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# From the Editor | Éditorial

**Lourdes SOLA**

President, IPSA  
Présidente, AISP

## IPSA mid-Term Conference in Montréal

When we speak of IPSA's international standing in the profession, it's understood that we refer to the scale of its networking capabilities and its unique character both in geographical and academic terms. These attributes speak to the organization's two distinctive features: The first relates to the vital role played by collective members, the national associations, in reaching out to colleagues all over the world in a structured fashion, the second to the manner in which academic work in progress is organized and made available through networking by research committees around specific subjects, theories and methods of relevance to the development of the discipline.

One of the priorities for this term is to promote means of incorporating and disseminating scholarly production while creating opportunities to establish a minimum level of interaction among national associations and research committees. To achieve these goals, ties between national associations and the EC must be strengthened along academic and organizational lines. The lack of cohesion among national associations was made clear in Fukuoka at a meeting between their representatives and the President — a shortcoming magnified by their request that the IPSA actively help to bridge the gap. In this regard, research committees have fared much better. Ties between research committees and the EC have been consistently strengthened thanks to the efforts of a Liaison Officer.

To make the adjustments needed in an increasingly competitive international environment, we must take stock of IPSA's best assets and resources as well as its deficits, and determine the most effective strategy for improving them.

The decision to hold a mid-term Conference in Montreal in April 2008 represents an unprecedented step in this direction. EC members and representatives of each research committee and national association are expected to attend. The event's content and scope attests to the EC's commitment to consolidate academic quality by incorporating scholarly production from all regions of the world. This conference



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will also provide a critical opportunity to carry out a more context-specific assessment of obstacles to the incorporation of potential members and the improvement of the organization's academic standards.

## Conférence de mi-mandat de l'AISP à Montréal

Chaque fois que l'on évoque la question du profil international de l'AISP au sein de la profession, nous faisons référence à la portée de ses capacités de réseautage et à son caractère unique, tant au plan géographique qu'académique. On peut difficilement dissocier ces attributs de l'AISP de deux caractéristiques distinctives de l'organisation. L'une tient au rôle vital que jouent les membres collectifs, les associations nationales, pour mettre en relation, de manière structurée, les collègues à travers le monde. L'autre tient à l'organisation et à l'accessibilité des travaux académiques en cours, par le truchement des réseaux de chercheurs autour de sujets, de théories et de méthodes pertinents pour le développement de la discipline.

L'une des priorités fixées pour le présent mandat consiste à favoriser les processus d'intégration et de diffusion de la production académique, tout en suscitant des occasions d'établir un niveau minimum d'interaction entre les associations nationales ainsi qu'entre les réseaux de chercheurs. L'une des conditions nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre de ces objectifs consiste à renforcer les liens entre les associations nationales et le comité exécutif, tant sur les plans académique qu'organisationnel. Le manque de cohésion entre les associations nationales s'est clairement manifesté à Fukuoka, durant la réunion entre leurs représentants et le pré-

sident, lacune mise en lumière par leur requête visant à ce que l'AISP intervienne activement pour les aider à combler ce manque de cohésion. À cet égard, les réseaux de recherche se sont en meilleure posture. Les liens entre eux et le comité exécutif ont constamment été renforcés grâce aux efforts d'un agent de liaison.

Pour apporter les ajustements rendus nécessaires par un environnement international de plus en plus concurrentiel, il est impératif d'intervenir sur deux plans. Il convient, d'une part, de dresser un bilan des meilleurs actifs et ressources ainsi que des lacunes de l'AISP et, d'autre part, de réfléchir à la meilleure stratégie pour améliorer la situation.

La décision concernant la tenue d'une conférence de mandat à Montréal, en avril 2008, au sein de laquelle on attend la participation des membres du comité exécutif, des représentants de chaque réseau de chercheurs et des associations nationales, constitue une étape sans précédent pour la réalisation des deux priorités de l'AISP. Le contenu et la portée de la conférence attestent de l'engagement du comité exécutif à combiner la qualité académique à l'intégration de la production savante de toutes les régions du monde. Cette conférence sera aussi l'occasion d'entreprendre une évaluation adaptée aux contraintes spécifiques touchant l'intégration de membres éventuels et permettre l'amélioration des normes d'ordre académique de l'organisation.

## New World Congress Coordinator at the Secretariat

The International Political Science Association is pleased to inform its membership that Isabel Brinck has been appointed to the position of Events & World Congress Coordinator. Isabel has worked for many years in event and conference planning, and speaks English, Spanish and French. She will act as your primary contact person at the Secretariat for all matters related to the World Congress. You can reach Isabel at [isabel.brinck@ipsa.org](mailto:isabel.brinck@ipsa.org).



ISABEL BRINCK

## Be Seen on the IPSA Web site!

We've received plenty of positive feedback following the launch of our renewed Web site. [www.ipsa.org](http://www.ipsa.org) features a fresh new look as well as new sections and news feeds.

We want to hear from you, your research committee, university or association! All content relevant to political science will be published on the Web site. Some content may also be published in our monthly newsletter and in *Participation*. We are looking for:

Important news from your organization;  
Calls for papers;  
Congresses and Events;  
Jobs in political science;  
Calls for awards;  
New books from IPSA members.

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The screenshot shows the IPSA website's homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for "Editor", "Editions", "Affiliages", "Méthodes", "Méthode", "Recherches", "Publications", and "Liens". Below the navigation is a search bar labeled "Rechercher...". The main content area features a large banner for the "World Congress Coordinator" position. To the right of the banner, there are sections for "Calls for Papers" and "Agenda". The "Calls for Papers" section lists several upcoming events, including the "Mapping Global Inequality: Regional Income Inequality (Santa Cruz, USA)", "EU Regulators – Stepping Up? Regulating Governance of the EU/EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS", "Ethics & International Affairs: a quarterly publication of the Carnegie Council for Ethics International Affairs (New York City, USA)", "Caribbean and Latin American Conference (Canada)", and "From G20 to G80: Cities Based on People Based Protection? Comparing Local Protection Leadership in Europe (Vienna, Austria)". The "Agenda" section lists events like "2008.03.15 (Montréal) Informational tour: 'Méthode: the future of press studies: Press as production'; 'The future of discursive analysis: the press' (Montreal, France)", "JAN 2008.22-26 ('Communicating for Society' meeting: 2008 Conference of the International Communication Association (Montreal, Canada)", "JAN 2008.23-26 (CIPRA Annual Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark)", and "JAN 2008.23-26 (Establishing a Major Center in International Relations (Copenhagen, Denmark)". At the bottom of the page, there are links for "See more...", "Add a new Call for Papers", "Submit for Calls for Papers", and "See more..." under "See more...".

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# Feature | Dossier

**IPSA Announces a Conference  
at Concordia University in Montreal, April 30 - May 2, 2008**

## International Political Science: New Theoretical and Regional Perspectives

### Rainer EISFELD

Research Committees Liaison Officer

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Preparations are underway for the first IPSA international conference next spring in Montreal. Representatives of research committees and political science associations from all over the world are expected to attend. The aim of the conference is to enhance cooperation between the two branches of IPSA, encourage the creation of mutually beneficial networks, and lay the groundwork for joint regional conferences in the near future as well as joint panels at IPSA world congresses.

The IPSA Executive Committee firmly believes that research committees and national associations must build cooperative networks for IPSA to function more effectively in the years ahead. To this end, it has appointed Vice-President Dirk Berg-Schlosser and research committee representative Rainer Eisfeld as co-chairs of the conference. Isabel Brinck (isabel.brinck@ipsa.org) at the IPSA Secretariat has been named conference coordinator. The conference will be divided into three sections:

**In Section I, delegates will assess the state of affairs and conflicting perspectives in our discipline's major sub-fields:** Epistemological foundations and methodology; political theory; political sociology; governance and public policy; comparative politics; and international relations. Six associate editors of the projected political science encyclopedia will present introductory papers, and delegates will deli-

ver statements. Considerable emphasis will be placed on thinking across and beyond the parameters of sub-fields and highlighting overarching themes and approaches.

**In Section II, delegates will focus on the state of the discipline in major regions of the world:** Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America, North America, and Europe. Contributions from national associations—meant to circumscribe areas of activity, notable achievements and possible deficits—should play an important part here, in conjunction with statements from research committees with a strong regional focus or membership.

**In Section III, delegates will single out leading-edge areas of research within and across major sub-fields in political science** with a view to forging ties between different research committees and national associations; delegates from each have been invited to propose panels and papers. Preference will be given to cross-field research.

**“ Research committees and national associations must build cooperative networks. ”**

The plenary closing session will be based on presentations given by rapporteurs appointed to each panel in Sections II and III. Conference highlights will include the Karl Deutsch Lecture by Charles Tilly of Columbia University—the lecture was not part of last year's Fukuoka World Congress as originally planned—and a talk by John Trent titled “Issues and Trends in our Discipline: Perspectives from the *World of Political Science Book Series*”.

Thus far, exactly half of IPSA's 50 research committees have agreed to send delegates (two scholars representing each research committee). As this issue of *Participation* goes to press, some 22 national political science associations—from Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Korea, Singapore, Japan, Canada and the United States—have responded favourably to the call for panels and papers at this groundbreaking IPSA event.

Individual IPSA members intent on taking part should contact a research committee (provided they have joined one) or their national association.

The Montreal Conference aims to foster a perspective of international political science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and lay the foundations for future initiatives by the International Political Science Association. This is an ambitious project, one that needs and fully deserves support at every level of IPSA.

"THE SPECIALISTS (RISK ASSESSMENT)"  
ARTWORK BY RAFAEL SOTOLICHIO (2005)

## L'AISP annonce une conférence à l'Université Concordia, Montréal, 30 avril au 2 mai 2008

# La science politique dans le monde : nouvelles perspectives théoriques et régionales

**Rainer EISFELD**

Agent de liaison des Réseaux de chercheurs

L'organisation de la première conférence mondiale réunissant des représentants à la fois des associations de science politique et des réseaux de chercheurs de l'Association internationale de science politique (AISP) est en cours. Devant se tenir le printemps prochain à Montréal, celle-ci vise à accroître le niveau de coopération entre les deux paliers de l'AISP, à susciter la création de réseaux mutuellement avantageux et, dans un avenir relativement rapproché, à tenir des conférences régionales conjointes et à organiser des panels conjoints dans le cadre des congrès mondiaux de l'AISP.

Le comité exécutif de l'AISP croit fermement que la coopération entre les réseaux de chercheurs et les associations nationales jouera un rôle clé dans l'amélioration du fonctionnement de l'AISP, au cours des prochaines années. Le comité exécutif a nommé un de ses vice-présidents, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, et l'agent de liaison des réseaux de chercheurs, Rainer Eisfeld, coprésidents du programme de la conférence. Isabel Brinck ([isabel.brinck@ipsa.org](mailto:isabel.brinck@ipsa.org)), du secrétariat de l'AISP, a été nommée coordonnatrice de la conférence. La conférence comprendra trois sections.

La section I permettra de faire un état des lieux et d'examiner les perspectives divergentes dans les principales sous-disciplines de la science politique – bases épistémologiques et méthodologie, théorie politique, sociologie politique, gouvernance et politiques publiques, politiques comparées et relations internationales. Les six corédacteurs de la future encyclopédie de science politique présenteront une communication préliminaire, qui sera suivie de déclarations des délégués. Un effort particulier sera



consacré à dépasser les limites circonscrivant traditionnellement les sous-disciplines ainsi qu'à souligner les thèmes et les approches ayant une portée universelle.

**La section II portera principalement sur l'état de la discipline dans les principales régions du globe** – Asie et Pacifique, Afrique, Amérique latine, Amérique du Nord et Europe. Les contributions des associations nationales, dont on souhaite qu'elles permettent de délimiter les champs d'activité, les principales réalisations et d'éventuelles lacunes, devraient jouer un rôle clé dans cette section. S'y ajoutent des déclarations de réseaux de chercheurs dotés d'une représentation ou d'un profil fortement régional.

**La section III portera sur les secteurs de recherche de pointe des sous-disciplines de la science politique** – l'objectif sera de tisser des liens entre les différents réseaux de chercheurs et les associations nationales, dont les délégués ont été invités à proposer des panels et des communications. On s'intéressera tout particulièrement aux travaux portant sur la recherche interdisciplinaire.

La séance plénière de clôture sera constituée des présentations des rapporteurs de chacun des panels des sections II et III. Parmi les faits saillants de la conférence, notons l'exposé Karl Deutsch qui sera prononcé par Charles Tilly (Université Columbia), qu'il avait été impossible d'inclure dans le cadre du Congrès mondial de Fukuoka de l'an dernier, comme prévu à l'origine. Également, John Trent prononcera une allocution intitulée « Issues and Trends in our Discipline: Perspectives from the *World of Political Science Book Series* ».

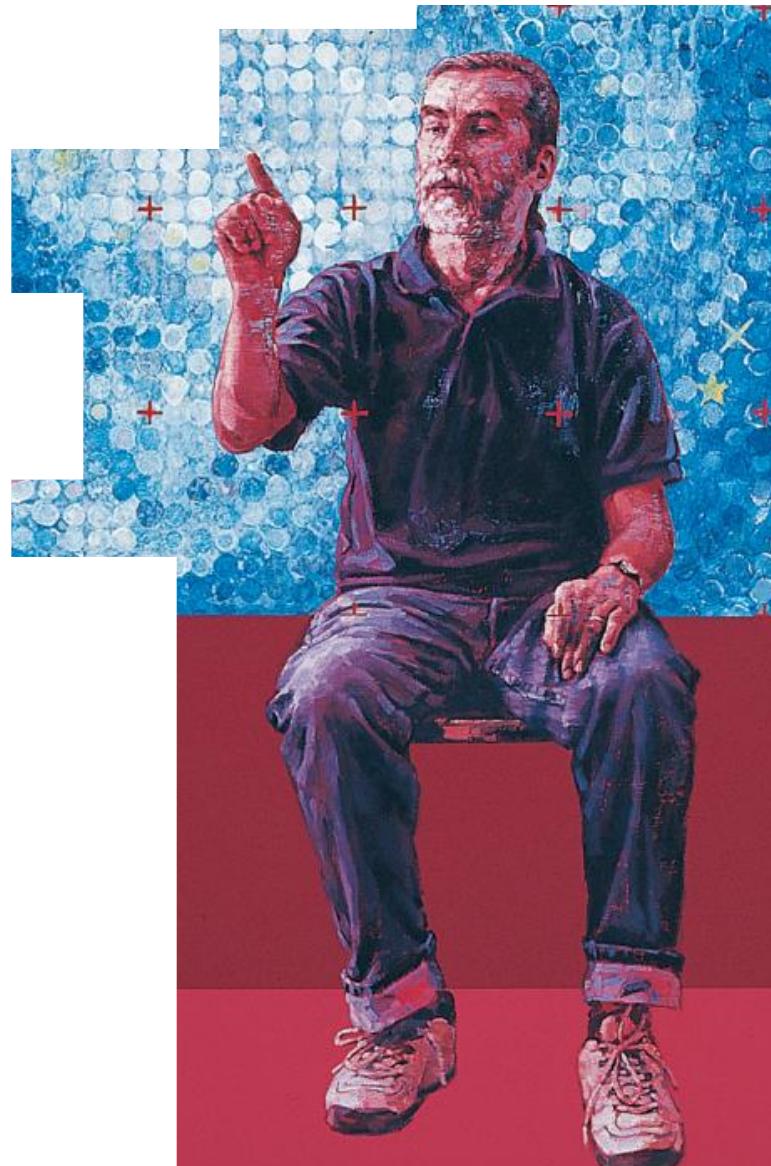
Exactement la moitié des 50 réseaux de chercheurs de l'AISP ont déjà accepté d'envoyer des délégués (chaque réseau de chercheurs étant représenté par deux universitaires). Au moment de la mise sous presse de la présente édition de *Participation*, 22 associations nationales de science politique de la Lituanie, de la Pologne, de la Russie, de la Slovaquie et de la Slovénie, de la Belgique, de l'Allemagne, de l'Italie, du Portugal, de l'Espagne, du Royaume-Uni, de l'Argentine, de l'Australie, du Brésil, de la République Tchèque, de la Finlande, de la France, de la Corée, de Singapour, du Japon, du Canada et des États-Unis avaient également répondu favorablement à la demande de panels et de communications relative à cet événement innovateur de l'AISP.

**Les membres individuels de l'AISP qui souhaitent participer devraient communiquer avec un réseau de chercheurs (dans la mesure où ils sont membres d'un réseau) ou avec leur association nationale de science politique.**

La conférence de Montréal vise autant à dégager les perspectives en science politique dans le monde au XXI<sup>e</sup>

“ **La coopération entre les réseaux de chercheurs et les associations nationales jouera un rôle clé** ”

siècle qu'à jeter les bases des travaux futurs de l'Association internationale de science politique. Il s'agit d'un projet ambitieux qui requiert et mérite incontestablement l'appui de toutes les composantes de l'AISP.



"THE SPECIALISTS (RISK ASSESSMENT)"  
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# National Associations *Associations nationales*

## The International Association for Political Science Students Celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Iana STANTIERU**  
IAPSS Chairperson

The International Association for Political Science Students, as the global association for political science students, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.

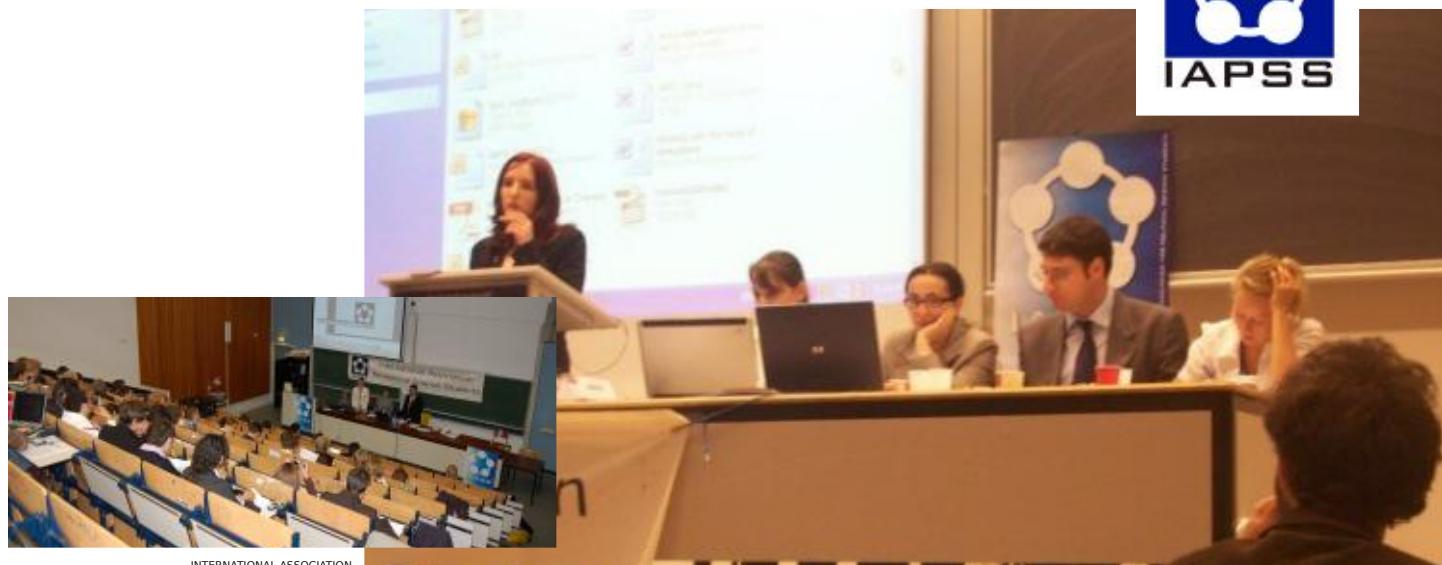
To mark this milestone in the history of the organization, more than one hundred students from across the world gathered for the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Annual Conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from May 14 to 19. The event was packed with interesting lectures and workshops on globalizing citizenship; under discussion was the view that citizenship is being undermined by globalization. The highlight of the event's cultural component was undoubtedly the IAPSS Gala. The red carpet, special dress code and the IAPSS anthem and awards made this ceremony a memorable event for everyone.

In its ten years, IAPSS has welcomed over 50 member associations and approximately 10,000 individuals from more than 40 countries. It evolved from a loose network of several organizations into a well-developed association with a permanent secretariat in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Through its projects, IAPSS strives to promote a sense of responsibility among its members concerning their role in creating an improved political and social environment, and to give them the skills and knowledge necessary to act in this direction. It achieves this by organizing seminars, conferences, round tables and debates; by regularly creating and distributing academic and opinion publications (*Politikon* - The IAPSS Journal of Political Science or the monthly IAPSS magazine, *A Different View*); by providing online platforms for debate and interaction for all students engaged in current issues in political science (the IAPSS online Working Groups); by placing on the public agenda important issues that, thus far, have enjoyed little or no attention. One such issue is that of the Roma, discussed during an important IAPSS event, the international seminar 'Youth Bridging the Gap: Reaching Out to the Roma' held in July in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Thus, the tenth anniversary of IAPSS reconfirmed the positive effects of youth engagement in political and social matters and of being 'IAPSS Active.'

<http://www.iapss.org/>



**Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político**  
**Buenos Aires, 6 al 9 de noviembre de 2007**

## 8º Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política

**"¿HACIA DÓNDE VA LA ARGENTINA? INSERCIÓN INTERNACIONAL, CALIDAD INSTITUCIONAL Y NUEVAS REPRESENTACIONES"**

**Importancia del tema.**

**L**a incertidumbre rige los procesos políticos tanto nacionales como internacionales. En ese sentido, se presenta el VIII Congreso con un interrogante que resulta vital para la sociedad argentina: ¿hacia dónde vamos? Del mismo se toman tres ejes principales de análisis, todos los cuales involucran desafíos trascendentales para el futuro de la sociedad y del Estado. Los analistas políticos, desde diversos ángulos, podrían realizar aportes a los diversos problemas planteados. En medio de un proceso de mundialización creciente de los principales procesos tecnológicos, económicos y comunicacionales, la inserción internacional de la Argentina es una de las encrucijadas más difíciles que afronta, tanto en su proceso de integración con Sudamérica como en su posicionamiento ante las Grandes Potencias. En el pasado erráticas formas de inserción contribuyeron al subdesarrollo del país. Por otra parte, para superar el estancamiento económico y la polarización social degradante es necesario el aporte de una suma de factores económicos y sociales que la Ciencia Política no puede ignorar. Sin embargo nuestro tema privilegia aspectos políticos que coadyuvan de manera significativa al objetivo central de lograr el desarrollo integral. Nos referimos a la construcción de instituciones de la Sociedad Civil, políticas y estatales, que funcionen reguladas por normas jurídicas que impidan el abuso de poder. Asimismo esas instituciones enfrentan la crisis de representación de los antiguos partidos políticos de masa, la aparición de nuevas formas de hacer política y, en el caso argentino, una aguda falta de credibilidad de los actores políticos. Sin democracias representativas que funcionen el espectro del autoritarismo planea sobre todas las sociedades desarticuladas y anómicas. Nuestra nación no es ajena a este diagnóstico. El análisis político "debe" advertirlo, estudiarlo e intentar algunas respuestas.

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## RC1 - Concepts and Methods

**Call for Submissions - 2009 Award for Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Politics**

The Committee on Concepts and Methods (C&M) of the International Political Science Association and the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City invite submissions to the 2009 Award for Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Politics. The award is presented every three years at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA).

The first such award went to Geraldo L. Munck and Jay Verkuilen at the 2003 IPSA World Congress in Durban, South Africa, for their article "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices," Comparative Political Studies 35/1 (February 2002), pp. 5–34. The second went to James L. Gibson at the 2006 IPSA World Congress in Fukuoka, Japan, for his book Overcoming Apartheid. Can Truth Reconcile a Divided Nation? (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2004). The third will be presented at the 2009 IPSA World Congress in Santiago de Chile.

The 2009 award will be given to a scholarly work published any time between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008. Any category of formal publication may be submitted, whether it is a book, book chapter, or journal article. The idea of "conceptual innovation" is to be understood broadly. It is intended to cover concept analysis and concept formation as well as operationalization and measurement. While the first two IPSA C & M awards sought to recognize innovative work in the more narrow field of "democratic studies," the third will target conceptual innovation in the broader field of comparative politics.

The winner of the award will receive US\$1,500. At the jury's discretion, the award may be divided between various winners. All submissions must reach us before 31 December 2008.

<http://www.concepts-methods.org/>



# Research Committees *Réseaux de chercheurs*

## RC2 - Political Elites

**S**ummer 2007 Research Committee 2 co-organized two conclaves of scholars studying political elites. In mid-June it collaborated with Professor Heinrich Best and Dr. Michael Edinger and their Research Project on Representative Elites after Regime Change, at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany. Scores of scholars came together at Dornburg Castle to reconsider 'democratic elitism.' For the annual conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), which took place 6-8 September in Pisa, Italy, the Committee collaborated with Professor Ferdinand Müller-Rommel and his Center for Democratic Studies at the University of Lüneberg also in Germany to organize four panels aimed at assessing "the quality of European political elites."

Three dozen papers were presented at these conclaves and from them the Committee intends to produce the first two volumes of an Annual Review of Elite Studies.

For listings of the papers presented and other activities and publications dealing with political elites see the RC2 Web site:

<http://www.ipsa-rc2.sciencespobordeaux.fr/>

## RC4 - Public Bureaucracies in Developing Societies

### Regional Meeting Follow-up

**R**esearch Committee 4 held a regional mid-term meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in April 2007. The meeting was a great success! Nine papers were presented. The meeting organizers, Dr. Dhirendra Vajpeyi and Dr. Fernando Barrio, are exploring the possibility of publishing some of the papers in the University of Edinburgh's Journal of Law and Technology.

### Members' Awards and Promotions

Dr. Renu Khator was voted "Outstanding American in the U.S." by Choice, an initiative of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in June 2007. The program recognizes naturalized citizens who have made significant contributions to both their community and their adopted country.

She is the second Indian woman to receive this award, after PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra K. Nooyi. Congratulations!

Dr. R. B. Jain has received an award for his distinguished services to the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in New Delhi and the discipline of public administration. IIPA is officially the highest Indian national institute for education, research, teaching, and training in public administration, and is also recognized for disseminating information in the field of public administration to the general public. Congratulations!

Dr. Pan Suk Kim, Associate Dean and Professor of Public Administration in the Graduate School of Government and Business at Yonsei University in South Korea, was re-elected as an executive committee member of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). He was also recently elected Vice President of the International Research Society for Public Management ([www.irspm.net](http://www.irspm.net)). Congratulations!

Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor, professor of public administration at Florida International University, was officially appointed a Honorarprofessor (Honorary Professor) at the Institute of Politics at Leipzig University, where he has taught and carried out research every summer since 1999. This research has already produced two books (the second one will be published in December 2007), five chapters in edited handbooks, and six articles published in refereed scholarly journals. Professor Garcia-Zamor is the first Honorary Professor of the Institute. In a brief ceremony on June 19, he received a certificate of appointment from the Rektor of Leipzig University, Professor Dr. Franz Häuser. In German universities, the title Honorarprofessor is usually given to a scholar who is not a formal member of the academic institution but has been doing research and teaching there. Congratulations!

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## RC25 - Comparative Health Policy

**T**he Research Committee on Comparative Health Policy has scheduled a series of regional meetings between 2007 and 2009 to explore experiences and document lessons about the delivery of services in stratified societies. These regional meetings of RC25 will investigate the effects of reforms on access to, and delivery of, services in

the health sector. The dates and locations of the four regional meetings of IPSA RC25 are:

- 15-16 October 2007, University of Delhi (South Campus), India
- 3-4 March 2008, University of the Western Cape (Bellville), South Africa
- 10-11 November 2008, Institute of Social Studies (The Hague), The Netherlands
- 23-24 February 2009, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Rio de Janeiro), Brazil

Since 1990 many countries have initiated reforms of service delivery systems but preliminary evidence indicates that health sector reforms have not delivered the expected results. Though there has been some reduction in inequities in both access and resource allocation, inequities are often exacerbated when policies for decentralization are implemented simultaneously with reductions in public spending on social services. The neo-liberal introduction of user-fees has negatively affected access to as well as use of services by poorer segments of society while favouring urban areas and the middle class.

Among the reforms that may be examined at these inter-congress regional meetings are the introduction of new forms of financing (targeted at the expansion of health insurance), new forms of delivery (particularly public-private partnerships as well as contracting out to private providers), autonomy for agencies formerly in the public sector, regulation, decentralization and devolution. Focus will be on governance of and by the public sector during these reforms and the policy consequences of feedback on lessons learned.

Each two-day meeting will feature sessions for presenting analytic papers on comparative health policies, a workshop on a theme specific to the region, a keynote address, and where possible, a panel of practitioners (political, administrative, professional) to reflect on the practicality of the findings and observations. For additional information on these regional sessions, contact the RC25 Chair at [bjorkman@iss.nl](mailto:bjorkman@iss.nl)

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/ralphbuncheinstitute/RC25%20Web/>



## RC37 - Rethinking Political Development

Research committee 37 organized a highly successful one-day regional conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh under the auspices of IPSA on April 2, 2007 using a workshop format. The theme of the conference was Rethinking Political Development: Security and Democracy. Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh, inaugurated the conference. The first keynote speaker was General Md. U. Ahmed, Chief of the Army, who had given the caretaker government strategic support to bring a dangerous political situation under control and paved the path towards much needed structural and procedural reforms to sustain the democratizing thrust of Bangladesh. Dr. Zillur R. Khan, Rosebush Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Wisconsin and Chair RC 37/IPSA, presented the second keynote address on 'Security, Justice and Leadership'. A number of political scientists and other professionals attended the one-day meeting. The Law and Information Adviser of the government and the Ambassador for Japan in Bangladesh also spoke at the Inaugural Session.

The panels addressed the issues of political development, (with a special focus on geopolitical power relations,) insurgencies and terrorism, and democratizing processes on a cross-cultural basis. Papers presented explored American security policy in Asia, particularly in China and India. The afternoon panels focused on insurgencies, extremist ideologies and terrorism as a way to rethink political development and democratization in a global perspective. High-quality input from discussants and audience participation, given the fact that all political activities were forbidden under Emergency Rule, contributed to the success of the Conference.

The Bangladesh Political Science Association (BPSA), headed by Professor Dr. Ataur Rahman hosted and presided over the inaugural session of the highly productive conference under the auspices of RC37. Presenting papers were Dr. Ataur Rahman, who is also Director of Japan-Bangladesh Studies Center at Dhaka University, Major General Dr. Aminul Karim, Military Secretary to the President, Dr. Hasan Sorwardy, Secretary-General of BPSA, noted Pakistan-born American political commentator Nayyar Zaidi, Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, Special Ambassador of Bangladesh to U.S.A., Brig. General A.T.M. Amin, Director of Counter-Terrorism, Bangladesh Army and Mrs. Neila Husain, Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies. Morning and afternoon sessions were chaired, respectively, by Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Chairman, Center for Development Research Bangladesh, and Former State Minister Abul Hasan Choudhury. As discussant, were ambassador Harun-Ur-Rashid, former Ambassador of Bangladesh in Australia, Election Commissioner Brig. General Sakhawat Hussain, Professor Rokhsana Kibria, Chair of International Relations Department of Dhaka University, and Eminent Columnist Sadek Khan.



# Here and There *Ici et ailleurs*

## René Rémond (1918-2007)



René Rémond nous a quittés. L'Association française de science politique est en deuil. Nous n'oubliions pas, parmi les nombreuses charges et fonctions qu'il a exercées, son action au conseil de notre association, ainsi qu'au conseil scientifique de la Revue française de science politique, et le rôle décisif qu'il a joué pour rapprocher l'histoire de la science politique et faire une « histoire du temps présent ». Il a fait découvrir à des générations d'étudiantes et d'étudiants, dans les rééditions successives de *La droite en France de 1815 à nos jours*, les clivages fondateurs de la vie politique française. Il aurait eu tant de choses à dire sur ces élections de 2007. Nous gardons le souvenir non seulement de ses qualités intellectuelles mais de sa grande humanité, de sa gentillesse, de son ouverture d'esprit. À sa famille, à ses proches, nous adressons nos condoléances émues et attristées. Un hommage particulier lui a été rendu lors du congrès de l'Association Française à Toulouse.

## The IPSA is Looking for Pictures of Previous World Congresses

In coming months, the International Political Science Association will work on a book about the history of our organization. We are therefore interested in any pictures of previous World Congresses you may have. Other pictures showing events or people connected with the history of IPSA are also welcome.

If you have something interesting for us, please drop us an email at [history@ipsa.org](mailto:history@ipsa.org).

## Heads of Academic Networks Visit World Bank Headquarters

11-12 June, 2007, Washington D.C.

Guy Lachapelle, Secretary General, represented IPSA. Sharing their expectations, participants raised various issues, including the need, in academic organizations, for a roadmap in their work with international organizations, as well as the importance of forming a common front on the issue of greater research funding and broadening discussions beyond research to include students and university curricula.

As a direct outcome of the visit, an informal network will be set up, bringing together representatives of the organizations that participated in the program in June 2007, for regular interaction with the World Bank and among one another. The group will be invited to participate in World Bank consultations and will be encouraged to share information on events, research findings, opportunities, etc. It will also work toward mainstreaming development in academic curricula, engaging students in the development debate, and sharing information on research funding.



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Jean-Christophe Bas (center), External Affairs, World Bank, Guy Lachapelle (right), Secretary General of IPSA.

## The IPSA Lifetime Achievement Award in Political Science awarded by the Foundation Mattei Dogan

The IPSA Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Political Science is offered to an internationally recognized scholar in recognition of his/her contribution to the advancement of political science. The prize is awarded every three years at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA).

The recipient for 2009 will be invited to present a prize lecture at the 21st World Congress in Santiago, Chile, and will receive US\$5,000 from the Foundation Mattei Dogan.

Send your nominations today!

Nominations may be submitted in one of four ways:

- jointly by two or several national associations of IPSA;
- jointly by two or several IPSA Research Committees;
- jointly by four or more IPSA members in good standing of at least two different nationalities;
- from outside IPSA, by established academic institutions active in political science.

Nominations must be sent to the IPSA Secretary and will be accepted until July 12, 2008.

As well, nominations must indicate the merits of the nominee by referring to his/her biography and bibliography, and should also include letters of recommendation signed by eminent scholars, as well as a report on citations received by the nominee in the Social Science Citation Index in the previous 15 years.

The award recipient is chosen by the IPSA Executive Committee, by secret ballot, among the nominees proposed as indicated above. The final choice is the prerogative of the IPSA Executive Committee. Current officers of the IPSA Executive Committee and of the Council, as well as officers of Research Committees, are not eligible for this award. Former IPSA officers become eligible four years after the end of their last mandate.

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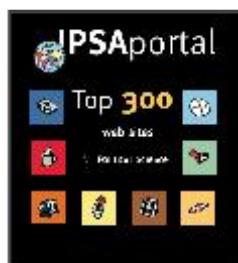
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