



# European International Studies Association

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## Report of the Governing Board for 2018

The Governing Board of the EISA is pleased to submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. The 2019 Annual General Assembly will be held on 12 September 2019, 13:15-14:15 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### Legal Status

The European International Studies Association (hereafter EISA or the Association) is an association pursuant to Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, having its seat in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Association's governing document is the Constitution and Bylaws (hereafter: the Constitution), as adopted April 10, 2013 in the name and with the powers of attorney of the incorporation members. Subsequently, it has been approved by the General Assembly in Warsaw, 19 September 2013 for the period of one year. This conditional adoption was decided after some uncertainty about the rules for changing the constitution, as stated in article V/1-e of the constitution. It enables the Governing Council to continue its work while seeking legal clarification of the aforementioned article.

### Objects and Membership

The EISA was founded in 2013, by a unanimous decision of the members of the Steering Committee of Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR) for a new organization to run the activities of the International Relations' community in Europe. As a membership-based organization, EISA continues the agenda of the SGIR in a more sustainable and democratic fashion.

The objects of the Association, set out in article II of the Constitution, are 'to enhance the capacities of scholars and practitioners primarily in Europe, but also worldwide in acquiring, disseminating and applying knowledge of global affairs and international studies'.

The constitution furthermore states that the Association 'does not pursue any commercial purposes and is not profit oriented. The purpose of the Association is exclusively educational, scientific and charitable and any net earnings of the Association and its activities shall be devoted exclusively to such purpose.'

Pursuant article IV of the Constitution, any natural or legal person of private and public law that shares the above purposes of the Association and pay its membership dues may become a member. There are four membership categories: regular members; emeritus members; honorary members; and corporate members. All members (except corporate members) have full voting rights, but only regular members have the right to hold office within the Association. There are differentiated membership fees based on annual income, as published on the website.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, EISA had 1521 members from overall 63 countries.

### **Governance**

The Governing Board consists of the Executive Committee (3 members) and the Governing Council (9 members). The Board normally meets thrice a year. In addition, the Governing Board has ex officio members, for instance those who serve on the editorial boards of the journals of the Association.

The positions of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition by the Governing Board. The President is elected by the General Assembly, following nomination of two qualified and eligible regular members by the Governing Board. The President serves for 2 years. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Association are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition of the Governing Board, and serve for 4 years each.

### **Network**

EISA maintains good working relationships with several sister organizations. These include the British International Studies Association (BISA), the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), the Standing Group of International Relations of the European Consortium for Political Research (SGIR/ECPR), the Nordic International Studies Association (NISA), and overseas the International Studies Association (ISA) and the World International Studies Committee (WISC). In addition, EISA is a partner and co-organizer of the Olympia Summer Academy ([olympiasummeracademy.org](http://olympiasummeracademy.org)) since 2014.

### **Publications**

The Association currently is involved in the publication of a Book Series and the publication of *Global Affairs*, launched in 2015.

### ***Palgrave Studies in International Relations (PSIR)***

PSIR is one of the major IR series, demonstrating that one of the original objectives of the series has been achieved. Being a general IR series, PSIR does not specialize in any particular sub-theme but aims to publish high quality books on topics that are of interest to IR audiences. As part of an effort to further strengthen the PSIR, the editorial team has been expanded and now consists of Mai'a K. Davis Cross, Benjamin de Carvalho, Shahar Hameiri, Knud Erik Jørgensen, Ole Jacob Sending and Ayşe Zarakol. Moreover, an EISA Best Dissertation Award has been established in cooperation with Palgrave, where the winner will have the revised dissertation published in the PSIR. The Award will be announced and the winner to be presented with it at the PEC19 in Sofia. PSIR is now included in Palgrave's [SpringerLink](#) ebook subject collection, which attracts over 50 million users from 15,000 institutions. PSIR books are published in paperback 24 months after initial publication to the open market.

### ***Global Affairs***

After years of preparation *Global Affairs* was launched in 2015 and during 2016 began to consolidate, not least in terms of submissions. Except for the summer period, the journal is published every second months, making a quick editorial process possible. The journal has got a fine reception; readers began quickly to engage with the online published material thereby producing unexpectedly high engagement metrics, some articles engaged more than 5000 times. Three factors might explain the take-off we have experienced. First, Taylor & Francis' promotion of the journal is indispensable. There are considerable advantages of being in the same journal stable as journals like *Washington Quarterly* and *Survival*. Second, all EISA members have free online access to *Global Affairs* (and a handful of other T&F journals) for which reason the journal benefits from a direct connection to the biggest IR knowledge resource base in Europe. Third, the editors have done their very best to encourage submissions.



Each issue is composed of one or two front articles, a number of research articles, a commentary/debate section and a review section. Some of the published articles have got media attention, helped by press releases, thus representing academics reaching out to broader audiences, i.e. one of the aims of *Global Affairs*.

Members of the Association receive free copies of the EISA journals and several journals of sister organizations. This includes an agreement with SAGE, which provides EISA members free

access to the *European Journal of International Relations*. Moreover, members can purchase the Palgrave Studies in International Relations at a 50 per cent discount, as well as other books and journals from premier publishers.

The Association journals are available to libraries and other institutions as a complete package or separately, as a combined print and online subscription, or online-only subscription. Purchasing deals by consortia of libraries continue to be an important category of users and subscribers.

### Other Academic activities

EISA engages in a range of activities open to members and non-members alike. As described in more detail below, the Association organizes a number of events and produces a range of publications that serve to promote International Studies in Europe.

### Conferences and Events

The EISA organizes the Pan-European Conference (PEC) on International Relations (see 12<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, below), the Early Career Researchers' Workshops adjacent to the Pan-European conference (see ECW, Prague, below), European Workshops on International Studies (see EWIS 2018, Groningen below), European International Relations Summer School, Exploratory Symposia (see ES, Rapallo below) and co-organizes the Olympia Summer Academy (see OSA below).

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Prague, Czech Republic

2018 Pan-European conference 'A New Hope: Back to the Future of International Relations', organised in collaboration with the CEEISA, took place at the University of Economics (VŠE) in Prague, the Czech Republic on 12-15 September 2018. The programme was co-chaired by Halvard Leira (NUPI) and Ayse Zarakol (University of Cambridge), with Benjamin Tallis (IIR Prague) as the local organiser. With its 52 sections, covering every nook and cranny of IR from the repertoires of power politics and popular culture to politics of the past, pessimism in IR and everything in between, PEC12 was a massive success. Hosting 340 panels and roundtables on a wide range of topics, along with 1347 participants and 36 mobility grants awarded, the conference put forward a well-attended plenary session on the overarching conference theme, chaired by Halvard Leira (NUPI), and featuring Rebecca Adler-Nissen (University of Copenhagen), Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University), Stefano Guzzini (University of Uppsala), Dan Nexon (Georgetown University), Ann Towns (University of Gothenburg) and Jeff Colgan (Brown University).

The two semi-plenaries on the Politics of Memory and Hope (chaired by Ayse Zarakol, University of Cambridge), and The Shape of IR to Come (chaired by Laura Horn, Roskilde University) followed suit. A Prague address by Prof. Derek Sayer provided a fascinating introduction to the charming host city of the conference.

The Grand Reception was truly grand this time in the beautiful PAVILION GRÉBOVKA. The tram ride with the EISA PEC18 special service to the pinnacle of the conference's social calendar remains fondly remembered among the conference attendees.

### **Early Career Researchers Workshop in Prague, 2018**

Early Career Researchers Workshops (ECW) are one-day workshops organized by and for doctoral students and recently appointed postdoctoral researchers. Organized around an overarching theme or question, junior scholars present and discuss their work together with senior discussants. ECWs are an integral part of PEC.

For PEC 2018 the following **three workshops** were organised on 11 September 2018:

*On the importance of failure: living and knowing in the field.* Organized by: Katarina Kušić (University of Aberystwyth) & Jakub Zahora (Charles University Prague)

*Exploring IR through infrastructure: materiality as global politics.* Organized by: Eric Cezne (University of Groningen) & Julie Marie Hansen (Peace Research Institute Oslo)

*Ideas, institutions, practices: how to study political parties and foreign policy.* Organized by: Louis-Simon Boileau (Sciences Po Paris), Sissela Matzner (University of Edinburgh) & Valerio Vignoli (University of Milan)

### **Early Career Researchers Development Group (ECD Group)**

To further enhance early career support, the ECD portfolio holder, Jef Huysmans, created a core group of PhD students and early career scholars who lead on developing new ideas and actions. The ECD Group, as it is known, currently consists of Janine Bressmer, Minda Holm, Alice Martini, Tamas Peragovics, and Elisabeth Schweiger. More detailed information on the ECD Group and links to subscribe to their mailing list and Twitter account can be found on the EISA website: <https://eisa-net.org/ecd-group/>.

The ECD Group has done a fantastic job organizing several events this year including an EISA roundtable at the annual conference of the British International Studies Association, supporting inclusion of early career researchers in semi-plenaries of PEC 2019 and preparing multiple panels, a café and a reception for PEC 2019. They also developed a set of communication tools to reach out to other PhD students and early career scholars, including dedicated pages on the EISA website – <https://eisa-net.org/ecd-events/> & <https://eisa-net.org/ecd-group/> – a mailing list and a Twitter Account.

## **ES Rapallo**

The 7<sup>th</sup> EISA Exploratory Symposia took place from October 31 to November 3, 2018, at the Excelsior Palace in Rapallo, Italy. The format of the Symposia followed the same structure as previous years. Participants arrived on Wednesday (October 31) and departed after lunch on the fourth day. The symposia opened with a welcome dinner in the evening of the first day. For this Exploratory Symposia, we received a record number of 17 applications for the six symposia with a maximum of five participants each. A selection committee formed by EISA board members selected the proposals based on the following general criteria: 'The Exploratory Symposia aim to facilitate two kinds of research groups: (1) Newly established groups that would like to meet at an early stage of a research project to progress it. (2) Already established research groups that would like to meet to work out how to further their research agenda. We encourage in particular participants and section chairs of the Pan-European Conference (PEC) on International Relations and European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS) to apply to continue their work through the Exploratory Symposia'. Importantly, it was the first EISA event for which the new 'non-fulfilment of commitments' policy was implemented. The policy applies to 'anyone who fails to adhere to the registration deadline of any event, before which time you could cancel your participation, will be penalized. Anyone found to be in non-fulfilment of their commitments to EISA will not be allowed to participate in any EISA events' (<https://eisa-net.org/exploratory-symposia-in-rapallo/registration/>). The 2018 Exploratory Symposia had 29 participants.

## **Olympia Summer Academy (OSA)**

EISA co-organizes the Olympia Summer Academy with the Navarino network, Greece (<http://olympiasummeracademy.org/>). The 2018 Olympia Summer Academy was held in Nafplion, Greece, from July 8 to 18, attracting 19 professors and 98 qualified participants and professionals from 32 countries from around the world. Participants and Faculty reported that the Academy was both academically enriching and a good deal of fun. Our thanks to Andreas Gofas and the rest of the team at the Academy for continuing to provide the next generation of international studies scholars with such a valuable intellectual and cultural experience.

## **EWIS**

The 5th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), held in Groningen from 6 to 9 June 2018, attracted a record number of participants (378) and workshops (30) discussing a range of IR topics under the umbrella theme – The Return of Politics to IR, from the Women, Peace and Security agenda to autonomous weapons systems, multiplicity in IR theory, rituals and visual IR, from global health and foreign policy change to international scandal and aesthetic cities. Mobility grants were provided to 27 participants.

Instead of keynotes, EWIS 2018 introduced a more democratic format of two plenary roundtables, bringing together scholars from a broad variety of perspectives and emphasizing

the bottom-up dialogical character of EISA as a whole. Led by the programme chairs Benjamin Herboth (Groningen) and Benjamin Tallis (IIR Prague & EISA), the plenary roundtables featured Tanja Aalberts (VU Amsterdam), Laura Sjoberg (Florida), Swati Parashar (Gothenburg), Jaap de Wilde (Groningen), Xymena Kurowska (CEU and Aberystwyth), Roland Bleiker (Queensland), Luis Lobo-Guerrero (Groningen), Zeynep Gülsah Çapan (Erfurt), Jonathan Luke Austin (Graduate Institute Geneva).

A full social programme accompanied the workshop proceedings, including a reception, 'happy hours', a closing party and a Saturday morning brunch. All of this was possible thanks to the hard work behind the scenes by the workshop conveners, University of Groningen staff, the staff of EISA, as well as numerous student helpers.

Throughout 2018, preparations continued for EWIS 2019 at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków in Poland, 26-29 June 2019.

### *Awards and Prizes*

In 2018, the EISA awarded five prizes.

The 2018 **Best Dissertation Award** was given exceptionally to two excellent theses:

**Frank Stengel** for his 'Discursive Change and Foreign Policy: A Discourse Analysis of Germany's Changing Stance on the International Use of Force' and

**Akanksha Mehta** for her 'Right-Wing Sisterhood: Everyday Politics of Hindu Nationalist Women in India and Zionist Settler Women in Israel-Palestine'.

The 2018 **Best Graduate Paper Award** went to **Philip Conway** for his contribution to EWIS 2018 in Groningen: 'Prolegomena to a Future Planet Politics: From Disciplinary Demise to Cosmopolitical Coordination'. The committee decided to further name four honourable mentions:

**Felix Buchwald**, 'Wanted: An International Theory of Trade'

**Luisa Cruz Lobato**, 'Algorithms, Rituals and World Politics'

**Ana Flamind**, 'A Scandal is Never Just About the Scandal'

**Liviu Horovitz**, 'Method in Madness: The Logic of American Military Primacy at the End of the Cold War'

The recipient of the **Best Article in Global Affairs award** was

**Sebastian Oberthür**, 'Where to go from Paris? The European Union in Climate Geopolitics' (vol. 2, no. 2)

**Best Article in EJIR prize** for an article published in the *European Journal of International Relations* in 2018 was awarded to

**Ted Hopf**, 'Change in international practices' (vol. 24, no. 3)

### **Communication with members**

There are several ways in which the Association communicates about its activities and those of sister organizations with its members and the IR community at large. This includes first of all the website ([www.eisa-net.org](http://www.eisa-net.org)), a Facebook page and a Twitter account (@europeanisa). The website has information about all upcoming and past activities, important documents (such as the Association's constitution), links to cooperating organizations (see also under Network above), information on membership and the possibility to sign up as a member. There also is a password protected section for members called MyEISA, with membership benefits and discount codes for SAGE, OUP and other publishers' publications. In addition, there is a monthly newsletter from the Association. There is also a listserv where anyone can post information that might be of interest to the IR community. Members and non-members alike can sign up for this service.

### **Concluding remarks from the President**

2018 was a year of proactive change and new initiatives for EISA. Much of 2018 was taken up by moving the secretariat from Brussels to Prague and working closely with our new management company, C-IN, on launching new member-facing initiatives such as a renewed website and a wider communications strategy. We are very grateful to C-IN for their patience and collaboration during the transition and I would like to say a special thank you to Van Anh Nguyen (Nhung) who has worked tirelessly to support the EISA Board and our members on a day-to-day basis. Having welcomed six new members to the Board in September 2017, the newly composed Board also set about introducing new and planned initiatives to support and develop the EISA community. We are especially proud to have been able to plan and subsequently launch a mobility fund to widen participation at our key events and to have supported the launch of the early career development group whose members are doing a fantastic job of supporting a large section of EISA's membership in their professional development. I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Governing Board for all their work and support throughout 2018 and to thank you, our members, for continuing to support and enrich all of EISA's events and initiatives.

Victoria Basham, EISA President 2017-19

Cardiff, September 2019

## Treasurer's Report

### Treasurer's Report for EISA Board

Jan-Dec 2018

Maria Raquel Freire, EISA Treasurer

Starting balance 01.01.2018

**165068,38**

Membership fees			
	membership total 2017	1063	60060
15 €/family	3	15	45
45 €/family	1	45	45
50 €/Emer.	4	50	200
30 €/1yr	333	30	9990
35 €/1yr	121	35	4235
45 €/1yr	125	45	5625
50 €/1yr	96	50	4800
60 €/1yr	142	60	8520
65€/ 1yr	75	65	4875
75 €/1yr	43	75	3225
80 € /1yr	38	80	3040
90 €/1yr	72	90	6480
45 €/2ys	19	45	855
60 € /2ys	8	60	480
80€ /2ys	3	80	240
90 € /2ys	16	90	1440
110€/2ys	4	110	440
125€/2ys	4	125	500
140€/2ys	4	140	560
155€/2ys	2	155	310
170€/2ys	0	170	0
180€/2ys	0	180	0
60 €/3ys	16	60	960
90 €/3ys	9	90	810
110€/3ys	7	110	770
135€/3ys	14	135	1890
155€/3ys	18	155	2790
180€/3ys	12	180	2160
200€/3ys	6	200	1200
225€/3ys	1	225	225



<b>Early Career Researchers Workshop</b>			
Expenses reimbursement		-10235,73	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-10235,73</b>	<b>-10235,73</b>

<b>Symposia 2018</b>			
Registrations	30 100	3000	
Opening dinner		-810	
Hotel deposit and payment		-9170,7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6980,7</b>	<b>-6980,7</b>

<b>Palgrave series</b>			
Series editors		-543,9	
<i>Budrich journals - ERIS</i>		-3500	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-4043,9</b>	<b>-4043,9</b>

<b>EJIR - SAGE</b>			
SAGE Journal access		-2000	
Royalties		23516,26	
<b>Total</b>		<b>21516,26</b>	<b>21516,26</b>

<b>Global Affairs - Taylor &amp; Francis</b>			
Volkan Ipek + access		-18969,67	
Royalties (ING movement 17 Jan)		9942	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-9027,67</b>	<b>-9027,67</b>

<b>Membership Benefits</b>			
PEC Mobility Fund		-15200	
EWIS Mobility Fund		-8714,74	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-23914,74</b>	<b>-23914,74</b>

<b>EISA Board Meetings</b>			
Exec Meeting Prague February		-1090,07	
Prague meeting C-IN PEC expenses		-1292,49	
Board Meeting Prague May 2018		-2062,57	
Board Meeting Brussels January		-4042,29	
Board Meeting at PEC Prague		-3107,31	
Travel Brussels bank closure		-302,7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-11897,43</b>	<b>-11897,43</b>

<b>Bank fees</b>			
Bank charges		-1895,82	
Bank deposit on 1&2 Oct		837,8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-1058,02</b>	<b>-1058,02</b>

Management Fees		
C-IN Secretariat Services Q1 - Jan-March	-4949,7	
C-IN Secretariat Extra Services Q1	-1197,47	
C-IN Secretariat Services Q2 - April-June	-6055,58	
C-IN Secretariat Extra Services Q2	-5250,17	
C-IN Secretariat Services Q3	-4537,5	
C-IN Secretariat Extra Services Q3	-3048,59	
C-IN Secretariat Services Q4	0	
Swiss registration expenses	-73,18	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-25112,19</b>	<b>-25112,19</b>
<b>Balance on account 31.12.2018</b>		<b>139664,17</b>

In 2018 the transfer of EISA management services from MCI to C-IN as well as all administrative documentation needed to open the new EISA account and update information with the Swiss registration of the organization was fully complete.

It should be noted that the detailed information for EWIS and PEC 2018 is not reflected in this report as the financial details of these two events were only finalized in early 2019. The revenue from EWIS 2018 corresponded to 11298,82€ and that for PEC 2018 to 20477,6€. PEC 2018 was a joint EISA-CEEISA event, with agreement to share 20% of profit with CEEISA mainly to support conference participation.