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## **From the Chair and the Secretary**

Following IPSA rules, our co-chair and RC founder Lourdes Sola has stood down from that position after 6 years of service—the maximum allowed by the association for participation in the board of the same committee. She remains actively engaged in our work, and I shall continue to collaborate closely with – and with the new members of our board. The RC is committed to developing the research agenda on emerging market democracies that Professor Sola outlined during the probation years of the RC. We made this into a joint venture once I became co-chair in 2015. At the Brisbane conference I took over as RC chair, greatly assisted by our invaluable secretary. With the old and new members of the board and all committee's affiliates, we have already started planning our intermediary meeting at the American University in Washington, DC, this September and look forward to advance during the 2020 World Congress of Political Science in Lisbon the debates that emerged in the panels we hosted in Brisbane

Hope you enjoy the reading!

With best wishes,

Laurence Whitehead, chair

Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira, secretary

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### **American University to host RC intermediate meeting in September**

The School of International Studies (SIS) of the American University in Washington, DC (USA) is going to host RC51 intermediate meeting in September 2, 2019. Our board member Matthew Taylor (a member of SIS faculty, in the right) will welcome participants invited by the committee's chair Laurence Whitehead, who will lead a workshop on how to advance our academic agenda on emerging market democracies, as well as discussions on potential panels on International Political Economy track for the 2020 World Congress of Political Science in Lisbon, Portugal.



As the meeting takes place right after the annual convention of the American Political Science Association (APSA), we hope that RC members based at U.S. institutions attend our academic gathering more than in previous editions. Past intermediate meetings took place in Hamburg, Germany (2015), hosted at the German Institute for Global Affairs (GIGA) by its president Amrita Narlikar, and in Oxford, UK (2017), where the chair Laurence Whitehead welcomed committee's participants at Nuffield College.

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### **IPSA to co-sponsor RC panel on social coalitions at ISA 2019**

We are proud to announce that our RC panel proposal co-sponsored by IPSA for the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting in Toronto (Canada) this March has been accepted. Entitled “The Social Foundations of Statecraft Powers in Emerging Market Democracies: The (understudied) Role of Social Coalitions”, the panel will take place on Friday, March 29, 2018 (1:45 PM - 3:30 PM), at the room Rosedale of the Sheraton Centre Toronto.

Our secretary Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira will chair the panel, which seeks to answer how the agents empowered to act in the name of the state—which mandate the relationships among the state, the markets and civil society—respond to the challenges posed by the dynamic interactions between internationalization and the domestic pressures in large emerging market democracies. Kathryn Hochstetler (London School of Economics and Political Science) and Surupa Gupta (University of Mary Washington) shall serve as discussants. The predicted papers are:

- State Embedding by Social Movements: the Role of Civil Society in Statecraft (Markus Kröger, University of Helsinki);
- Regionalism and Business-Government Relations in India (Surupa Gupta, University of Mary Washington);
- Threading the Delicate Line between the Reformist and the Democratic Paths: Trade, Finance and the Selective Use of Statecraft Powers in Brazil, India and Turkey (Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira and Lourdes Sola, University of Sao Paulo);
- Firms, Institutions, and Foreign Policy: The Political Economy of Brazilian Multinationals (Janina Onuki and Amâncio Oliveira, University of Sao Paulo);
- Brazil and India on a Path Toward Open Access: The Role of International Trade (Cristiane Lucena Carneiro, University of Sao Paulo).

In the previous ISA Annual Meeting last March in San Francisco, our RC also organized the panel “Rethinking Statecraft: perspectives from Emerging Market Democracies” with IPSA co-sponsorship. Having as co-chairs professors Lourdes Sola and Laurence Whitehead, the panel had as core goal examining 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.

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### **New board members to replace former IPSA presidents**

Apart from former co-chair Lourdes Sola, two other RC board members had to leave their positions due to the IPSA rule that establishes a maximum of four years of service followed by a two-year-long extension in the association's committees. Professors Helen Milner and Ilter Turan (both of whom had served full terms as IPSA's president) vacated their places, then leaving two positions opened in the board that advises the chair Laurence Whitehead in conducting the committee's research activities.



Following the end of Professor Turan's term, Dr. Gul Gunver Turan (pictured above) was elected to replace him. Retired professor of Economics from Istanbul University, Dr. Turan's research covers the fields of international economics, banking and financial institutions, EU affairs and economic policies of Turkey. From her year of retirement in 2000 till 2009 she taught first at Bilgi University, then at Koç University. Between 2010 and 2012 she was the Director of the School of Applied Studies at Okan University. She has held visiting appointments at the University of Paris X, Nanterre, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and at the Thunderbird School of Management in Phoenix, Arizona. Married to professor Turan (IPSA's president between 2016 and 2018) for decades, she is now serving as the president of the Turkey-EU Association (TURABDER) and is also the President of the Turkish Council of the European Movement int. (EMint.).

A replacement for professor Milner (IPSA president between 2009 and 2012) shall be voted and confirmed in September over the intermediate meeting. Other members of the board are Amrita Narlikar (German Institute for Global Affairs, Hamburg) Janina Onuki (University of São Paulo, Brazil), Matthew Taylor (American University), and Professor Whitehead.

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### **Brisbane's IPSA Congress debates trends in Political Economy**

Between July 21 and 25, 2018, Brisbane (Australia) hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science, organized by IPSA. The International Political Economy session was coordinated by the RC chair Laurence Whitehead and former co-chair Lourdes Sola along with the secretary Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira.

The session offered 11 panels covering diverse aspects of the state-of-the art of studies on International Political Economy and a roundtable entitled “Making America Grate Again: How International Democratic Allies are Reacting to Washington’s New Agenda”—an irony to president Donald J. Trump’s motto as his unilateral actions may hinder U.S. leadership abroad instead of strengthening American position in the political-economic arena. Lead by professor Whitehead, the roundtable counted with professors Sola and Ilter Turan, then a RC board member who presided IPSA between the 24<sup>th</sup> Congress in Poznan (Poland) and the 25<sup>th</sup> edition in Brisbane.



**Professors Whitehead, Turan, and Sola debate how allies see the current U.S. government**

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### **Workshop at Princeton discusses regionalism and global order**

The Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGC) hosted last November 15-16 the second edition of the workshop on “Regionalism and Regional International Organizations in a Fragmented World”, an initiative co-organized by our RC secretary Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira. Our former board member, professor Helen Milner, chairs the NCGC and had a crucial role in sponsoring the event.

Our chair Laurence Whitehead also participated in the discussions, taking part with Rodrigues Vieira in a roundtable on “Regionalism and Nationalism”. The roundtable sought to explore the impact of the current inward-looking wave in both developed and developing worlds upon the formation and adaptation of regional organizations.

The next edition of the workshop is planned to take place in São Paulo, Brazil, in November 2019. The first meeting had happened at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, in December 2017. Participants of that edition are in the process of organizing a joint publication on the conference’s topic.

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## Recent Publications

### ***Symbolic power and Brazilian civil society in an age of globalism and populism*, by Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira**

In this chapter published in the edited volume *Civil Society in the Global South* (edited by Palash Kamruzzaman), Rodrigues Vieira explores how civil society segments that used to criticize the “neo-liberal devils” in the 1990s fell prey to the state in the subsequent decade and refrained from fighting against structural limitations to the expansion of citizenship (broadly understood as the assurance of both collective and individual rights under the rule of law). The author unfolds these processes by exploring the relations between the state and the labor and landless movements in Brazil under Workers’ Party’s (PT) governments arguing that, reflecting the strategy of the pink-tide left in Latin America, the state under the PT captured collective actors, incorporating them into the federal administration at the expense of their autonomy. Therefore, civil society as a whole lost “voice” vis-à-vis the state, being, however, reframed in the 2000s by right-wing social movements that paved the way to the election of far-right Jair Bolsonaro as president in 2018.

The book is available [here](#).



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### ***Federalism and Governability in Brazil: Oil Royalties in Dispute,*** **by Beni Trojbicz**

The article discusses the relationship between governability and federalism in Brazil, analyzing the dispute among Brazilian states for oil royalties. This conflict features an unusual pattern in federal legislative voting, leading to regional alignment, rather than the usual party political configuration. This study explains the phenomenon by showing how this organization makes it possible to align the preferences of national party leaders, regional party leaders, parliamentarians, and each state's voters. The political influence of governors and mayors is also underlined, and the Union's role in the process is described in detail.

The article can be read [here](#).



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### **[The Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2019](#)**

24 October, 2019 - 26 October, 2019

Irvine, United States

Deadline: 4 February, 2019

### **[5th International Conference on Computational Social Science](#)**

17 July, 2019 - 20 July, 2019

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Deadline: 5 February, 2019

### **[IAPSS World Congress 2019: Overcoming Injustice](#)**

20 May, 2019 - 25 May, 2019

Madrid, Spain

Deadline: 14 February, 2019

### **[The 4th Pacific International Politics Conference \(PIPC\)](#)**

5 July, 2019 - 6 July, 2019

Taipei, Taiwan

Deadline: 28 February, 2019