

## **ISPP Governing Council**

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Catarina Kinnvall, ISPP President, welcomed the Governing Council (GC) to the July meeting in Santiago, Chile, expressing gratitude for their service to ISPP. All attendees introduced themselves. Election results were shared: Joanne Miller is the new President-Elect, Laura Taylor is the VP of Conferences, and Bogi Nyul is the Early Career Committee (ECC) Chair. New GC members are Diana Cardenas, Danny Osborne, Amanda Friesen, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Silvia Mari, with Agustin Espinosa replacing Amanda Bittner. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom and Marco Steenbergen were appointed editors for *Advances*. Special thanks were given to Stephen Nicholson and Efren Perez for their five years of service on *Advances*, as well as to outgoing GC members Roberto Gonzalez, Cengiz Erisen, Myrto Pantazi, Antoine Banks, Ana Figueiredo, Chryl Laird, Lilliana Mason, and Iris Žeželj, who received a round of applause for their contributions.

The full and web version of the January 2024 GC Minutes received unanimous approval.

Molly Andrews, one of the three Program Chairs, shared conference statistics, noting 428 papers organized into 109 sessions and four roundtables. The conference theme drew the most interest with 20 sessions, while the New Theoretical section had four panels, and three sessions were conducted in Spanish/Portuguese. It was emphasized that fee information, if providing discounts for local participants, should be shared well before the submission deadline. The Program Chairs received a round of applause for their efforts and success.

Dave Redlawsk (Treasurer) discussed potential discounted rates for future conferences, noting that advance planning is necessary to balance costs and maintain ISPP's financial stability. The proposed budget for January–December 2025 was presented, focusing on responsible fund allocation and managing risks tied to income sources like membership dues, conference fees, and *Political Psychology* royalties. Scholars Under Threat (SUT) and new initiatives are budget priorities to support ISPP's mission and engage members beyond the annual conference and journal. A constitutional amendment to streamline budgeting by using endowment returns in the following fiscal year was proposed. ISPP also plans to address restricted funds and honor donor intentions, with a new fund supporting human rights efforts. A proposed membership fee increase was approved alongside an amended budget.

Orla Muldoon (POPS Co-Editor) noted an increase in submissions this year, leading to about 300 peer reviews, primarily from special issues, which has posed challenges in securing reviewers. A

limit on special issues is now in place. *Political Psychology* (POPS) has retained a steady impact factor of 4, remaining in the top tier (Q1) for social psychology and political science. Appreciation was expressed to Orla Muldoon and James Liu (POPS Co-Editor) for their contributions to the Journal Editorial Board.

The Early Career Committee (ECC) has launched diversity grants, successfully attracting participants from several countries. ECC activities are progressing well and include the latest newsletter, as well as the annual mentoring luncheon and roundtables, both of which are held at each ISPP annual meeting. Recent online talks on peace and conflict were well-received and are anticipated to continue alongside in-person events during the conference. A policy update now allows travel award recipients to use funds for registration fees, offering added flexibility.

Cengiz Erisen (VP of Conferences) shared updates on upcoming conference locations. Due to high hotel costs in the city, the 2025 conference has been moved to a university in Prague. The 2026 conference may take place in Newcastle, which offers a cost-effective and accessible option compared to Edinburgh. Sev Bennett outlined possible North American locations for future conferences, including Chicago, San Francisco, Mexico City, and the DC Metro Area, with New York City highlighted as a strong option due to its international appeal and historical connection to ISPP's first meeting. A motion was passed to further explore New York City, San Francisco, and Mexico City as potential sites for the 2027 conference, which will be ISPP's 50th meeting.

Michael Morrell (VP of Initiatives) provided an update on the Code of Conduct (COC) and complaint handling procedures. A lawyer advised that reports could remain anonymous while still allowing for necessary investigations. The ISPP Central Office (CO) will serve as the primary contact for complaints. Decisions will involve the president, the COC panel, and the Vice President, with outcomes subject to appeal. The updated document, which applies to both members and conference attendees, was approved with minor amendments for clarity.

Gizem Arikan (Academy Director) shared that 54 people registered for the Academy, with strong engagement. An online Academy is planned for late October/November for those unable to attend in person. The Academy is facing a deficit this year due to reduced registration fees and increased hotel costs, but expects to balance the budget by adjusting fees for next year. Gizem Arikan was thanked for her hard work.

Ana Figueiredo (SUT Chair) provided an update on the SUT committee, which was initially established in response to the coup in Chile to support academics in distress. The SUT program continues to assist academics facing challenges, comprising both GC and non-GC members. In

2023, ISPP used all donations and matching funds to support scholars. The committee is organizing a roundtable featuring speakers from Argentina, South Africa, and Ukraine. Despite efforts to secure a local academic, they were unable to do so. The committee currently includes Ana Figueiredo, Hector Carvacho, and Iris Žeželj, with both Ana Figueiredo and Iris Žeželj stepping down. With funding available, the initiatives will be able to progress. Updates to the SUT section on the ISPP website are forthcoming.

Elizabeth Suhay and Mark Brandt were approved as the new co-editors for POPS. Two members of the GC, Cengiz Erisen and Amanda Friesen (incoming GC member), have taken on roles as associate editors. An editorial board of 50 members has been assembled.

Tali Mendelberg (VP of Communications) reviewed updates to the ISPP website, including new sub-categories for announcements and a Member Spotlight image and link featured in the slides at the top of the homepage, created with assistance from the CO. She also outlined guidelines for posting external announcements. The CO now fully manages the ISPP social media accounts, while the ECC has access to promote Early Career-related content. Additionally, the CO plans to expand ISPP's social media presence to BlueSky.

Tali Mendelberg chaired the search for new *Advances* editors, resulting in the selection of Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom and Marco Steenbergen. Their proposal was approved by the GC in January 2024.

The nomination process for new GC members was discussed. It was noted that the Nominating Committee typically invites candidates to run, while also allowing for self-nominations. It was clarified that self-nominations require support from 3% of ISPP members for a candidate's petition to be considered. The GC emphasized the importance of ensuring diversity among candidates, with a particular focus on increasing the representation of political scientists, as the current GC has a larger representation of psychologists.

Sev Bennett confirmed that the Prague conference would span four days, and a motion was passed to remove the policy restricting conferences in the Americas to three days. The ISPP Business Meeting will be scheduled as a stand-alone session with no concurrent sessions moving forward.

The GC expressed thanks to Catarina for her leadership as President over the past year.

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