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## From the Co-Chairs

After having held our in-between-conferences workshop last July in Oxford, United Kingdom, our RC currently plans closed panels to be offered in 2018 at the World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane, Australia. In addition, we have begun to read at-large panel and paper proposals. We would like to encourage members to contribute by submitting paper and panel proposals. The deadline is less than two weeks from now (October 10). More than planning our activities for next IPSA congress, our workshop rendered an enlightening discussion on the study of emerging market democracies in an age of growing nationalism, protectionism, and potential democratic backsliding. All this will be incorporated into our debates as we recalibrate the priorities in the RC research agenda. We highlight that, starting this edition, we will publish our bulletin twice a year only, with one issue in September and another in March. This will give us more time to focus on research, which will be overwhelmingly yet productive in the forthcoming year.

Hope you enjoy the reading!

Lourdes Sola and Laurence Whitehead, co-chairs

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### **Workshop sets the direction for the RC 51 in the coming year**

Between July 10 and 11, members of the board alongside invited (non-RC) colleagues discussed at Nuffield College, University of Oxford (picture below), the RC priorities to advance our research agenda on emerging market democracies (EMDs).

As discussants pointed out, the RC needs to account for the potential backsliding of democracy, liberal political values, and even economic openness in EMDs. Protectionist-authoritarian trends in domestic politics have been growing since the crisis of 2008 and gained momentum with the rise of extremist politicians and parties in both developed and emerging world. A potential strategy for addressing those issues consists of bringing coalition formation to analytical centerstage as we aim to make sense of the clashes between the logic of international liberalization and the demands of domestic legitimation.

Based on those guidelines, we are currently planning closed panels and eventually roundtables for the 2018 World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane, Australia (please read next page for details on submissions of paper and panel proposals).

We would like to thank again IPSA's Committee of Research and Training (CRT), in particular the liaison representative Professor Christian Haerpfer, for having sponsored the workshop with a 1,500-USD-grant that complemented resources provided by participants and, above all, by our host institution.



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### **IPSA receives proposals for World Congress until October 10**



The 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science that will take place in Brisbane, Australia (pictured above) on July 2018 receives panel and paper proposals until October 10. Having as theme “Borders and Margins”, the conference will last five days, starting on July 21 and ending on July 26.

We would like to encourage RC members to submit both paper and panel proposals. We welcome any topic related to IPE, particularly those that explore comparisons involving emerging market democracies (EMDs) in various issue-areas. Proposals should be submitted through the website <http://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/home>.

When submitting your proposal, please make sure that you select the RC51 as the first committee you want to have your paper and/or panel considered for. A panel proposal should include a title, a description, 1 chair, 1-2 discussant(s) and 4-6 papers. Full instructions can be found at <http://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/submit-panel>.

## News

### **RC organizes panel and roundtable for ISA 2018 in San Francisco**

The RC51 is proud to announce that we will host a panel and a roundtable to take place at the 2018 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco under IPSA's sponsorship. The conference will last from April 4 to April 7, with an estimated turn-out of more than 5,000 participants.

The panel "Rethinking Statecraft: perspectives from Emerging Market Democracies" aims to examine the conceptual and empirical challenges derived from the response of large emerging market democracies to the international and domestic pressures since the onset of the post-Cold War era.



In turn, the roundtable "Making America Grate Again: How international democratic allies are reacting to Washington's new agenda" shall debate the meaning of the Trump administration democratic partners both in the Global South, on the one hand, and in Europe and Japan, on the other.

Those activities at ISA 2018 Annual Meeting will serve to discuss papers and ideas that we aim to put forward in the next years, including work that we shall present at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane, Australia, between July 21 and 26, 2018.

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### **Hannover welcomes IPSA conference on Politics and the Digital Age**

IPSA will host the conference “Political Science in the Digital Age: Mapping Opportunities, Perils and Uncertainties” between 4 and 6 December 2017 at the Palace of Herrenhausen in Hannover, Germany. Chaired by professors Marianne Kneuer and Helen Milner (former IPSA president and a member of our RC board), the conference aims to reflect the discipline and political practices in the light of the challenges brought by digitalization and online networking. Further information is available at <https://hannover2017.ipsa.org/>.

## **Recent Publications**

### ***Brazil: Geopolitical Challenges in a Multipolar World, special issue of the journal *Rising Powers Quarterly****

This special issue, guest-edited by Professor Anthony Pereira (King's College London), counts with contributions by RC members who debate how domestic and international factors generate opportunities and constraints for the empowerment of the largest Latin American emerging market democracy. Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira (University of São Paulo, Brazil), secretary of the RC, explores the impact of mixing economic and political diplomacy in the article "Blended Diplomacy: Institutional Design and Brazil's National Interest in Trade". His findings indicate that the subordination of economic diplomacy to geopolitical pretensions that turned unfeasible led the Brazilian government to miss opportunities for domestic market actors during the 2000s. For reading the special issue, [click here](#).

### ***Ideas and Economy in the Oil Sector Policy Reforms in Brazil: 1995 to 2010, by Beni Trojbcz***

In this forthcoming paper at the *Revista de Administração Pública (RAP)*, our RC member discusses the process of opening the oil market in Brazil to both private and foreign capital. Dr. Trojbcz expands the themes he analyzed in his just-released book *Política Pública de Petróleo no Brasil: da Liberalização ao Pré-Sal (Public Policy for Oil in Brazil: From Liberalization to the Pre-Salt)*, published in Portuguese by Elsevier (2016). To access *RAP's* website, [click here](#). His book can be found online at most international bookstores.

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## **Forthcoming Events**

### **76<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference in Chicago**

Deadline for proposals: October 6, 2017; event: April 5-8, 2017, Chicago, USA

(<http://www.mpsanet.org/>)

### **9th Annual IPSA-University of São Paulo Summer School**

Deadline for applications: October 9, 2017; event: January 8-26, 2018, São Paulo, Brazil

(<https://www.ipsa.org/summer-school/sao-paulo>)