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From the Co-Chairs

We are proud to announce the launch of the newsletter Political Economy News (PEN). Following IPSA's recognition of the RC51 in December 2015, the chairs of the committee decided to create an electronic publication to diffuse events in the field of IPE and members' recent works. Occasionally, we also aim to publish theoretically-informed analysis of contemporary issues related to the global political economic arena, with a special focus on Emerging Market Democracies. Please, if you would like to collaborate with the newsletter, contact the RC secretary, Dr. Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira (rodriguesvieira@gmail.com).

In this issue, we highlight the panels and roundtables we will organize for the 24th World Congress of Political Science. Initially planned to take place in Istanbul, the Congress has been relocated to Poznań, Poland, following decision of IPSA and the local organizing committee. The dates remain the same (23-28 July). We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Lourdes Sola and Laurence Whitehead, co-chairs

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RC51 chairs and board members organize 13 panels for the 24th IPSA Congress

The RC 51 chairs and board members organized 13 closed panels for the 24th World Congress of Political Science, covering a wide variety of topics on International Political Economy and Emerging Market Democracies. The papers that will be part of each panel will be defined until the end of April and listed in our website. In the meantime, please check below the title of each panel along with the convenor, chair and discussant:

- Africa: In Search of Paths towards Emergence (Convenor: Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi; Chair and Discussant: Dr. Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira);
- Civil Society: A Comparative Perspective of Six Countries in Two Different Regions of the World (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chairs: Dr. Zeynep Alemdar and Prof. H. Gül Günver Turan; Discussant: TBA);
- Capital Markets and Compliance: Fresh Perspectives (Convenor: Prof. Helen V. Milner; Chair: Dr. Rachel Wellhausen; Discussant: Dr. Julia Gray);
- Developmentalism, Currency Internationalization, and Regional Cooperation in Contemporary East Asia (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chair: Dr. Nora Rachmann; Discussants: Prof. H. Gül Günver Turan and Dr. Johannes Plagemann);
- Emerging Powers in New Global Governance and the Public Opinion (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chairs: Prof. Amancio Oliveira and Dr. Janina Onuki; Discussant: Dr. Surupa Gupta);
- Foreign Investment & Domestic Politics (Convenor: Prof. Helen V. Milner; Chair: Dr. Daniela Campello; Discussant: Dr. Gabriele Spilker);
- New Perspectives on International Political Economy (Convenor: Prof. Helen V. Milner; Chair: Prof. Peter Rosendorff; Discussant: Dr. Amaney Jamal);
- Politics and Migration (Convenor: Prof. Helen V. Milner; Chair: Dr. Margaret Peters; Discussants: Prof. Helen V. Milner and Prof. Matthew Winters);

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- The Error-Correcting and Error-Compounding Aspects of Democracy (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chairs: Mr. Laurence Whitehead and Dr. Matthew M. Taylor; Discussant: Prof. Bertrand Badie);
- The International Political Economy of Trade Relations in the age of Mega-Agreements (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chair: Dr. Stéphane Paquin; Discussant: Mrs. Michele Rioux);
- The Political Economy of State Capitalism in Emerging Market Democracies (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chairs: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Discussants: Dr. Matthew M. Taylor and Mr. Laurence Whitehead);
- The Possibilities and Limits of State Capitalism(s) (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chair and Discussant: Prof. Janina Onuki);
- Theorizing Emergence: IR and IPE Theory and the Emerging Market Democracies (Convenor: Prof. Lourdes Sola; Chair and Discussant: Dr. Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira).

Apart from the panels, the RC has also organized a [roundtable](#) led by Professor Lourdes Sola on Professor Etel Solingen's book *Comparative Regionalism: Economics and Security* (2015, Routledge).

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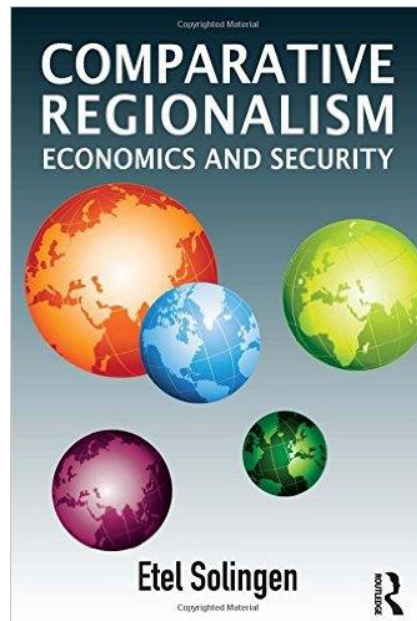
In addition to the 13 panels organized by co-chairs and board members, the RC is proud to have accepted seven closed panels. We are happy to welcome their members in Poznań. The proposals (please see list below) sound very promising and certainly dovetail with the research focus of our RC. Moreover, the co-chairs put together individual submissions into those panels, contributing to the diversity of contributions in panels the RC51 sponsors.

- Challenges to the Upgrading of the EU-Turkey Customs Union in the context of 'New Generation' Free Trade Agreements (Convenor: Dr. Mehmet Sait Akman; Chair: Prof. Canan Balkir; Discussants: Prof. Jan Orbie and Prof. Nanette Neuwahl);
- Global Economic Governance in Transition (Convenor and Chair: Prof. Tobias Hofmann; Co-chair: Dr. Soo Yeon Kim; Discussant: Prof. Tanja Boerzel);
- Latin America and Global Governance: Strategies of International Insertion (Convenor and Chair: Dr. German C. Prieto);
- Stakeholders, Powers and Inequalities in Global Internet Governance (Convenor and Chair: Dr. Meryem Marzouki; Co-chair: Dr. Nanette Levinson; Discussants: Prof. Derrick Cogburn and Dr. Selcan Kaynak);
- The International Political Economy of Energy (Convenor and Chair: Prof. Andrew Lawrence; Co-Chair: Dr. Caroline Kuzemko; Discussant: Prof. Andreas Goldthau);
- The Relevance of the Concept of 'Developmental State': New Perspectives in International Political Economy (Convenor and Discussant: Dr. Alice Nicole Sindzingre; Chair: Prof. Mamoudou Gazibo);
- 'Developmental' State, Policies and Regionalism: Back to the Future? (Convenor, Chair, and Discussant: Dr. Alice Nicole Sindzingre).

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Roundtable discusses Etel Solingen's book on Comparative Regionalism

The RC 51 co-chair Professor Lourdes Sola will lead in the 24th World Congress of Political Science the roundtable "Internationalization, Emerging Markets and Democracy", focused on discussing Professor Etel Solingen's most recent book *Comparative Regionalism: Economics and Security* (2015, Routledge). Apart Professor Sola, the table will have as discussants Professors Miles Khaler, Laurence Whitehead, and Ilter Turan. All RC members are welcome to join our colleagues and debate Professor Solingen's contributions to understanding how regions shape market and security patterns at the global level.



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Board members are set to meet in Poznań

The RC51 board will hold a meeting during the 24th World Congress of Political Science in Poznań, Poland (23rd-28th July 2016). All RC51 members are welcome to attend the venue, whose date and place will be announced in the due course. In addition to the co-chairs Lourdes Sola (University of São Paulo) and Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford), the board has five members who represent different intellectual traditions in IPE and regions of the globe: Marcus André Melo (Federal University of Pernambuco), Helen Milner (Princeton University), Amrita Narlikar (German Institute of Global Affairs, GIGA), and Ilter Turan (Istanbul Bilgi University).

News

Members of the RC51 participate in the 34th LASA Congress

Between May 27th and 30th, 2016 New York City will host the 35th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the organization. Eight RC51 members will participate in the conference, including the co-chairs. Professor Lourdes Sola (University of São Paulo) co-authored a paper for the panel "State Capitalism, Brazilian Style" (May 28th, 9:45am-11:15am), where RC board member Matthew Taylor (American University), and RC members Leslie Elliott Armijo (Simon Fraser University) and Kathryn A. Hochstetler (University of Waterloo), will present their respective works related to Brazil's ongoing crisis. Professor Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford) will be in charge of a Workshop on Subnational Illiberal Practices in Federal and Unitary Democracies (May 28th, 2:30pm-4:00pm). The debate is structured around the volume "Illiberal Practices: Territorial Variance within Large Federal Democracies (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016), co-edited by Professor Whitehead and Jacqueline Behrend (Universidad Nacional de San Martín / CONICET, Argentina)

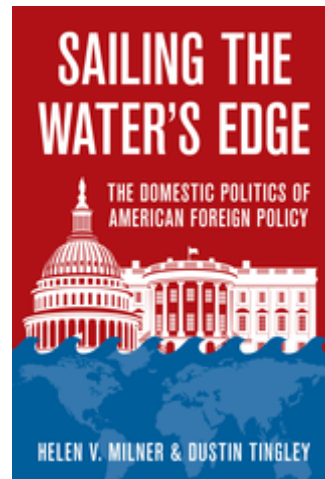
Two of our colleagues are track-chairs, who have as main duty filtering the proposals of a broad area of academic enquire. Eduardo Viola (University of Brasilia) is the track-chair for International Relations, and Tony Spanakos (Montclair State University) serves in the same capacity for LASA's Economics and Politics section. Dr. Spanakos will also chair a panel on "The Commodity Collapse and the Next Cycle of Political Economy" (May 28th, 12:45pm-2:15pm), for which he has also written a paper comparing Brazil's and Venezuela's political-economic crises.

The RC Secretary Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira (Getúlio Vargas Foundation and University of São Paulo), is going to present a paper on Brazil's economic foreign policy towards South-West Africa—particularly Nigeria and South Africa—in the panel "Brazil and China in Africa: South-South Engagement in Comparative Perspective" (May 29th, 9:45am-11:15am), chaired by Sean Burges (Australian National University) and having as discussant Mahrukh Doctor (University of Hull). In the first day of the conference (May 27th, 8am-9:30am), our RC colleague Dr. Maria Antonieta Del Tedesco Lins (University of São Paulo) will present in the panel "Economía y finanzas" (*Economy and Finance*). The full version of 34th LASA preliminary program is available [here](#).

Recent Publications

***Sailing the Water's Edge*, by Helen V. Milner and Dustin Tingley**

Does the United States rely too much on the use of military power and coercion in its foreign policies? *Sailing the Water's Edge* (Princeton University Press, 2015), a book just launched by Professor Helen Milner, former IPSA president and proudly our RC colleague, and Dustin Tingley, answer this question as it explores the interaction between domestic U.S. politics and foreign policy choices since World War II.



Milner (Princeton University) and Tingley (Harvard University) consider how the American Congress and interest groups have substantial material interests in and ideological divisions around certain issues and that these factors constrain presidents from applying specific tools. As a result, presidents select instruments that they have more control over, such as use of the military. The book is essential for those interested in understanding the limits of the American power in a more competitive international context, such as the current one.

Recent Publications

AKParty Response to Criticism: Reaction or Over-Reaction?, by Ilter Turan

In this report prepared for the German Marshall Fund (GMF), Professor Turan (Istanbul Bilgi University) discusses Turkish government's security-oriented approach to deal with the Kurdistan Workers' Party in southeastern Turkey, relying on the army and the police force, as well as its implications to freedom of speech. As he writes, "...when on January 8 [2016], around 1,100 academics (mostly Turkish but more than 300 foreign) issued a statement calling on the government to stop its armed measures, the reaction of the public, including the government and the president, was immediate and strongly negative". Professor Turan concludes that "even under conditions of duress, it is not typical for governments in democratic systems to publicly harass academics and invite administrators and courts to apply sanctions". Read the full report [here](#).

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May 27th-30th, New York City, NY, USA

(<http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/lasa/lasa16/>)

24th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA)

July 23rd-28th, Poznań, Poland

(<http://wc2016.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2016/home>)