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The New Executive – the new plans



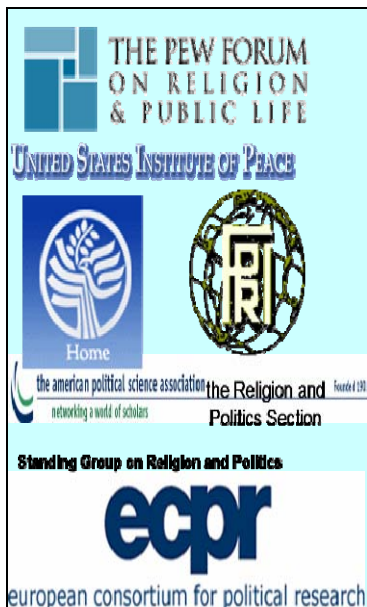
The International Political Science Association (IPSA/AISP) <http://www.ipsa.ca>, founded under the auspices of UNESCO in 1949, is an international scholarly association. Its objectives are to promote the advancement of political science through the collaboration of scholars in different parts of the world. Its members are either individuals or entire national political associations – whose flags are displayed above.

The Religion and Politics research committee (RC 43) has been in existence for some 20 years, and is probably the oldest academic platform for this topic. It is certainly uniquely positioned to reach academics worldwide working on this topic, one of the most important topics of our time. According to the IPSA webpage *“one of the most dynamic areas of growth within IPSA has been the activity of its research committees and study groups. In addition to organizing panels at the triennial congresses, research committees and study groups organize their own meetings between congresses, publish newsletters and issue other publications”* (<http://www.ipsa.ca/en/research/directory.asp>) **RC 43 on Religion and Politics plans to follow this pattern.**

How do we differ from comparable academic bodies?

IPSA is not a national association and thus by definition it is not competing with national or regional academic gatherings such as the religion and politics section of APSA.

APSA is not the only organization with a religion and politics section. There is also a standing group on religion and politics in the European Consortium for Politics Research. Also, ISA organizes a panel or two at its annual conventions. In addition, there are outreach, academic and semi academic organizations such as the United States Institute for Peace (USIP), the Pew Foundation, and the FPRI focused on religion and politics. Since 9/11 the interest in the subject of religion and politics, especially international politics, has grown exponentially. While we all share interest in the topic, RC 43 as a part of IPSA differs in that the truly global scope of its institutional base is unparalleled by any other organization. At the 20th World Congress in Fukuoka in 2006 there were 3000 participants representing 120 countries, most of them affiliated with their countries' political science associations. **Since the composition of the new executive does not (yet) reflect the broad base, we intend to engage the most varied participation possible. The exact program will depend on the response to this initial newsletter.**



The New Executive Committee

New Chair



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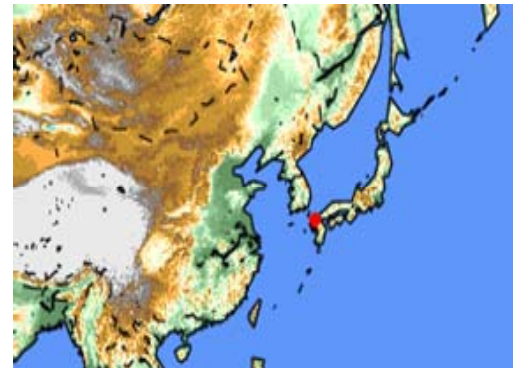
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The executive includes Professors of history, sociology, philosophy, International Politics; a Canadian, two French, one British, one US working in Japan, one Czech Australian (working in the US). The composition reflects the attendance at the 2006 business meeting and might be expanded.

A Report from the 20th IPSA World Congress, Fukuoka, Japan



The following papers were presented at IPSA in Fukuoka through the auspices of RC 43. Please contact the individual authors for copies of the papers.

- Beyond Westphalia? Religion, Critical Theory and International Relations, **Shani, Giorgiandrea (Giorgio)** – *Ritsumeikan University*, Japan, gshani@ir.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Religion, 'Soft Power', and International Relations, **Haynes, Jeffrey** – *London Metropolitan University*, United Kingdom, jeff.haynes@londonmet.ac.uk
- The Unspoken Theology of Political Realism - Reassessing the "Hobbesian" Tradition in IR, **Hooker, William** – *London School of Economics*, United Kingdom, w.a.hooker@lse.ac.uk
- Religion in the International Relations Classroom, **Vendulka Kubáľková**, University of Miami, United States of America, vkubalkova@miami.edu
- A Political Theology of Reconciliation, **Atsuhiko Katano**, *Rakuno Gakuen University*, Japan, hiromiwako@bd.wakwak.com
- Global Politics and Particular Religions, **David Wessels**, *Sophia University*, Japan, wessels@sophia.ac.jp
- Religion and Economic Development: Does the Iron Cage Compel so Much in Globalized Capitalism? **Dargent, Claude** - *Institut d'Études Politiques*, France, claudedargent@sciences-po.fr
- Do We Need Cultural Gay Revolution in Catholic Croatia **Kurelic, Zoran** - *University of Zagreb*, Croatia, zkurelic@fpzg.hr;
- Protestant and Jewish Women's Associations and the French Republic, **Yolande Cohen**, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada yjcohen@wandbox.fr

Extracts from the report by Jean-Yves Calvez submitted to the IPSA Secretariat from the RC Committee



A RC 43 business meeting was held on the 13th July 2006 under the chairmanship of Jean-Yves Calvez. The committee elected David Wessels, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, as the new chairman of RC 43. The committee also elected a set of vice chairpersons constituting an executive committee: Jean-Yves Calvez, former professor at Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris; Yolande Cohen, Université de Québec à Montréal; Claude Dargent, Institut d'études politiques Paris; Jeffrey Haynes, London Metropolitan University, UK; Vendulka Kubáľková, University of Miami, see above.

At the meeting, the committee decided to work towards the establishment of a stable relationship and cooperation with Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim scholars.

It was decided that the committee will communicate via a newsletter, from time to time, to send to all those who have given their e-mail address and to call on them to pass on news of the committee's work, and possibly invitations to attend events. Jeff Haynes and Vendulka Kubáľková volunteered to be in charge of the newsletter.

After Fukuoka, off to the 21st World Congress 2009, Santiago de Chile

The next world congress is in 3 years in Santiago de Chile in 2009. At the Santiago congress, the committee agreed to put together (with possible preparatory meetings) a panel to address the changing landscape of religion and politics in Latin America (Roman Catholics and Evangelicals). The committee also discussed a possible panel about religions facing globalization, and in particular, the liberal forms of market association of the ALCA type. It was also brought up that conferences and workshops might be organized along the lines of activities of other research committees. Vendulka Kubálková suggested that she might seek funding in the US so that, just before the Santiago congress, a broad research meeting with participants from different religions might take place in Miami. The meeting would focus on both religions and development and religions and violence, and the RC participants of the Santiago Congress would be invited to take part on their way to Santiago.

We have knowledge of a similar proposal by Richard Ryscavage of Fairfield University, near New York, which could take place earlier.

A project of Yolande Cohen at the Universite du Quebec a Montreal was also communicated to those who participated in the Fukuoka business meeting.

Also, Jeff Haynes may be working on a project with EPSR.



Santiago de Chile

Of interest - activities of relevant organizations

ECPR: Following a successful Section at the 3rd ECPR General Conference in Budapest in October 2005, where more than 20 papers on the theme of 'Religion and International Relations' were presented, Jeffrey Haynes is directing a Workshop - involving up to 20 participants – titled 'Religion and Politics: Conflict or Cooperation?' at the 2007 Joint Sessions in Helsinki, May 7-12. Haynes will follow this up with a section at the Sixth Pan-European International Relations Conference in Turin, Italy, September 12-15, 2007, titled: 'Religion, Soft Power and International Relations.' For information on both conferences contact: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/> or Jeffrey Haynes (jeff.haynes@londonmet.ac.uk)

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