Intelligence Studies Section Call for Paper Proposals for the 2011 ISA Conference

This is the ISA/Intelligence Studies Section (ISA/ISS) call for paper/panel proposals with a deadline of 1 June 2010 for the 16-19 March 2011 Conference in Montreal, Canada.

ISA/ISS, one of twenty-three sections within the International Studies Association (ISA), is the primary venue for presenting new intelligence studies research and scholarship: from evaluations of intelligence analysis methodology to espionage to comparative intelligence systems. If it is research about intelligence, ISS is the venue to present it. For more on ISS, see: http://iss.loyola.edu/

This past year ISA/ISS sponsored approximately 20 panels with over 100 different speakers addressing intelligence studies. Panel topics in 2010 included Explaining Intelligence Successes and Failures; Using Intelligence to Understand the Adversary; Organizing and Managing Strategic Intelligence; Improving Intelligence Used for War and Peace; and more. For those panels, see: http://iss.loyola.edu/iss_panels2010.pdf

If you would like to submit a paper or panel proposal, all you have to do is write up a short description/abstract of the paper you intend to submit or panel you put together, and then submit it by following the instructions on the ISA’s 2011 webpage, here: http://www.isanet.org/montreal2011

Papers on any topic related to intelligence studies will be considered for acceptance. Some panel topic ideas (and notional panel chairs) for 2011 include but are not limited to:

- 10 Years After 9/11: How the Canadian Security & Intell Community has Changed
- Security, Counterintelligence, and Outreach
- Cyber, Ethics, and 21st Century Warfare
- Role of Intelligence in Strategic Communications
- Intelligence and Global Governance

Three additional opportunities you should also be aware of:

Working Groups: Small group discussion of specific subject matter at three points during the conference, with goal being some tangible product, like a book proposal, follow-on conference, or other way to capitalize on the meeting. Submission deadline is June 15, 2010. See: http://www.isanet.org/isa_working_groups/.

Innovative panels: These are unique forums (creative experiments) for participants to dialogue, network, and learn in a forum different than that of a traditional panel. Submission deadline is May 15, 2010, and additional information is here: http://www.isanet.org/innovative_panels/isa-innovative-panels.html

Travel Grants: If you are a member of the ISS and will be applying for a travel grant from ISA, please let me know directly in addition to making the application with ISA.

If you have any questions, please send them to: spm8p@yahoo.com

Regards,
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2011 ISA Annual Convention Call for Papers
Theme: Global Governance - Political Authority in Transition

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For the full call for papers, see the ISA 2011 page at:
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The nation-state is generally regarded as inadequate to cope with the expanding global problems of the 21st century. Global climate change, international economic crises, transnational terrorism and crime, pandemics, nuclear proliferation, and more, all challenge the capabilities of states individually and collectively. Nation-states are also challenged from below by secessionist and other sub-national movements and from above by global civil society. In response to these competing pressures, political authority has begun to flow upwards to supranational or multilateral bodies, downwards to regional and local governments, and sideways to private actors - both within nations and transnationally - who assume previously public responsibilities. Governance is no longer the exclusive preserve of sovereign states, if it ever was. But neither is it moving uniformly in a single direction. Despite growing interest in problems of global governance and decades of research, four key questions still lack clear answers. Where is political authority moving? Why is authority moving? Is global governance good? How can global governance be improved and reformed?

We invite proposals for papers and panels that address these and other issues related to the problems of global governance in the 21st century. We especially welcome proposals that bridge different theoretical, epistemological and ontological divides within international studies to address common substantive problems.

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