1979	2030
RC19	Gender Politics and Policy	Débora Thomé	1979	2028
RC20	Political Finance and Political Corruption	Luís de Sousa	1979	2028
RC21	Political Socialization and Education	Song Yingfa	1979	2028
RC22	Political Communication	Norbert Merkosity	1984	2030
RC23	Elections, Citizens and Parties	Daniel Stockemer	2011	2026
RC24	Armed Forces and Society	Marybeth Ulrich	1986	2029
RC25	Comparative Health Policy	Ryozo Matsuda & Helen Jordan	1987	2028
RC26	Human Rights	Jędrzej Skrzypczak	1980	2030
RC27	Structure and Organization of Government	Robert Cox	1984	2030

RC #	Research Committee	Chair(s)	Creation	Next Evaluation
RC28	Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance	Soeren Keil	1984	2030
RC29	Political Psychology	Paul Dekker & Cornelia Sindermann	1981	2030
RC30	Comparative Public Policy	Michael Mintrom	2011	2026
RC31	Political Philosophy	Andrei Poama	1983	2024*
RC32	Public Policy and Administration	Philippe Zittoun	1982	2024*
RC33	The Study of Political Science as a Discipline	Paulo Ravecca	1982	2025*
RC34	Quality of Democracy	Brigitte Weiffen	2011	2026
RC35	Technology and Development	Miguel Rocha de Sousa	1981	2028
RC36	Political Power	Giulio M. Gallarotti & Judit Trunkos	1983	2028
RC37	Rethinking Political Development	Yan Vaslavskiy	1983	2025*
RC38	Politics and Business	Nayara F. Macedo de Medeiros Albrecht	1985	2028
RC39	Welfare States and Developing Societies	Natália Sátyro	1992	2028
RC40	New World Orders?	Carmelo Cattafi & Peter Rada	1994	2028
RC41	Geopolitics	Igor Okunev & Sharyl Cross	1995	2025*
RC42	Security, Integration and Unification	Tereza Novotna	1996	2028
RC43	Religion and Politics	Giorgiandrea Shani	1986	2030
RC44	Security, Conflict and Democratization	Radomir Compel	1988	2024*
RC45	Quantitative International Politics	Andrew Owsiak	1989	2025*
RC46	Migration and Citizenship	Yasmeen Abu-Laban	2018	2026
RC47	Local-Global Relations	Erica Gorbak	1995	2025*
RC48	Administrative Culture	Ashok Basu	1995	2025*
RC49	Socialism, Capitalism, and Democracy	James Chamberlain	1995	2025*
RC50	The Politics of Language	Jean-Francois Dupré	2000	2030
RC51	International Political Economy	Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira & Eduardo Viola	2012	2027
RC52	Climate Security and Planetary Politics	Steven Ratuva	2022	2030
RC53	Indigenous Politics	Mette Marie Staehr Harder & Lara Greaves	2022	2025*

* The 2022, 2024 and 2025 evaluation reports marked with an asterisk are expected by the Committee on Research and Training (CRT).



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