



Welcome to GIRS! On 25 March 2022, we emailed the good news that the Governing Council of ISA had approved our petition to create GIR Section. We sent the information to all 536 supporters from 54 countries who signed the Petition. It took a long time and many years of trying, planning, thinking, publishing papers, articles, books to get to this stage. Amitav Acharya's 2014 ISA Presidential Address calling for the creation of Global IR was officially declared as the most read article in ISQ! At last it has now happened.

But building a new section from the ground up is not an easy task. We want to thank all of you who responded to our announcement of GIRS approval and offered to help. We need you to reaffirm your support by joining the GIR Section at <https://www.isanet.org/Membership/Your-Membership> (see also p.8 below). Our own special platform [globalinternationalrelations.com](http://globalinternationalrelations.com) is still under construction. But membership of the Section is essential at this stage: it determines the number of panels and roundtables we will be allotted for conventions, and it determines our future budget.

In this first Newsletter, we show that the Section is indeed up and running. The Newsletter contains calls for papers for the 2023 Convention in Montreal, for nominations for a couple of awards (others we will add next year). It introduces the Section's leadership constituted according to our Charter approved by the ISA.

Since some of you asked us to reiterate the Section's goals, we reprint at the end excerpts from the statement presented on our behalf by Thomas Biersteker. In the vote that followed 84%

of the voting members of the Governing Council approved the creation of the Section!

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## Meet the GIRS Executive Committee!\*

(note that we come from 15 countries and more if we count countries where some of us originally come from!)

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Vendulka Kubálková,  
University of Miami, US

*chair*



Thomas Biersteker,  
Graduate Institute,  
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*vice-chair*  
program chairs



Thomas Kwasi Tiekou,  
King's University College  
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*vice-chair*



Navnita Chadha Behera,  
University of Delhi, India

*secretary*  
awards chair



Renat Shaykhtudinov,  
Florida Atlantic University,  
USA

*treasurer*



Štěpánka Zemanová,  
University of Economics,  
the Czech Republic

*members-at-large*



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University, China



Monica Herz, Rio de  
Janeiro, Brazil



Kenki Adachi,  
Ritsumeikan  
University, Japan



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Folashadé Soulé, Benin,  
Oxford, UK

### \*Excerpts from GIRS Charter approved by GC ISA

#### VII: OFFICERS

.... The elected officers of GIRS are the executive officers and the at-large members of the Executive Committee. The executive officers of the GIRS shall consist of two co-Chairs, two vice-Chairs, Treasurer, and the Secretary....

...The Executive Committee consists of the officers of GIRS along with up to seven further elected at-large members who will support the work of the GIRS.

The initial Officers and Executive Committee members shall be appointed by petition and serve two years. Thereafter, the Officers and Executive Committee shall be elected by general election and serve for a term of two years in their designated positions and may be re-elected without limitation on a staggered schedule to be determined at the first meeting.

## A. Meet the GIRS Advisory Group!

The advisory group includes some of the best-known protagonists of the idea of global international relations, Amitav Acharya and Arlene Tickner above all, whose works are classics of the GIR literature, and colleagues who helped in our section preparations and those who recently volunteered to help in areas which we need.



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American University,  
USA



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Colombia



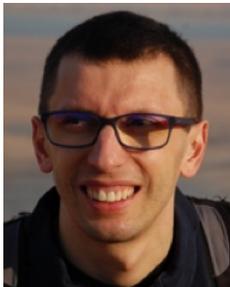
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## C.1


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CALL FOR PAPERS FOR ISA  
CONVENTION 2023  
MONTREAL

ISA 64th Annual Convention, March 15th - 18th, 2023, Convention theme:

**Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and  
Creativity**

Deadline for proposals: Wednesday, **June 1, 2022**

The GIRS welcomes panel, roundtable and paper proposals focusing on global international relations, broadly defined. Each panel must have a title of less than 50 words, abstract of less than 200 words and tag words as well as 5 papers and at least 1 chair and discussant.

Each roundtable must have a title of less than 50 words, an abstract of less than 200 words, tag words, a chair and a minimum of 5 participants.

An individual or standalone paper submission must have a title of less than 50 words, an abstract of less than 200 words, and at least 3 tag words. If you have a paper that was submitted on a panel, you should not submit the paper independently a second time.

Please remember to make GIRS the first choice of your proposal if you want us to sponsor or co-sponsor your panel or roundtable.

We also welcome proposals for innovative panels. You will be able to review the call for proposals at <https://www.isanet.org/Conferences/ISA2023>

If you have any questions, please direct them to Navnita Behera and Thomas Kwasi Tiekou (GIRS program chairs) at [isagirsteam@gmail.com](mailto:isagirsteam@gmail.com).



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR 2023 AWARDS

DEADLINES

## C.2

### Distinguished Scholar Award Nomination Information

Members of the International Studies Association are invited to nominate a candidate for the **Global International Relations Section's Distinguished Scholar Award**.

This award recognizes scholars who have a substantial and demonstrable record of publishing and service in the field of Global International Relations, and preferably scholars who have a history participation in discussions of global IR.

When making a nomination, please ensure that the nominee agrees to the nomination and they are available to attend next year's ISA, should they be offered the award. Recipients must be current members of ISA. The Global International Relations section will organize a panel comprised of the Distinguished Scholar awardee and other eminent scholars to honor the Distinguished Scholar. The recipient will receive a plaque at the awards presentations at the annual Global International Relations meeting. This is an inaugural award for the Section and this year's DS award recipient may be asked to serve on the next year's DS committee. 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
- Describe the importance of this scholar's research in making a significant contribution in the field of global and international studies. Nominations should be sent to the Awards Chair: Thomas Biersteker, [thomas.biersteker@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:thomas.biersteker@graduateinstitute.ch); by **May 31, 2022** for consideration by the selection committee. Members of the ISA who are not currently Global International Relations members are encouraged to join the Global International Relations section.


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### C.3 Book Award Nomination Information

The Global International Relations Section Book Award recognizes a book that excels in originality, significance and rigor in the broadly defined area of Global IR.

#### General Information

#### Recipients must meet the following criteria

1. Recipients must be a member of ISA.
2. Eligible books can be single- or multi-authored, or edited.
3. Eligible books must have been published within the two-year period preceding the year of the competition. For example, for our current award, the books must have been published either in 2021 or 2022. 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 international relations.
4. Nominated books must be sent to all members of the selection committee, with a short nomination letter. Self-nominations are welcome.

#### Prize

- The recipient will receive a plaque at the Global IR section meeting at the annual International Studies Conference in Montreal.

#### Selection process

- Questions regarding the scope of the subject will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Awards Committee.

#### Apply for this award

- The deadline to apply for this award is **August 30, 2022**.
- For questions, please contact the chair, Professor Vendulka Kubáľková ([vkubalkova@miami.edu](mailto:vkubalkova@miami.edu)).
- Nominated books must be sent to the all members of the selection committee (TBA), with a short nomination letter.



## **D. About GIRS (excerpts from our presentation to the ISA Governing Council on March 22, 2022, by Thomas Biersteker)**

“...For me, Global IR is an attitude, a way of thinking, that entails a self-conscious reflection on the world from different vantage points. It proceeds from the ontological assumption that differences of perspective constitute our subject and that it is important to create spaces for conversations that are resonant with, non-alienating, or at least comprehensible to the lived experiences of individuals from different parts of the world (and located in different strata within them).

These different perspectives may be based on race, on class, on gender, on religion, on civilizational experience, on historical perspective, on national origins, on personal experiences, and more broadly, on the regions of the world from which we come to an ISA convention. We are all parochial in different ways, and I believe that we need deliberately, and self-consciously, to reflect on our different parochialisms – be they geographical, generational, ontological, or epistemological – and make an effort to transcend them.

Global IR requires global participation and representation, but having a person from every continent alone is not sufficient, in my view. We also need also to pursue, to the extent possible, an empathetic understanding of the perspectives of others. We need to celebrate difference, listening

to the views of others, initially accepting them on their own terms, but subsequently interrogating them to try to reach a deeper understanding of the complex and troubled world in which we live.

We need to reflect on how we teach our subject and consider how to make our pedagogical role less parochial and more global. We need to work to identify and suggest creative ways to address the challenges of educating the next generation of scholars and practitioners, so they will be able to function effectively in the globalized world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We hope that the new section will be responsive to worldwide demands and trends already present within the discipline.

Efforts to widen the umbrella of international studies still leaves some underrepresented groups. It is important to note that the idea of an ISA GIRS Section actually originated from a gathering of Central European scholars. Postsocialist central European have not historically been regarded as a part of the Global South and hope to find their voice in ISA through the proposed section. The GIRS would also make a special effort to engage racial minorities and native populations in the West and East...”

## How to join GIRS on ISA website

go to <https://www.isanet.org/Membership/Your-Membership>



If you are **not yet a member of ISA**, there is a clear button indicating that you should become an ISA member. Please **“Create an Account”** to enroll as an ISA member.

If you are **ISA members**, **“Login”**; if you have trouble remembering your username and password, click on “retrieve”, then click on - **“Renew”**

Your Membership Type

<p><b>Standard</b></p> <p>Standard ISA memberships apply to most users. \$50.00 - \$900.00</p>	<p><b>Student</b></p> <p>Student memberships are available to graduate and undergraduate students. \$35.00</p>
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then click on

Add to this Membership

and mark as an add-on the **Global International Relation Section** from the long list of sections (for \$5 standard members, \$1 for students)



Thank you!