

## Memorandum

**To: Global IR Section Members**

**From: Thomas Biersteker, Co-Chair of the Global IR Section and Štěpánka Zemanová, Secretary-Treasurer**

**Date: 26 May 2023**

**Re: Updates, Awards and Planning for the 2024 Annual Meeting**

We are pleased to inform you that Global International Relations Section has completed its first year successfully. The number of members has grown from just over 100 in June of 2022 to 438 at the beginning of April 2023. At the Montreal ISA 2023 meeting, GIRS sponsored and co-sponsored 55 + 1 panels and roundtables with a total participation of 487 scholars. Our first Distinguished Scholar Award went to **Amitav Acharya**, and we have our first two best book award winners, **Kenki Adachi** and **Aliaksei Kazharski**. In the fall of 2022, we also convened five online events, available for viewing on the ISA's You-Tube channel.

Time is running out, however, and we are busy planning for the 2024 annual meeting in San Francisco. We, therefore, want to draw your attention to the following.

### **ISA 2024 San Francisco – submission deadline June 1, 2023**

Preparing for ISA2024 San Francisco, we would like to remind you that GIRS is looking for your paper, panel, and roundtable proposals related to the conference theme and/or global international relations broadly defined. When submitting, be sure to make GIRS the first or second choice of your proposal.

Following our commitment to being inclusive, innovative, proactive and intergenerational in promoting the Global IR, we especially encourage proposals from the youngest generation of researchers and stand ready to provide them with assistance.

Remember that the deadline for ISA 2024 is **June 1, 2023!** For any questions, do not hesitate to contact our program co-chairs, Navnita Chadra Behera and Thomas Kwasi Tiekou, at [isagirsteam@gmail.com](mailto:isagirsteam@gmail.com).

### **2024 GIRS awards**

For the upcoming year, GIRS announces the following awards and invites nominations from its members:

#### **Global International Relations Section's Distinguished Scholar Award**

Members of the International Studies Association are invited to nominate a candidate for the **Global International Relations Section's Distinguished Scholar Award**. The Distinguished Scholar Award is given for long-term, outstanding contributions to the Global IR

field, broadly defined. Ideal nominees would have made substantial and demonstrable advances in theorizing IR that transcends areas of specialization, a particular region of the world, and that showed a genuine commitment to inclusive scholarship. They would also have an exceptional record of service and mentorship within the wider international studies community.

Nominees should be members of the International Studies Association. Preferably, nominees must agree to the nomination and be willing to attend the award ceremony, should they be offered the award. To make a nomination, please provide the following:

- Name, affiliation and email address of Nominator
- Name, affiliation and email address of Nominee
- CV of Nominee
- In no more than two pages, describe the nominee's contributions to Global IR scholarship, mentorship, service, and/or inclusive scholarship.

Nominations should be sent to the Awards Committee member and co-Chair of the section: Thomas Biersteker, [thomas.biersteker@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:thomas.biersteker@graduateinstitute.ch) by **June 20, 2023** for consideration by the selection committee (Amitav Acharya, Chair, Antje Wiener, and Thomas Biersteker). Members of the ISA who are not currently GIRS members are encouraged to join the section.

The winner will receive their award during a Distinguished Scholar roundtable that will be organized in honor of the awardee.

### **T.V. Paul Book Award**

Thanks to a generous endowment award to the GIRS, the Executive Committee and Advisory Group of the section have named our best book award in honor of **T.V. Paul**, the 56th president of the International Studies Association in 2016-17 and the founding Director of the Global Research Network on Peaceful Change (GRENPEC). The book(s) selected for the GIRS Best Book Award should make a substantial theoretical and empirical contribution to the study and scholarship of Global IR, including global peaceful change.

Recipient(s) must be (a) member(s) of ISA.

Eligible books can be single- or multi-authored, or edited and must have been published within the two-year period preceding the year of the award (i.e., in 2022 or 2023). A book shall be considered "published" in the year stated in the book itself. The subject matter of the book must fall into the broadly defined area or domain of Global IR.

Nominated books must be sent to all three members of the selection committee, which this year is composed of Marcin Grabowski (Chair), Folashadé Soulé, and Kenki Adachi (one of last year's winners). The books should be accompanied with a short nomination letter, and self-nominations are welcome. Send nominations to committee chair, Marcin Grabowski: [marcin.grabowski@uj.edu.pl](mailto:marcin.grabowski@uj.edu.pl), who will provide mailing addresses for the other members.

The nominations for the best book are open until **August 31, 2023**.

## **Looking Forward, Other News**

The Executive Committee and Advisory Group have decided to review the section Charter in preparation for our first elections of officers to be held in January 2024. A copy of the existing Charter (originally presented to the Governing Council when the section was first approved) and a revised version with more operational details about the governance of the section will be sent to all section members for their approval before the end of the year.

Professor Renat Shaykhtudinov has resigned as Secretary and Professor Stepanka Zemanova, our Treasurer, has agreed to take on his functions as Secretary-Treasurer on an interim basis until we hold elections for new officers next year.

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