

# Intelligence Studies Section

## Call for Panels/Papers for the 2018 ISA Convention:

This is a call for papers/panels for the Intelligence Studies Section (ISS) at the 59<sup>th</sup> annual International Studies Association (ISA) Convention to be held in San Francisco, CA (USA) on 4-7 April 2018. The overall theme for the 2018 ISA Convention is “[Power of Rules and Rule of Power](#).” Please note that the **deadline for submission** of paper and panel proposals is **1 June 2017**.

The Intelligence Studies Section, one of twenty-nine sections within the ISA, is the **primary venue for presenting new intelligence studies research and scholarship globally**: from evaluations of intelligence methods to espionage to comparative intelligence systems. If it is **research about intelligence**, ISS is the venue to present it. You can become a member of the Intelligence Studies Section by joining ISA and then adding the Section membership to your ISA membership for \$5/year (or \$3/year for students). For more information on ISS, see our [webpage](#).

At the 2017 ISA annual convention in Baltimore, MD the ISS continued to be vibrant and active. Our 30 panels covered an extremely rich spectrum of issues and debates within Intelligence Studies, covering the full gamut of the who, what, why, and how of intelligence both as an academic discipline and as a professional practice. Details of the panels presented at ISA 2017 can be seen [here](#).

Proposals specifically for the Intelligence Studies Section can cover any aspect of the debates and issues within contemporary Intelligence Studies. We are soliciting for **papers addressing topics including:**

- Intelligence as a factor in international relations and foreign policy
- Intelligence theory
- Comparative intelligence studies and intelligence cultures
- Intelligence & civil-military relations
- Gender-related issues and intelligence
- Intelligence analysis
- Intelligence education and professionalization
- Intelligence and emerging technologies
- Intelligence in the public/private sectors
- Intelligence fiction and facts
- Law enforcement/criminal intelligence
- Interdisciplinary research on intelligence

To **submit a paper or panel proposal**, write a short description/abstract of the paper you intend to present or the panel you would like to put together.

Panel proposals should contain 5 paper-proposals grouped together under a common theme with a chair and a discussant who are not one of the panelists. Then submit the proposal by following the instructions on the [ISA 2018 conference webpage](#).

Be sure to submit any proposals to the “**best fit**” Section as first choice, that will increase its chances of being accepted. Intelligence Studies is about intelligence as a function of government while International Security Studies is for studies about the threats and governmental policies to address them.

If you have multiple projects that you are working on, **please submit two proposals** so that the program chairs can find the ‘best fit’ for your work on the program. **Proposals from working practitioners and MA/PhD students are encouraged.**

If you are a junior scholar or working internationally and don’t have enough travel funds, **please consider requesting a travel grant** to cover some of the costs. Information on travel grants is available [here](#).

If you have any questions, please send them to us, Damien Van Puyvelde and Cris Matei, the joint ISA/ISS Section Program Chairs. We very much look forward to seeing your proposals for the 2017 conference!

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