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## **From the Co-Chairs**

After the successful 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science in Poznan, Poland, we started planning our activities for the next IPSA conference in Brisbane, Australia, scheduled to take place at the end of July 2018. With this aim, we encourage all RC members to start thinking of topics and papers for potential closed panels and roundtables to be presented within two years. The RC board will be very happy to consider them. Roundtables about books published by RC members during the 2016-18 period will be given priority. At a first glance, it seems that there is too much time before the next congress. Nonetheless, IPSA shall require that all proposals are submitted for consideration during the second half of 2017. Therefore, it is better to start working as earlier as possible to make the RC activities in Brisbane as successful as possible. In this issue, we report highlights from Poland, with special attention to discussions around the concept of emerging market democracies. Hope you enjoy the reading!

Lourdes Sola and Laurence Whitehead, co-chairs

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### RC51 members present 8 invited closed panels in Poznan

The RC 51 chairs and board members presented eight out of the 12 closed panels initially planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science. The remaining four closed panels were selected by the co-chairs among a long list of *ad hoc* proposals from non-RC members. This is a remarkable achievement considering that many participants could not attend the conference after the decision to relocate it to Poznan. IPSA members have access to the online paper room, where most pieces presented in the panels are available. Those interested in any of the panel topics listed below are encouraged to contact the RC for connecting themselves with authors.



- Civil Society and Political Economy: A Comparative Perspective (Chair: Prof. H. Gül Günver)
- Developmentalism, Currency Internationalization, and Regional Cooperation in Contemporary East Asia (Chair: Dr. Nora Rachman)
- New Perspectives on International Political Economy Chair: Dr. Julia Gray
- The Error-Correcting and Error-Compounding Aspects of Democracy (Chair: Mr. Laurence Whitehead)
- The International Political Economy of Trade Relations in the age of Mega-Agreements (Chair: Dr. Stéphane Paquin)
- The Political Economy of Foreign Aid and Trade (Chair: Prof. Matthew Winters)
- The Political Economy of State Capitalism in Emerging Market Democracies (Chair: Prof. Lourdes Sola)
- Theorizing Emergence: IR and IPE Theory and the Emerging Market Democracies (Chair: Dr. Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira)

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### **Ad hoc proposals enrich RC51 research agenda**

The RC also welcomed four panels that gathered contributions from non-members. In discussing new topics in IPE, such as Internet Governance and Energy Politics, or traditional avenues of research, including Development and Regionalism, the panels listed below contributed to our research agenda.

- "Developmental State" and "Developmental Regionalism": New Perspectives in International Political Economy (Chair: Dr. Alice Nicole Sindzingre)
- Latin America and Global Governance: Strategies of International Insertion (Chair: Dr. German C. Prieto)
- Stakeholders, Powers and Inequalities in Global Internet Governance (Chair: Dr. Meryem Marzouki)
- The International Political Economy of Energy (Chair: Prof. Andrew Lawrence)

We would like to highlight some of the papers presented in the panel "Developmental State" and "Developmental Regionalism". Dr. Sindzingre, who chaired the discussion and is affiliated to the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS, Paris, France), presented a piece entitled "The relevance of the concept of developmental industrial policy in times of globalization: insights from low-income countries". In the light of the concept of developmental state, she discussed the contradictions inherent to industrial policies in poor states. While latecomers tend to face more difficulties in stimulating the emergence of high-added value sectors, the concept remains relevant for analyzing and guiding policymaking in regions with labor surpluses, such as Sub-Saharan Africa.

In turn, Professor Yumi Horikane, from Meiji University (Japan), focused her paper on the archetypical developmental states of East Asia. Entitled "East Asian Developmental States in the Globalizing World: Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Free Trade Schemes", the piece discusses how countries where the state traditionally had a deep involvement in economic affairs adapted themselves to new international market trends, particularly the expansion of bilateral and regional trade agreements. She concludes that states can still be developmental amid increasing economic globalization—a prescription that potentially applies to Emerging Market Democracies coping with similar challenges.

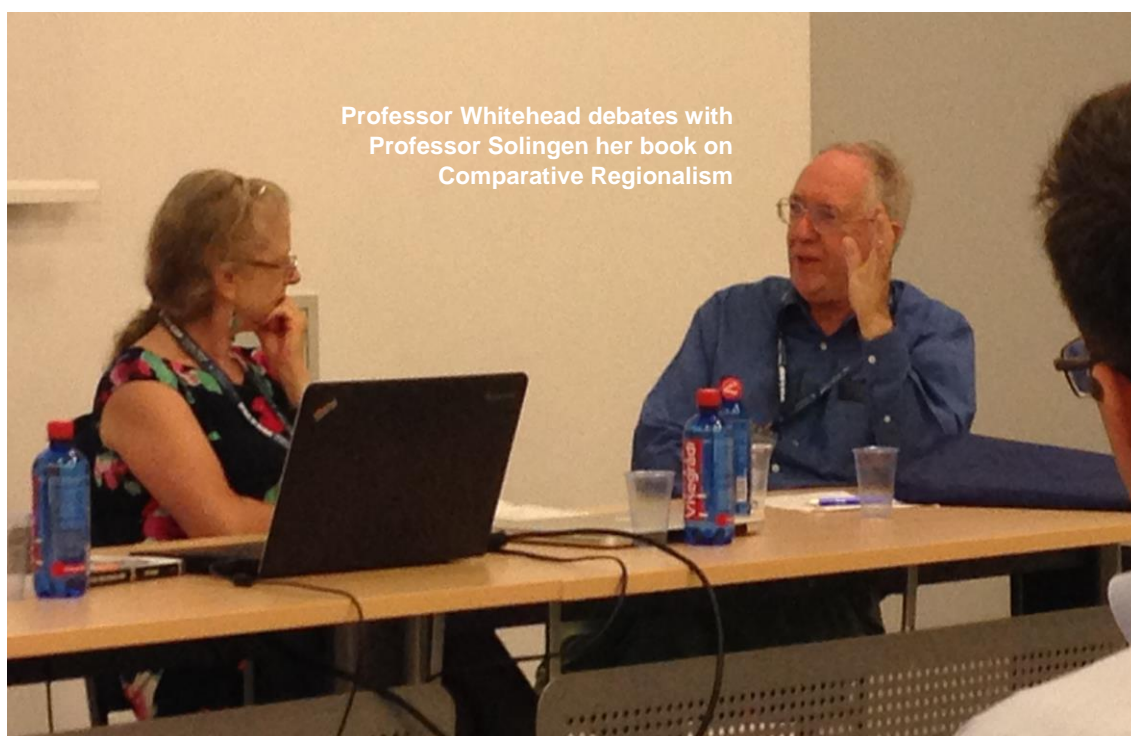
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### Roundtable on Solingen's book: Regions should be a Level of Analysis



Apart from the panels, the RC also organized a roundtable led by Professor Lourdes Sola on Professor Etel Solingen's book *Comparative Regionalism: Economics and Security* (2015, Routledge). The co-chair Laurence Whitehead and professors Miles Kahler and Ilter Turan completed the discussion line-up. Entitled "Internationalization, Emerging Markets and Democracy", the roundtable called into question significant points to advance the discussion on the interplay between globalization, regionalism, and domestic politics.

Professor Kahler contended that there is a kind of "end of History" going on, with sovereign states aiming to achieve higher standards of living through integration into global markets. Professors Turan and Whitehead presented a more nuanced view, using as examples the challenges coming from recent experiences in Latin American countries and Turkey. In short, Professor Solingen indicated a broad set of questions to advancing the research agenda on regionalism and governance she has been engaged on for three decades.

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### **RC meeting elects Dr. Janina Onuki and confirms Professor Amrita Narlikar and Dr. Matthew Taylor as board members**

During our business meeting in Poznan, the committee's members elected Dr. Janina Onuki (University of São Paulo, Brazil) for the RC board. The members also confirmed and made official the selection of Professor Amrita Narlikar (German Institute of Global Affairs, GIGA) and Dr. Matthew Taylor (American University) to integrate the board. Since then, the new members have joined the co-chairs Lourdes Sola and Laurence Whitehead and professors Helen Milner (Princeton University) and Ilter Turan (Istanbul Bilgi University) in duty of overseeing RC's activities.

Dr. Onuki, who is an Associate Professor of International Relations, replaced Professor Marcus André Melo (Federal University of Pernambuco), who had been in board since the RC foundation in 2012. Professor Narlikar, GIGA's president, and professor Taylor, Associate Professor at the School of International Service, had their names exceptionally appointed at our intermediate meeting in Hamburg, Germany, in July 2015 to replace professors Herman Schwartz (University of Virginia) and Sunil Khilnani (King's College London).

According to IPSA rules, board members—including co-chairs—serve four-year-long mandates, with the possibility of a re-election for additional two years. The new board members will then complete their terms in July 2020. In Brisbane, we will have elections for replacing the members who entered the board in 2012.

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### **Ilter Turan becomes IPSA president for the period 2016-18**



Professor Turan speaks in Poznan, during a roundtable Professor Sola chaired

The IPSA executive committee elected Professor Ilter Turan (Istanbul Bilgi University), a member of our RC board, for the association's presidency. He will hold office until July 2018, when the next World Congress will take place in Brisbane, Australia. We would like to congratulate him for the new position, wishing best of luck in leading the association.

The RC board has two former IPSA presidents: the co-chair Lourdes Sola (2006-09) and Professor Helen Milner (2009-2012).

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### ***Beyond the Market: The Global South and the WTO's Normative Dimension*, by Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira**

In this paper published by the journal *International Negotiation*, Dr. Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira (University of São Paulo and Princeton University) contests the traditional view that the World Trade Organization (WTO) is simply an arena for states to pursue their material gain. He argues that the WTO also reflects symbolic aspects of international politics, in particular the notion of multilateralism. Although such a principle, in part, expresses Western dominance, Dr. Rodrigues Vieira demonstrates that Global South states have also benefited from multilateral regimes, and thus have incentives to legitimize them and behave according to their rules. Will the pattern of multilateralism change as other trade arrangements potentially gain more prominence? He answers such a question by analyzing actions taken by Brazil and India in WTO's Doha Development Agenda (DDA), concluding that the multilateral system of trade will survive as Global South states participate in the organization to seek not just material gains but also to commit themselves to the international normative dimension. For reading the text, [click here](#).

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## **Forthcoming Events**

### **14th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference (APSA)**

Deadline for proposals: September 15, 2016; event: February 10-12, 2017, Long Beach, CA, USA

(<http://www.apsanet.org/tlc>)

### **ISA International Conference 2017**

Deadline for proposals: October 1, 2016; event: June 15-18, 2017, Hong Kong, China

(<http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/ISA-Hong-Kong-2017>)

### **IPSA-USP Summer School 2017**

Deadline for applications: October 4, 2016; event: January-February, 2017, São Paulo, Brazil

(<http://summerschool.fflch.usp.br/course-offerings/courses>)

### **75<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference**

Deadline for proposals: October 6, 2016; event: April, 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL, USA

(<http://www.mpsanet.org/Annual-Conference/2017-Call-for-Proposals>)