

# Intelligence Studies Section

## Call for Panels/Papers for the 2017 ISA Convention:

This is a call for papers/panels for the Intelligence Studies Section (ISS) at the 58<sup>th</sup> annual International Studies Association (ISA) Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD (USA) on 22-25 February 2017. The overall theme for the 2017 ISA Convention is “[Understanding Change in World Politics](#).” Please note that the **deadline for submission** of paper and panel proposals is **1 June 2016**.

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 analysis methodology 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 2016 ISA annual convention in Atlanta, GA the ISS continued to be vibrant and active. The 28 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 2016 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
- intelligence cultures in diverse global contexts
- intelligence analysis skills
- intelligence education and professionalization
- intelligence and emerging technologies
- intelligence in the public/private sectors
- law enforcement/criminal 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 2017 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, Julian Richards and Damien Van Puyvelde, the joint ISA/ISS Section Program Chairs. We very much look forward to seeing your proposals for the 2017 conference!

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