

**ISA - International Political Sociology Section Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday 18 March 2011**  
**6:15-7:15 Salon 1, Sheraton**

- **Charlotte Epstein** (CE) welcomes the attendees (about 60 persons).
  - Agenda is established.
- IPS is 10 years old. Reporting on the sections' past 10 years.
  - We are the 6<sup>th</sup> largest section. 491 new members, increase from 390. 25 % increase this year alone. IPS is working as haven for methodological diversity. Healthy finances accordingly: 7,781\$ (March 2011); up from 5092\$ (early January 2011).
    - Report on the IPS reception and that we have a new sponsor **Keesings**. We co-organized the reception with Ethics. The reception cost 3000 dollars, minus 1000 sponsorship. We paid 1200\$.
  - Report on the listserv and the updated website. 200 hits in the day it was first created (1/3<sup>rd</sup> our members).
  - 805 members on the listserv; vs 499 members: 300 have an interest in the section listserv but are not members; effort to make them join should be made.
- Report on **IPS 2011 Working Group** 'Interrogating the Use of Norms: Global Governance and Postcolonial Perspectives'. The workshop was successful, 27 participants. It was supposed to be a co-sponsored panel, but last minutes complications made it otherwise.
- **IPS Doctoral Workshop** was organized by Didier Bigo, in Paris on 25-26 October 2010.
- CE reminds members to pay dues. 800 members on listserv but 500 paying members. We need new members to pay for the services of the section and get more panels at the next ISA conference.
- Concerns about the gender gap in IPS executive board were discussed. It was revealed that we had **only 2 women chair in 10 years**. We are working on improving the situation. In the **section v.2 of our charter representativeness in gender and geographic provenance has been raised**
- Can Mutlu is re-appointed as the Communications Director for 2011-2013. He has been the communications director since 2009.

- **Election results was disclosed.**
  - Pinar Bilgin for Vice Chair and Program Chair
  - Rebecca Adler-Nissen for Treasurer
  - Karen Smith and Vicki Squire for Member at Large
  
- **Xavier Guillaume** (XG) is thanked for his hard work. XG gives a speech about what is to come for IPS in 2011-2012 and the programme for the 2011 ISA conference.
  - Wants to continue CE's work. Open up the section, IPS executive to help members work on ISA opportunities (speciality panels, workshops, etc.).
  
  - Desire to seek collaboration with other ISA section
  
  - CE thanks participants. Opens up the floor for questions.
    1. Opportunity for Members: University of Michigan Press's new 'Configuration' series ***Edited by Patrick T. Jackson***
    2. Announcement by George Thomas on the American Sociology Association section on Global and Transnational Sociology.

**Minutes were taken by Can Mutlu and confirmed by the former section chair Charlotte Epstein's notes and reviewed by current chair Xavier Guillaume.**