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From the Co-Chairs

We are in the process of organizing our in-between-conferences workshop that is scheduled to take place this July in Oxford, United Kingdom. The event received a grant of 1,500 USD from IPSA's Committee of Research and Training. It has been conceived as a brainstorming session in which members of the board alongside invited (non-RC) colleagues will engage in a discussion aimed at refocusing the RC priorities and outlining a general framework for structuring the closed panels to be offered in 2018 at the World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane, Australia. Finally, we intend to discuss the panels that we shall offer at the International Studies Association (ISA) 2018 Meeting in San Francisco, USA, at invitation of IPSA. In the meantime, we would like to encourage RC members to submit panel proposals to IPSA's December 2017 conference in Hannover, Germany, on "Political Science in the Digital Age: Mapping Opportunities, Perils and Uncertainties". Hope you enjoy the reading!

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RC51 receives grant for organizing workshop in July

IPSA's Committee of Research and Training (CRT) approved the RC application for a 1,500 USD grant for organizing a workshop this July at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. The co-chairs would like to thank the CRT, in particular the liaison representative Professor, Christian Haerpfer, for having granted us funding.

The workshop will last for two days. The first consist of a brainstorming session in which members of the board alongside invited (non-RC) colleagues will engage in a discussion aimed at refocusing the RC priorities to advance our research agenda on emerging market democracies (EMDs). We feel this as an urgent task in view of three developments: our active and multifaceted participation in the last WC in Poznan; worldwide changes and new challenges that affect the mode of integration of EMDs into the international system, including a possible backlash against globalization; and issues arising from politico-economic and ideational shifts at the domestic level.

Based on our collective brainstorming, in the second day of the workshop we will then organize closed panels and eventually roundtables for the 2018 World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane, Australia. In addition, we aim to discuss draft papers for the sessions we plan to host at the International Studies Association (ISA) 2018 Meeting in San Francisco. Those sessions shall inform in part what we intend to offer in Brisbane.



<u>News</u>

IPSA organizes conference on Political Science in the Digital Age

IPSA is organizing the conference "Political Science in the Digital Age: Mapping Opportunities, Perils and Uncertainties", which will be held on 4-6 December 2017 at the Palace of Herrenhausen (see picture below) in Hannover, Germany. Chaired by professors Marianne Kneuer and Helen Milner (former IPSA president and a member of our RC board), the conference provides the opportunity for a reflection on the discipline and one of its most relevant challenges, namely digitalization.

Following the program chairs invitation to RCs to organize panels, we encourage RC members to submit panel proposals in line with the conference topic and IPErelated topics. Proposals must indicate: title of the panel; the session in which it fits better (Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations and World Economy, Methods, and Teaching/Learning); the names, affiliation, and mailing address of chair(s) and discussant(s); and abstracts of 4-5 paper givers along with their names, affiliation, and mailing address. Each panel must last 90 minutes.

Please submit panel proposals before 15 April 2017 to <u>hannover2017@ipsa.org</u>. Further information is available at <u>https://hannover2017.ipsa.org/</u>.





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Professor Milner receives awards from ISA and APSA



Professor Helen Milner (Princeton University) receives this week at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting in Baltimore, USA, the Distinguished Scholar in IPE Award. Professor Milner integrates the RC board and was IPSA's president between 2012 and 2014.

Along with Professor Dustin Tingley (Harvard University), she also won the 2016 Gladys M. Kammerer Award for their co-authored book *Sailing the Water's Edge: The Domestic Politics of American Foreign Policy* (Princeton University Press). The American Political Science Association (APSA) gives the award for the best book published during the previous calendar year in the field of U.S. national policy. Professors Milner and Tingley received the prize during the 2016 APSA Annual Meeting at Philadelphia, USA.



Recent Publications

Latin American Perceptions of Regional Identity and Leadership in Comparative Perspective, by Janina Onuki, Fernando Mouron, and Francisco Urdinez

In this paper published by the journal *Contexto Internacional – Journal of Global Connections*, Dr. Janina Onuki (University of Sao Paulo) and her co-authors use survey data from The Americas and the World project to analyze whether Latin Americans share a common regional identity, and regard Brazil as a regional leader. Results indicate that the majority of Brazilians do not identify themselves as Latin Americans. Moreover, while they believe their country is the most suitable candidate for regional leadership, they are unwilling to bear the costs of assuming such a role. The study also explores perceptions of regional identity and Brazilian leadership in other Latin American countries, based on their own respective power aspirations. It shows that less powerful Latin American nations recognize Brazil as a regional leader, but citizens in middle powers, like Argentina and Mexico, still believe their countries should play a prominent regional role. The findings are crucial for understanding the domestic dynamic of international empowerment of emerging market democracies (EMDs). For reading the text, click here.



Forthcoming Events

Rethinking Governance in an Era of Global Insecurities, Regional Tensions and Rising Nationalism

Deadline for proposals: February 20, 2016; event: July 17-19, 2017, Melbourne, Australia.

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