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GDS NEWSLETTER



The Global Development Section draws together scholars broadly concerned with development and global justice working across a number of fields, for example, postcolonial studies, development studies, critical political economy, critical security studies, social and political theory, history, sociology, gender studies, and public policy. The Section approaches the phenomenon of development in its broadest sense as the study of change, rather than in its narrow hegemonic conceptualization as technical interventions in social worlds. GDS is further concerned with investigating alternative understandings, especially those that excavate the intimate links between

development, colonialism and global capitalism. In this respect, the Section seeks to cultivate an intellectual space of provocation, supporting many ways of seeing and being in the world. And for this purpose the Section is committed to facilitating diverse modes of inquiry, establishing research networks and supporting early-career scholars in their professional endeavours.



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# PROPOSALS FOR ISA 2020 ARE DUE JUNE 1!

## **Multiple Identities and Scholarship in a Global IR: One Profession, Many Voices**

ISA 61st Annual Convention  
March 25th - 28th, 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

## MINUTES FROM THE GDS ANNUAL MEETING

Date: March 29, 2019 (Toronto)

Minutes: Isaac Kamola

### **1. Land acknowledgment**

To begin, we wish to acknowledge this land on which the ISA conference is taking place. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

### **2. Approval of minutes from last meeting** (in July 2018 newsletter)

### **3. Updates**

#### *ISA Governing Council*

- The creation of Latin America and Caribbean Region was approved.
- ISA adopted a policy of including land acknowledgements in the printed program.
- ISA adopted a pilot policy of issuing refunds to those who registered but could not attend the conference because of a denied visa.
- Attempts to locate the annual conferences outside the US and Canada was unsuccessful. While acknowledging the growing restrictions on traveling to North America, in practice moving outside the US and Canada is too expensive and there are not enough options. Furthermore, the ISA is locked into contracts for the next 6-7 years.
- GDS now part of Committee for the Status of the Global South, with the chair of GDS being part of the committee. We can help shape this committee. If anyone has ideas, contact Meera.

#### *Membership*

- Current membership is 609, up from 572, making it the eight largest by membership and sixth largest on the program. Translates in 97 panels. This is good but we need to continue growing. A large membership is key to the richness of networks and representation on the program. Please reach out to colleagues and ask them to become members and to submit papers and panels to the section.

#### *Finances*

- Current balance is approximately \$20,000.
- Expenses: Reception \$4734; Book Award \$500; Certificates and plaque \$250; Distinguished scholar registration and membership \$160 + \$600 travel and accommodation
- Income: Membership dues: \$2000; TWQ Sponsorship \$3000 (see later)

### *Panels*

- GDS organizes annual section round tables around a particular theme. Talk to Lisa Tilley about being involved.
- One of the panels this year is a collaboration with the Global South caucus. The idea is to foster conversations across sections.

### *Elections*

- Olivia Rutazibwa was nominated, and unanimously elected, to serve as the newsletter editor.
- Ajay Parasram will serve as next year's section chair, and Isaac Kamola as deputy chair.

## **4. Proposal (Teresia Teaiwa Student Paper Award)**

- Robbie Shilliam and Megan Mackenzie proposed the creation of an award to commemorate Teresia Teaiwa, who passed recently. It is important to remember those who have passed, and to cultivate a practice of remembering.
- *Text of the proposal:* "Teresia Teaiwa (1968-2017) was a feminist committed to decolonizing scholarly knowledge. Teresia's many and diverse contributions were framed by a feminist commitment to examining the relationships between gender, militarism and the militarization of Oceania as well as by an intention to retrieve a cosmopolitan vision of Oceania that acknowledged the region as a nucleus of international politics and culture. Moreover, Teresia held a deep commitment to Pacific-oriented teaching and learning, which was especially notable in her support and mentoring of students and scholars from Oceania. Teresia's work exemplifies the way in which the intellectual projects of Global Development (GDS) and Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) are co-implicated. As a way of encouraging a closer working relationship between GDS and FTGS, and in order to honor Teresia's commitment to Pacific scholarship, we would like to propose a paper award in her name.

The Teresia Teaiwa Student Paper Award would be jointly and equally provided for by GDS and FTGS. The awardee would receive \$800, which they will be encouraged- but not required- to use for travel costs to the ISA annual meeting. Selection criteria for the award would include: current students studying in Oceania at PhD level or equivalent, worthiness (and acceptance) of paper to be presented. Historical representation of the student's institution at ISA might also be considered. A board of two members of GDS and two members of FTGS would evaluate the application. The board would change every three years."

- The proposal was approved unanimously.
- Samid Suliman and Robbie Shilliam agreed to serve on the committee

## **5. Awards**

### *Edward Said Award*

- The Edward Said Award has been established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding **Graduate Research**.
- This year won by Columba Achilleos – Sarll (Warwick University) for the paper "Seeing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Exploring Visual Representations of Race and Gender" (see below for more details)

### *Book Prize*

- Meera Sabaratnam won the award for *Decolonizing Intervention: International Statebuilding in Mozambique* (Rowman and Littlefield International). However, she declined the award to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest stemming from her service as chair of the section.

*Volunteers for Future Award Committees:*

- Edward Said Paper: Anita Weiss, Randy Persaud, and Sheira Malik
- Book Award: Mary Jane Parmentier (chair), Roni Kay O'Dell, Michelle Brown, and Robbie Shilliam

**6. Social Media Update**

- Not much going on due to life stuff, but still committed to using social media to grow the membership.
- Volunteers to join the social media team: Akta Kaushal and Samid Suliman

**7. Discussion Concerning the Section's Relationship with *Third World Quarterly* (TWQ)**

*Overview*

The Chair provided some background:

- In 2017 TWQ published "The Case for Colonialism" by Bruce Gilley. This caused wider controversy within the academic community, owing to a lack of clarity over the peer review processes, its quality as a piece of scholarship and its compatibility with the historic mission of the journal. The piece was subsequently withdrawn by the journal. At the time, GDS temporarily suspended its relationship with TWQ (reception sponsorship and publication of the Edward Said Award-winning paper) pending further discussion with the section. At the time of the last meeting the journal had also advertised for a new editorial team.
- At the last GDS meeting the section decided that they would seek information/assurances from TWQ on the following:
  1. An affirmation of the journal's historic mission moving forward
  2. The nature of the new editorial structure
  3. Clarity concerning the relationship between the editorial and commercial functions of the journal. The business meeting empowered the steering committee to make a decision based on the gathered information.
- The decision for TWQ to sponsor the reception this year had to be made in July, when editorial changes still looked on track. The chair and steering committee accepted the renewal in this light. There was a feel in the room last year about the importance of the journal, and the GDS leadership decided to continue with the sponsorship. However, the anticipated changes have yet to materialize.
- At this year's GDS business meeting, three positions were discussed robustly and voted on regarding the future relationship of the section with the journal. The section voted to pursue the relationship with the journal for another year, but would revisit it in 2020 for a final decision on the issues.

## AWARDS

### **Edward Said Award**

This year's winner is "Seeing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Exploring Visual Representations of Race and Gender" by Columba Achellos-Saril (Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick).

Drawing on postcolonial feminism, this article engages in a visual analysis of successive National Action Plans (NAPs) on Women Peace and Security (WPS) in United Kingdom. The paper contrasts the 'presence' of women and girls from the global South in NAPs with the 'absence' of 'domestic' bodies in the Home Office led Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy to draw further attention to the political significance of how certain tropes are positioned as hypervisible or invisible. A duality that functions to uphold existing global inequalities. The analysis highlights the ways in which these visual images are gendered and racialized and represent both continuities and discontinuities with colonialism. The emphasis on the continuities, however, weakens the analysis of the discontinuities, such as the 'absence' of 'barbaric brown men' whose women need 'saving' by Western intervention. Ultimately concluding that the imposition of a spatial dichotomy between foreign and domestic policy has masked double standards, oppressive structures of gendered and racialised exploitation, and the reproduction of global structures of power.

The Edward Said Award has been established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding Graduate Research. For information on the award, and information on how to nominate a paper, please visit:

<https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Edward-Said-Award>

### **Best Book in International Political Economy**

Ilene Grabel's book, *When Things Don't Fall Apart: Global Financial Governance and Developmental Finance in an Age of Productive Incoherence* (MIT 2017) is the recipient of the 2019 "Best Book in International Political Economy" award given by the International Political Economy Section of the International Studies Association. Grabel's book was earlier awarded the 2018 British International Studies Association International Political Economy Group Book Prize.

### **Outstanding Scholar Activist Award**

The IPE Section Scholar Activist Committee is honoring Galia Golan with our Outstanding Scholar Activist Award. The panel discussion is on Wednesday March 27 from 10:30am to 12:15pm. The award ceremony is Friday March 29, 7:30pm - 8:30pm during the IPE Section reception. Flyer at the end of the newsletter.

## BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS! (Due May 31<sup>st</sup>)

The International Studies Association (ISA) Global Development Studies (GDS) section is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the GDS Book Prize. Books should meet the goals of the section, including a scholarly concern “with development and global justice working across a number of fields, for example, postcolonial studies, development studies, critical political economy, critical security studies, social and political theory, history, sociology, gender studies, and public policy.”

### **Nominations must meet the Following Criteria**

1. Book must be published in 2018-2019
2. Book must be a monograph (cannot be an edited volume)
3. Self-nominations are accepted
4. The Nominator should write a 300-500 word justification to be sent to the GDS Book Award Committee Chair, Mary Jane Parmentier
5. The committee will, to the best of its ability, consider books written language other than English
6. Members currently holding any leadership positions in ISA are ineligible for the award

### **Prize**

The recipient will receive a certificate and \$500.

### **Selection Process**

1. Nominee/nominator are responsible for getting the publisher to send a copy of the book of the committee members (see list below). In case of a non-English text, work with the Committee Chair and GDS to facilitate the necessary steps (cf. translation) for a fair inclusion of the text in the award process. Copies can be physical or electronic.
2. Deadline for nominations: By email to Mary Jane Parmentier ([mj.parmentier@asu.edu](mailto:mj.parmentier@asu.edu)) May 31, 2019.
3. Deadline for receiving hard/physical copies of books by committee: August 15, 2019.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

### BOOKS & SPECIAL ISSUES

- Andrews, Nathan. 2019. *Gold Mining and the Discourses of Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- de Jong, Sara, Rosalba Icaza and Olivia Rutazibwa, eds. 2018. *Decolonization and Feminisms in Global Teaching and Learning*. New York: Routledge.
- Hovey, Rebecca and Bryan McAllister-Grande, eds. 2019. *Global Studies Literature Review: New Models and Emerging Perspectives in Global Education*, no. 9. New York: NAFSA. Available here: [http://www.nafsa.org/Professional\\_Resources/Publications/](http://www.nafsa.org/Professional_Resources/Publications/)
- Opoku, Darko and Eve Sandberg, eds. 2018. *Challenges to African Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan.
- Shaw, Timothy M., Laura Carsten Mahrenbach, Renu Modi, and Yi-Chong Xu, eds. 2018. *The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary International Political Economy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Tartir, Alaa and Timothy Seidel, eds. 2019. *Palestine and Rule of Power: Local Dissent vs. International Governance*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

### ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

- Baron, Ilan, Jonathan Havercroft, Isaac Kamola, Jonneke Koomen, Justin Murphy & Alex Prichard. 2018. "Liberal Pacification and the Phenomenology of Violence," *International Studies Quarterly* 63: 199-212.
- Beck, Andrea. 2019. "Water Operator Partnerships: Peer Learning and the Politics of Solidarity in Water and Sanitation Service Provision." *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water*, 6(1): e01324.
- Esser, Daniel E. and James H. Mittelman. 2018. "Transdisciplinarity" in *Oxford Handbook of Global Studies*, Mark Juergensmeyer et al., eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 127-37.
- Grabel, Ilene. 2019. "Continuity, Discontinuity and Incoherence in the Bretton Woods Order: A Hirschmanian Reading." *Development and Change* 50(1): 46-71.
  - Part of a Special Issue: "Beyond Bretton Woods: Complementary & Competition in the International Economic Order."  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677660/2019/50/1>
- Helleiner, Eric. 2018. "Sun Yat-sen as a Pioneer of International Development" *History of Political Economy* 50(5): 76-93.
- Helleiner, Eric and Hongying Wang. 2018. "Beyond the Tributary Tradition of Chinese IPE: The Indigenous Roots of Early Chinese Economic Nationalism" *Chinese Journal of International Politics* 11(4): 451-483
- Hopewell, Kristen. 2019. "US-China conflict in global trade governance: the new politics of agricultural subsidies at the WTO." *Review of International Political Economy*. OnlineFirst. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09692290.2018.1560352>
- Hopewell, Kristen. 2019. "How Rising Powers Create Governance Gaps: The Case of Export Credit and the Environment." *Global Environmental Politics* 19(1):34-52. [https://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/full/10.1162/glep\\_a\\_00490](https://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/full/10.1162/glep_a_00490)
- McKeon, Nora. 2018. "Getting to the root causes of migration' in West Africa – whose history, framing and agency counts?" *Globalizations* 15(6): 870-885

- Mittelman, James H. 2019. "To Risk or Derisk the Soul of the University? The Peril in Educational Globalization," *Globalizations* 16 (5)
  - Part of a special forum on Mittelman's book *Implausible Dream: The World-Class University and Repurposing Higher Education* (Princeton University Press, 2018).
- Rosenow, Doerthe. 2019. "Decolonising the decolonisers? Of ontological encounters in the GMO controversy and beyond." *Global Society* 33(1): 82-99.

## **POLICY PAPERS**

- Kyamusugulwa, Patrick Milabyo, Dorothea Hilhorst and Sylvia I. Bergh. 2019. *The Importance of Gender Norms in Promoting Social Accountability for Women in DRC*. London: Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium. <https://securelivelihoods.org/>





# GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GDS) SECTION *2018 ANNUAL REPORT*

*This report was prepared by Meera Sabaratnam, GDS Section Chair*

## FULL REPORT

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The Global Development Section draws together scholars broadly concerned with development and global justice working across a number of fields, for example, postcolonial studies, development studies, critical political economy, critical security studies, social and political theory, history, sociology, gender studies, and public policy. Whilst no one seems to recall the exact year in which the section was founded, it has continued to flourish for at least two decades.

### MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

GDS membership currently stands at 609, up from last year at 572. Our reported financial balance in November 2018 was \$17,477.12. The Section also receives sponsorship from the journal *Third World Quarterly* for its annual reception through Taylor and Francis.

### AWARDS

The section makes two annual awards currently.

The GDS Book Award recognises a book which falls within the interests of the section. The 2018 winner of this award goes to:

- Sen, Debarati. *Everyday Sustainability: Gender Justice and Fair Trade Tea in Darjeeling*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2017.

We Honorary Mentions:

- Kalyan, Rohan. *Neo Delhi and the Politics of Postcolonial Urbanism*. 1 edition. London ; New York: Routledge, 2017.
- Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Spector, Regine A. *Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia*. 1 edition. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017.

The Edward Said Award was established to honor the intellectual legacy of Professor Said and to recognize outstanding **Graduate Research**. The 2018 winner of this award has since been published:

- Méndez, María José. “‘The River Told Me’: Rethinking Intersectionality from the World of Berta Cáceres.” *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 29, no. 1 (January 2, 2018): 7–24.

## ISA 2019 PROGRAM

The GDS continues to have a strong presence on the program for the Annual Convention. For 2019 we will sponsor 97 panels, built up from our allocation of 52 through collaboration with 19 other Sections/Caucuses. The Section Program Chair is very grateful for the strong collaborative spirit shown by colleagues in the other sections.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Nancy Fraser as our Eminent Scholar for 2019. Professor Fraser is Loeb Professor of Philosophy and Politics at the New School for Social Research, Einstein Fellow of the city of Berlin, and holder of the “Global Justice” Chair at the Collège d’études mondiales in Paris. We meet to celebrate her highly influential work on questions of political economy, feminism and labor.

This year will be the 3rd GDS Annual Roundtable, on the theme of ‘Planetary Futures, Developmental Pasts, and the Ongoing Colonial Climate’.

We have also established a new collaboration with the Global South Caucus (Saturday, 8.15-10.00), which is this year a roundtable titled ‘Does the Global South need Decolonial/Postcolonial Theory? A Debate’.

## ONLINE

The GDS Social Media Committee continues to be active and is currently exploring ways of providing collaborative platforms for teaching material.

## GDS OFFICERS

The 2018-19 team is as follows:

- Section/Program Chair: Meera Sabaratnam (SOAS University of London)
- Deputy Chair/Chair Elect: Ajay Parasram (Dalhousie University)
- Newsletter Editor/Deputy Chair Elect: Isaac Kamola (Trinity College).

# GDS MEDIA

## Video Project

The GDS Social Media team has been working on developing a series of short videos on pressing topics related to the work of the section. The intent is provide insightful, stimulating, short videos that can be of considerable use to globalizing our classrooms. The idea is to conduct some short interviews via Skype over the next year that will ultimately be recorded and edited appropriately to produce short clips on critical concepts including, but not limited to:

- Raced Markets
- Postcolonial International Relations
- Black Feminist Thought
- Politics of Translation
- And more!

If you're interested in recording a video, please get in touch with us at [GDSmediaISA@gmail.com](mailto:GDSmediaISA@gmail.com), we look forward to hearing from you!

## Future Newsletters

If members have announcements – including news of published books or calls for papers or proposals, new appointments – would you please email them to Olivia Rutazibwa at [olivia.rutazibwa@port.ac.uk](mailto:olivia.rutazibwa@port.ac.uk), with the words “GDS Newsletter” in the subject line.

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