Please mark your calendars for the following two events:

**ISA-IPE SECTION RECEPTION:** Tue 17 Feb 6:30pm–8pm in 4th Floor Conference Room (PLEASE NOTE - NEW ROOM!). This event is sponsored by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

**ISA-IPE SECTION MEETING:** Wed 18 Feb 12pm–1pm in Presidential Suite Room 4544

Thank you, Lynne Rienner for your long-standing, ongoing, and very much appreciated support of the ISA-IPE section! We strongly encourage you to check out the great books this innovative, independent publisher offers (for over 25 years!) at www.rienner.com.

The Annual ISA 2009 meeting in New York is just around the corner - the right time to share some news from the IPE-section at the ISA. First off, I would like to thank Hasmet Uluorta for his service as IPE Newsletter editor in the past two years and to extend these thanks to the entire IPE section leadership. We all appreciate their commitment and hard work on important (but often thankless and always time-consuming) tasks that ensure the smooth functioning of our section and make ISA conferences such a success.

We welcome your news (books, publications, scholarship information, awards, conference announcements, etc.) that is of interest to other IPE-section member at any time of the year! Please forward newsletter submissions to ipe.submissions@gmail.com

and we can post it on the news section of the IPE-section website and include it in the newsletter as well. Please submit your information at any time of the year: we will post your news on the ISA IPE-section website right away, and re-publish it here in the newsletter as well to provide greater exposure.

See you all at the ISA meeting!

- Joachim K. Rennstich
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Notes from the 2008 ISA Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council:

▷ Approved Tom Volgy and his team for a fourth term (2010-15), based on overwhelmingly positive review of his performance by Jacek Kugler, William R. Thompson (chair), and Ann Tickner.

▷ Agreed to a new registration deadline:

“once a person is accepted on the program, he/she would be asked to pre-register within 30 days to indicate the commitment to participate. Failure to pre-register will lead to the person’s removal from the program, and those on the waiting list will then have an opportunity to get on the program. Pre-registration fees would not be refunded, except for emergencies, and on a case-by-case basis.”

▷ Approved establishing an Asia/Pacific region of ISA.

Submitted by Ruth Reitan.

Grants, Competitions & Awards

2009 SWIPE Mentor Award

Marsha Pripstein Posusney is the winner of the 2009 SWIPE Mentor Award. Even though Marsha passed away in August 2008, we would like to recognize her valuable role as a mentor to junior faculty. Marsha had endless energy to organize workshops or conferences on important issues related to political or economic development in the Middle East or to U.S. foreign policy in the region. She always had the pulse of the sub-field of Middle East politics and she had the drive and enthusiasm to bring together people to try to advance the field. She was accessible, warm and eager to engage - qualities that made her an especially valuable and skilled mentor. Her commitment to researching questions of real importance to people - and not just to scholars of political science - was inspiring. We miss Marsha’s unwavering professional support for her colleagues. For many of us, she was a cheerleader, and, befittingly, she was a founding member of SWIPE.

Submitted by Katja Weber

IPE Distinguished Scholar 2009 - Christopher Chase-Dunn

The IPE Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes the contributions of those scholars whose work has had and significant impact on the field of international political economy, and who have contributed to the IPE section of the ISA.
The first recipient on record was Andre Gunder Frank in 1989, followed the next year by Albert O. Hirschman, and including over the years the most prominent scholars in the field.

This year, the committee is pleased to make this award to Christopher Chase-Dunn, Distinguished Scholar of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Research on World-Systems at the University of California-Riverside. He is a sociologist whose scholarship is recognized across the disciplines, from political science to anthropology. His most recognized work is *Global Formation: Structures of the World Economy*, which comprehensively reviews and extends world-systems theory and uses it to understand the functioning of global capitalism. He demonstrates the wide range of application of his approach in his analysis of the very small world-system of a Native American tribe in Northern California, in *The Wintu and Their Neighbors* (with Kelly Mann). In 2001, he was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Christopher Chase-Dunn was a founder of the IPE Section of ISA, and has always remained one of its stalwart supporters.

The IPE Distinguished Scholar panel honoring Christopher Chase-Dunn will be held on Wednesday at 10am at this year’s ISA Annual Meeting. See below for more information.

Submitted by Virginia Haufler

**Outstanding Public Scholar Award 2009 - Frances Moore Lappé**

This year Frances Moore Lappé from Small Planet Institute will be awarded the Outstanding Public Scholar (OPS) award from the IPE section at the ISA. The OPS award is a newer addition to the IPE section awards. It was created three years ago to honour activist scholars. Here is the list of awardees to date:

2007 (Chicago) Susan George (Transnational Institute)

2008 (San Francisco) Walden Bello (Focus on the South)

In 2006, the IPE section of the ISA created an award for Outstanding Public Scholar. The award was first presented at the 2007 ISA Annual Meeting in Chicago. In keeping with the criteria established by the IPE’s Outstanding Public Scholar Award Committee in 2006, the award is to be given to a person who has successfully straddled academia and activism:

- The awardee should have a record of writing that is used and recognized within the academic community.
- The awardee should have a record of work that moves beyond academia into activism. The awardee should be an active participant in some civil-society, activist community.

See also the panel in honor of Frances Moore Lappé and the NYU-sponsored panel on the Global Food Crisis.
Activism in this case means active involvement not just through writing. The awardee must be more than just someone whose work is used by activists.

The award is not meant for someone whose role, however important, is to popularize writings. The awardee must be more than someone whose work reaches a broader, non-academic audience.

To the extent possible, the award is meant to be given to an Outstanding Public Scholar for whom the award will have meaning and significance.

In other words, the goal of the award is to honor someone whose “public scholarship” has not been recognized in public ways by academia. The award will be given only when there is a person whom the majority of members of the relevant award committee deem to have met the above criteria. The award does not need to be given annually.

Submitted by Barry Gills

Workshop Grant Program Reminder

At the annual ISA meeting in Chicago in 2007, the Governing Council substantially expanded and restructured the Workshop Grant Program, more than doubling the total amount of funds available. Two categories of grants were established:

1. **Venture Research Workshop Grants** of up to $25,000 each and

2. **Catalytic Research Workshop Grants** of up to $5,000 each.

The Council appropriated $100,000 for Venture Grants and $20,000 for Catalytic Grants. **Venture Research Workshop Grants** are targeted for projects that venture into emerging and potentially transformative research areas or preliminary work on untested and novel and path-breaking ideas. The goal is to support truly innovative research that has the potential to make a significant leap or paradigm shift and move the frontiers of knowledge forward. **Catalytic Research Workshop Grants** target projects that aim to apply new expertise or new approaches to established research topics and are likely to catalyze rapid and innovative advances.

Both types of grants aim to bring together small groups of participants focusing on a significant research problem that stimulates cross-national examination or perspectives and engages the interests of several disciplines. Each workshop is expected to result in significant scholarly outputs, such as a book-length manuscript and scholarly articles. GC approved $10,000 to continue funding budget enhancement but voted against opening this up to the regional conferences exclusively.
Sixth Annual JIBS Paper Development Workshop (PDW)

The **Sixth Annual JIBS Paper Development Workshop** (PDW) will be held in **San Diego, California**, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, **June 27, 2009**, as part of the pre-conference program for the AIB annual meetings. The PDW organizer is **Laszlo Tihanyi** (Texas A&M). The Workshop is being sponsored by the Texas A&M and South Carolina CIBERs and the Academy of International Business. The purpose of the workshop is to provide participants with detailed feedback on their work prior to submission to the *Journal of International Business Studies* (JIBS). Last year, almost 40 JIBS editors and members of the Consulting Editors Board (CEB) and Editorial Review Board (ERB) participated. We are inviting original papers from junior faculty members who have not previously published in JIBS. In particular, we hope to attract papers from junior scholars who are located in universities that offer limited support for international business research, trained in other disciplines (e.g., political science, organizational behavior, sociology) but are interested in conducting international business research, or are located in universities in emerging or transition economies.

The PDW will be structured to provide feedback to authors with research papers and researchers who are designing empirical studies on international business topics. The program will start with an introductory session by the JIBS editorial team and JIBS authors. The participants will then split into two groups. Authors of research papers will be paired with ERB and CEB guest editors for two rounds of one-on-one discussions where the guest editor will provide the author with comments on improving his/her paper. At the same time, authors with preliminary research ideas will attend a panel led by JIBS editors on theory development and study design. After a break, all participants will split into small-group sessions with JIBS editors to discuss successful publication strategies. The workshop will conclude with a lunch for all the participants.

Participation at the PDW is limited. Participants will be invited based on the quality of their submitted work. We are expecting two types of submissions, full research papers and paper ideas. Please visit the **AIB Meetings web site**: [http://aib.msu.edu/events/2009/](http://aib.msu.edu/events/2009/) for submission instructions. The deadline for submissions was **February 1, 2009** (but seems still available). Research papers must be less than 10,000 words in length, and follow the **JIBS Style Guide** ([http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jibs/style_guide.html](http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jibs/style_guide.html)). Paper ideas must be no more than 3,000 words in length and include a theoretical framework, propositions, and proposed research design. We will select paper ideas to provide solutions to typical research problems and invite their authors to the PDW. Participants will be notified about the acceptance of their submission no later than **March 1, 2009** and will need to confirm their participation by March 31, 2009. We believe the PDW will provide intensive and useful feedback for authors, and facilitate networking between authors and the JIBS editors and guest editors. We hope to see you there! Please address any questions to: **Deanna Johnston**, JIBS Editorial Assistant (jibsa@mays.tamu.edu; 1 979 845 1923) or **Laszlo Tihanyi** (ltihanyi@tamu.edu).
The IPE Junior Scholar Competition

The International Political Economy Section seeks submissions for the Annual IPE Junior Scholar Award competition. The prize is given to the best single-authored paper written by a graduate student and presented in an IPE-sponsored (or co-sponsored) panel at the Annual ISA Convention. Papers can be submitted by their authors or they can be submitted to the competition by the chairperson of the panel on which the paper was given. One award will be given. The award consists of a certificate, a check for $200, and one-year student memberships in the International Studies Association and the IPE Section. The award will be announced in the next edition of the IPE section newsletter and the check and certificate will be mailed to the winner. The winner will also be recognized at the 2009 business meeting of the IPE section.

To be considered for the competition papers must be received by Tuesday, July 1, 2008. Papers may be submitted in hard copy to:

Chris Chase-Dunn, Institute for Research on World-Systems, College Building South, University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521 USA

or emailed to chriscd@ucr.edu. Please place the words “IPE Junior Scholar” competition in the title of the e-mail. Please also indicate the college or university in which the entrant is a graduate student and the ISA panel in which the paper was presented.

The members of the IPE Section Junior Scholar Competition Committee for 2008-2009 are Chris Chase-Dunn (address below) and Jim Roberts, Political Science, Towson University.

Forums & Panels

AlterGlobalizations Session

Calling all scholar-activists! Looking for a unique space at the ISA convention? The ISA—IPE section invites participants for a session on AlterGlobalizations to take place during the 2009 annual meeting in New York City. The session will commence at 10:00am to 11:45am on Monday 16 February, 2009 (check the final program to get the room number). The aim of the session is to encourage and develop a more comprehensive, inter-disciplinary and challenging understanding and activism to challenge existing globalization theorizations and practices. The session will be facilitated by Robin Broad, Barry Gills, Ruth Reitan, Jackie Smith and Hasmet M. Uluorta.

The session does not involve paper presentations nor is it a panel discussion. As one of the sponsored ‘Innovative Panels’ this session seeks to provide a diverse grouping of researchers with the opportunity to meet, discuss and build networks of solidarity and activism. Topics of research may include but are not limited to: food (in)security, financial crises, the World Social Forum along with local, national and regional variants; NGOs; global social movements.
and protests; global civil society; cultural resistances; defense of the commons; social justice; the social economy; open source initiatives; labour rights and international financial institution reform.

So what will we do? Participants will be given an opportunity to meet one-on-one and in small groups to discuss their research and activism. Break-out groups will be formed to discuss core research and activist thematics and to strategize potential agendas. Facilitators will structure this meeting to ensure that participants have ample opportunity to meet and present their research projects with one another.

Questions? Please contact Barry Gills at b.k.gills@newcastle.ac.uk or Hasmet at hasmet@workingalternatives.net.

Public Forum on the Global Crisis: Food, Fuel, and Finance

The "Public Forum on the Global Crisis: Food, Fuel, and Finance" features the following principal speakers: Walden Bello, Frances Moore Lappe, and Jun Borras. The event is co-sponsored by John Gershman (on behalf of NYU), Barry Gills (chairing, on behalf of International Studies Association’s International Political Economy section OPS committee and the journal Globalizations), Routledge publishers and the Nation magazine.

The event takes place Feb 18, 2009, 7:30-9:30 PM followed by a reception (courtesy of NYU) at NYU - Rudin Family Forum, 295 Lafayette Street (Second Floor), in the Puck Building, corner Lafayette and Houston.

Panel Honoring Outstanding Public Scholar Frances Moore Lappé

Don’t miss the special panel honoring the 2009 OPS scholar, Frances Moore Lappé. Sponsored by the International Political Economy section of the International Studies Association. Date: Monday, February 16, 2009. Time: 4:15pm-6pm. This roundtable honors the third annual IPE Outstanding Public Scholar (OPS). Participants include OPS Selection Committee members Barry Gills and Robin Broad, as well as the 2008 Outstanding Public Scholar Walden Bello (who will travel from the Philippines to attend the 2009 conference, following the tradition established by the 2007 OPS Awardee who participated in the 2008 OPS panel). Each will present remarks about the 2009 Awardee and his/her work. Then the 2009 Outstanding Public Scholar will give a substantive talk on a topic related to public scholarship and current issues in IPE. The IPE section chair will participate on the panel as discussant.

IPE Distinguished Senior Scholar Panel

We are honoring Christopher Chase-Dunn as Distinguished Senior Scholar in the International Political Economy section this year (See above for more information). Chase-Dunn, who is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, spent 25 years in the Department of Sociology
at Johns Hopkins University, and since 2000 has been distinguished professor and founding director of the Institute for Research on World-Systems at the University of California at Riverside. He is the author or editor of 15 books, and has approximately 50 articles to his credit. He is founder and co-editor of the Journal of World-Systems Research, and has held positions on about a dozen other editorial boards. His work focuses on inequality and justice, development and underdevelopment, world cities and suburbanization, waves of international economic, political and cultural integration, and global state formation. Chase-Dunn served as Chair of the IPE Section from 1984 to 1986, helping to create its newsletter, junior scholar award, and later, the senior scholar award. He has also served the ISA, the American Sociological Association, the International Sociological Association, along with other professional organizations in several official capacities. Chris asked that we find panelists who will speak seriously and critically about his work, so the session promises to be a lively one. The panel will include Craig Murphy, Saskia Sassen, William R. Thompson, Teivo Teivainen, and will be chaired by Bob Denemark and will be held on Wednesday at 10am at this year’s ISA Annual Meeting.

**World-Historical Systems (WHS) IPE-subsection Meeting**

The WHS IPE subsection will commence after the panel MD17: Geopolitics in the (Very) Long-Term (Mon 16 Feb, 2:15 PM–4 PM). We will meet after the panel at the location of the panel. The WHS subsection invites all IPE section members (and all who are interested!) to join us when for the planning of new panels and WHS initiatives. If your work deals with any long-term, world-historical, and big (read: long-term) systemic issues, this is the group meeting you don’t want miss at this (or any) year’s ISA meeting. This year, we feature our very own section member and newly elected IPE Distinguished Senior Scholar, Chris Chase-Dunn.

**Publication News**

**Special Editions**

The current global credit crunch and deepening financial crisis have renewed investigations into the paramount role that finance plays in present-day capitalism. A new special issue on “Global Politics of Finance Capitalism” in Contemporary Politics offers a timely effort to refocus International Political Economy research on global finance. Contents of this special issue are temporarily available from Routledge for free download. The issue features the following papers:  

- Johnna Montgomerie, *Bridging a critical divide: global finance, financialization and contemporary capitalism*  
- Martijn Konings, *European Finance in the American Mirror: Financial Change and the Reconfiguration of Competitiveness*  
- Claes Belfrage, *Towards ‘Universal Financialisation’ in Sweden*

*Contemporary Politics* addresses the major conceptual and theoretical issues generated by current world politics. In doing so, it ranges across disciplinary boundaries within the broad domain of the social sciences. Editor Ian Holliday invites submissions related to issues across international relations, comparative politics and national politics, as well as comparative and international political economy. Further information is available at [http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccpo](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccpo).

Submitted by Johnna Montgomerie

**Book Published by Section Members**

Routledge (Taylor & Francis) has just published a new textbook by section member Raymond C. Miller, *International Political Economy: Contrasting World Views*. The text introduces students to the three main theoretical approaches in IPE: free market, institutionalist and historical materialist. The strengths and weaknesses of the theories are then illustrated by a series of fascinating applied case studies in such core areas as international trade, finance, transnational corporations, development and the environment. Examination copies are available from the publisher in the U.K. and the United States.

Critically examining economic developments within the last sixty years, *The Social Economy: Working Alternatives in a Globalizing Era* by Hasmet M. Uluorta argues that a crisis in global social reproduction is altering existing understandings of work, labour and the economy. The crisis in the global economy is triggering a potential paradigm shift from one defined under the rubric of Employment to an alternative theorized as Work. Discussing the Employment paradigm that formed the dominant mode of development after the Second World War through to the 1970s, the author considers the economic and political forces that resulted in its eventual decline.

Focusing on already existing practices of organizations and workers in Toronto, Canada, the book goes on to consider the shift to Work and the consequent rise in the social economy which has broken down conventional categories of work and leisure. The author concludes that the social economy presents fundamental challenges to understandings that underpinned the previous economic order.

Building on insights from a range of disciplines, *The Social Economy* will be of interest to students and scholars of international political economy, international relations, labour studies, sociology, and globalization studies.

Miller (2008) *International Political Economy*

Uluorta (2009) *The Social Economy*

A new take on globalization has been published by Joachim K. Rennstich at Palgrave, *The Making of a Digital World: The Evolution of Technological Change and How It Shaped Our World* (2008). The book features a unique, empirically based perspective on the past and future development of globalization as a long-term process emerging in different parts of the world, this book puts current changes in a historical context in a systematic fashion, unpacking the global political, economic, social, and cultural implications of this change. It traces the resemblance of past commercial networks with emerging digital networks and contrasts them with industrial production systems.

**Websites**

Be sure to check out the new website [International Political Economy in Europe](http://www.ipe-europe.net), which aims to become a hub for students and researchers in IPE from Europe and beyond. Given the renewed interest into IPE topics, we find it useful to provide for more exchange between the various disciplines and academic communities.

The website currently tracks relevant conference announcements, calls for papers, new journal issues and book publications in our field. In the near future, we plan to also cover academic job openings, helpful information related to the teaching of IPE (e.g. course syllabi) and a list of graduate and doctoral programmes in IPE.

We encourage your announcements and input to make sure that this site is helpful and updated. Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or information to be posted on the website. Please circulate this announcement to other colleagues who might be interested as well.

**Minutes of IPE Section General Meeting 2008**

**Date and Place:** Friday, March 28, 2008, San Francisco.

**Meeting Facilitated by:** Ruth Reitan, Section Chair 2007-08

**IPE Section Overview**

- 94 panels (with 19 co-sponsored)
- Note: 30% less panels in NYC

**MYISA**

- New on-line system
- Need to create accounts
SWIPE

▷ Presentation by Katja Weber

▷ SWIPE was set up for support of female scholars with publishing, etc. They also established the child-care facilities with ISA. Now that these have been established they are seeking to merge with IPE section and award a mentorship award. Committee to be struck to assist with the merger: headed by Katja Weber

▷ Motion passes to establish protocols for merger with IPE

Finances

▷ Section is in financial difficulty

▷ Decision to not have an officers dinner and instead to hold public event

New Members

▷ Students and other junior faculty should be encouraged to join the section

▷ Membership numbers have dropped most likely due to the creation of IPS. Need to consider value-added (e.g. newsletter, website, small groups, etc.) to encourage new membership

Transitions and Historical Memory of the Section

▷ A former Chairs-network should be established to assist new and incoming Chairs

IPE Yearbook

▷ Chris May did not travel to ISA this year so Bob Denemark provides an update.

▷ Lynne Rienner wants to know if our libraries have them.

▷ The yearbook receives good reviews and institutions need to purchase copies. The Yearbook requires new editors and needs broad themes. Barry Gills suggests changing the title to Annals instead of Yearbook.

Compendium Project

▷ Requires assistance for chapters and articles

▷ An outline is available on the ISA website

▷ These are literature reviews of the field. Authors must look at what is out there / what has been useful / what feels flat / where are we going?
All papers are peer reviewed

40 topics available (click on compendium project on the ISA website)

**Election of Officers**

- Section Chair: Hasmet Uluorta
- Program Chair: Jeffrey Hart
- Newsletter editor/Secretary: Joachim Rennstich
- Chair, Distinguished Scholar Committee: Virginia Haufler
- Co-Chairs, Outstanding Public Scholar Award: Barry Gills and Robin Broad
- Chair, Junior Scholar Committee: Chris Chase-Dunn
- Chair, AlterGlobalizations Caucus: Barry Gills
- Webmaster: Jeffrey Hart
- At-Large Council Members: Julie Mueller, Phil Cerny

Submitted by Hasmet Uluorta
IPE-Section Information

Website  http://www.indiana.edu/~ipe/ipesection/

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