

## Intelligence Studies Section Call for Paper/Panel Proposals for the 2013 ISA Conference

This is the ISA/Intelligence Studies Section (ISA/ISS) call for paper/panel proposals with a deadline of 1 June 2012 for the 3-6 April 2013 Conference in San Francisco, California.

ISA/ISS, one of twenty-four 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/>

At the March 2012 conference in San Diego, ISA/ISS sponsored 17 panels with about 85 different speakers addressing intelligence studies. Panel topics in 2012 included: Intelligence Transformation in New Democracies; Intelligence and Covert Action; Intelligence and Surveillance in the Information Age; Explaining and Evaluating Intelligence Analysis; Meeting the Demands of Cybersecurity; Intelligence and the Private Sector; Learning from Intelligence Successes and Failures; and more. For those panels and those of previous years, see: [http://iss.loyola.edu/iss\\_panels2012.pdf](http://iss.loyola.edu/iss_panels2012.pdf) and <http://iss.loyola.edu/past-panels.html>

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 after logging onto the myISA website, here: <http://isanet.ccit.arizona.edu/myisa/>

Proposals on any topic related to intelligence studies will be considered for acceptance. If your proposal deals with intelligence studies, be sure to submit it with the "Intelligence Studies Section" as your first choice of section...that will increase its chances of being accepted. Proposals from working practitioners and MA/PhD students encouraged.

Since the theme of the ISA Convention in 2013 is 'The Politics of International Diffusion: Regional and Global Dimension', some panel or paper topic ideas related to the concept of "international diffusion" include (but are not limited to):

- **Understand/Explain Spread of Intelligence Methods and Practices** (state to state or other actors including private sector companies and terrorists)
- **Evaluate Implications of International Diffusion of Technology** (affecting collection, processing, information security) **or National Intelligence Models** (organization, oversight, relations with policy, etc) **or Increasing Public Awareness of Intelligence**
- **Evaluate Mechanisms of Knowledge Diffusion about Intelligence** (Education in secondary/university context, Media, Freedom of Information Legislation/Practice; Historiography through Official Histories or National Archives)

Additional items to be aware of:

1. **2013 ISA Conference Information:** The website for the full 2013 conference, providing much additional information on the broader content and logistical aspects, is here: [http://www.isanet.org/annual\\_convention/](http://www.isanet.org/annual_convention/)
2. **Working Groups and Innovative Panels:** Working groups provide a forum for dialogue and interaction around designated issue areas and consist of small group discussion (20-25 participants) of specific subject matter at three points during the conference, with goal being to stimulate new research questions and project ideas, and contribute to development of new communities of scholars. Submission deadline is 15 June 2012.

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Also, Innovative Panels 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 15 May 2012. Additional information on both, including processes to apply, are here: [http://www.isanet.org/annual\\_convention/specialty.html#wg](http://www.isanet.org/annual_convention/specialty.html#wg)

3. **Workshop Grants:** These are funded workshops offering new and innovative collaborative research involving scholars drawn from the global international studies community with the goal being some tangible product, like a book proposal, follow-on conference, or other way to capitalize on the meeting. Two categories of grants exist: *Venture Research Workshop Grants* of up to \$25,000 each and *Catalytic Research Workshop Grants* of up to \$5,000 each. Submission deadline is 31 July 2012. Additional information including application process is here: <http://www.isanet.org/awards-grants/workshop-grants.html>
4. **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. Additional information on travel grants is here: <http://www.isanet.org/awards-grants/travel-grants.html/>
5. **Junior Scholar Symposium:** Per the ISA program chairs: “ISA decided to abolish the poster sessions. They will be replaced by a new and exciting initiative, the Junior Scholar Symposium. The JSS offers junior scholars the opportunity to present and discuss their research in an environment focused on graduate student professional development. It affords participants a focused, dedicated, atmosphere to provide consistent and useful feedback. The JSS also provides fantastic networking opportunities; participants will interact closely with senior scholars in their field as well as with peers across universities. More information can be found at: <http://isanet.ccit.arizona.edu/emails/JSS/StudentAnnouncement.html>

If you have any questions, please send them to me, the ISA/Intelligence Studies Section Program Chair, at: [spm8p@yahoo.com](mailto:spm8p@yahoo.com)

Regards,

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