

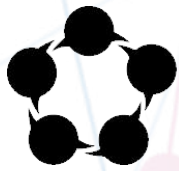


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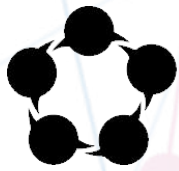
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Words of Welcome

Colby Gauthier, IAPSS President, 2025-2026

Dear colleagues, advocates, and future leaders,

It is my honour to welcome you to the 2026 IAPSS World Congress, on the topic of *Academic Freedom*, a conference meant to raise attention to this globally vital idea.



The last few years have been characterized by “democratic backsliding,” with states across all continents, cultures rolling back, minimizing, or eliminating democratic mechanisms and practices. With unrivaled inequality, historic highs in political polarisation, climate disasters, and more, these last few years have been plagued with uncertainty, economically, politically, and socially. In the face of these issues, advocacy remains a transformative tool. It is through events like these that we feature and raise up those bold enough to speak, to confront political instability, economic injustice, and the environmental crises that imperil our future. As panellists you are not merely presenting a paper; you are practicing an age-old tradition of critical thinking, questioning, and collaboration. It is these practices that protect and preserve academic freedom.

This Congress symbolizes much more than a series of lectures and panels. It reminds us of the truly global world we inhabit, the similarities and differences between us all, and the complexity of many of the issues facing the world, among a million other aspects. As you navigate these guide pages, I encourage you to think about academic freedom. Then, go beyond. Practice critical thinking in your everyday work and remind others of our duty to academic freedom. Go out and discover, inquire, and question. Do so with honesty, logic, and with empathy.

Beyond the theme of this year’s conference, please consider participating further in the International Association for Political Science Students’ many



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affairs. I encourage you to start by becoming active members, to join our regions, contribute to our research committees, get published in our journals and blog, attend our other events and programs, and to become a volunteer joining 90 student leaders across the globe! The best way to learn more immediately is to visit our website and to browse our many resources. Additionally, attend the IAPSS General Assembly on the last day of the World Congress to learn even more, and to stay current on the affairs of the outgoing and incoming Executive Committee, Regions, and more.

Thank you for your participation in the 2026 IAPSS World Congress!

Sincerely yours,

Colby Gauthier

IAPSS President



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Melike Bař, Vice-President & Head of the Programs

Department, 2025-2026

Distinguished Speakers,

Esteemed Guests,

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great honour to welcome you to the IAPSS World Congress 2026. This year's theme is *Academic Freedom*, a principle that lies at the very heart of learning and teaching.



Although academic freedom is often considered an ideal, it is more than that. It is a practice, shaping what we ask and to a certain extent what we think, without fear. When academic freedom is strong, educational institutions become places of discovery, where ideas are freely shared and examined. When it is weakened, the consequences are not only limited to academic circles but emerge as societal problems. That is why academic freedom must be sustained through shared commitment, and institutional courage. This Congress is an opportunity to reflect on these responsibilities.

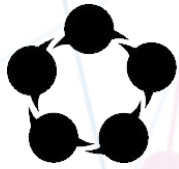
This year's World Congress aims to promote academic freedom by exploring different dimensions across various parts of the world. By asking where and how it is either suppressed or strengthened, we can protect and achieve it. Let us remember that academic freedom should not be a privilege reserved for a few. It should be a fundamental freedom, widely practiced and understood.

I hope the following discussions are fruitful, honest and rigorous. I wish you all a productive Congress and would like to thank everyone who contributed to IAPSS to make this Congress a success.

Sincerely yours,

Melike Bař

IAPSS Vice-President for Programs



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The Organizers

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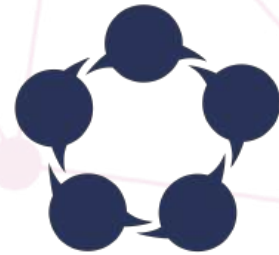
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We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped us at various stages of abstract review and Congress organization/production: the IAPSS Public Relations Department: Alana Gale, Kritika Sharma, and Leonardo Lucchesi; Thiruppathi P., Sanoop Sajan Koshy, Nawal El-Haimer, and Olha Shevchuk.



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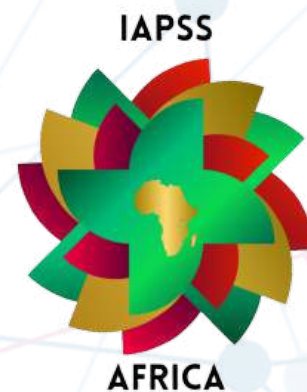
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Ontlotlile Seemela, Chair of IAPSS Africa, *North-West University*

Bafokeng Moeti, Country Coordinator Lesotho, IAPSS
Africa, *North-West University*

Sifiso Vilakazi, Country Coordinator South Africa, IAPSS
Africa, *North-West University*

Darren Kasanga, Regional Media Coordinator, IAPSS
Africa, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*





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North-West University

The NWU is committed to functioning as a unitary, integrated, multi-campus university that enables equity, redress and



globally competitive teaching and research across all three of our campuses. Our core activities, teaching-learning and research, are intertwined with community engagement and innovation in our eight faculties, most of which serve both distance and contact students. The NWU offers more than just an education: we offer people a place in the world. Academically, students benefit from great choice and flexibility, enabling them to fulfill their potential and start preparing for their careers. Through collaboration with other universities and institutions internationally, we are part of the global higher education community. Our internationalisation activities include student and staff exchange and cooperation in academic, research, cultural and sports matters.

CIVICUS

CIVICUS is a global alliance of civil society organisations and activists working to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world. Their vision is to enable a worldwide community of informed, inspired, committed citizens tackling the challenges facing humanity. They aim to build solidarity among activists across borders and network and resource civil society around the world. They produce timely and cutting-edge knowledge and analysis and build narratives. Their advocacy focuses on creating open spaces, lasting systems change, and including groups often discriminated against.





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About the World Congress

On the theme

Academic freedom is not an infallible phenomenon immune to crisis. Yet, it is an indispensable pillar of democracy. When we as societies lose academic freedom, the consequences are grave. Threats to academic freedom are both individual and collective threats to democracy. They are both social and intellectual threats to progress. To understand this connection, it is essential to know the meaning of these two words. Cambridge describes “academia” as,

“The part of society, especially universities, that is connected with studying and thinking, or the activity or job of studying”, and freedom as “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc. whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.”

However, while academy and education are important tools of spreading wisdom and peace, they can also become tools of oppression. History has seen principled articles made, such as the “Lernfreiheit” from Germany, and the “Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom” by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). These were made to establish academic freedom on a structured basis, and to ensure its practice. While these structures may be in place across the globe, we are bearing witness to the disruption of academic freedom in more and more regions, often through intellectual censorship.

Understanding both the fragility of academic freedom and its underlying importance and value, promoting academic freedom is promoting a healthy democracy and a democratic world. The United Nations (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that, “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes [the] freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.” By ensuring that academics express their research and findings free from oppression, a freer world in every aspect can be achieved.

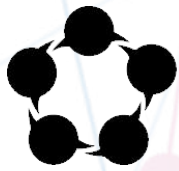
This year’s IAPSS World Congress will focus on the timely theme of academic freedom and its many intersections in political science, law, and sociology. The theme may connect to many larger topics such as its



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interconnected relationship with human rights, its physical contributions to healthy democracies, and how academic freedom can be promoted.



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About IAPSS

Mission

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) is a worldwide representation of students of political science and related studies. IAPSS strives to deliver sustainable academic contributions to the education of its members, foster exchange among young social scientists across the globe, and promote social and scientific responsibility. We do this by offering a multitude of events, publications, professionalization and research networks.

With members from more than ninety countries, IAPSS seeks to promote political science as a discipline and be a global network for students. The Association – founded in 1998 in Leiden (the Netherlands) – is exclusively student-led, non-profit oriented and politically independent. The IAPSS Headquarters is located in Montreal (Quebec, Canada) – hosted and supported by Concordia University.

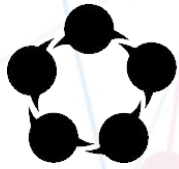
On the international level, IAPSS works closely together with the International Political Science Association (IPSA), International Studies Association (ISA), the European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR), the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as well as other partner organisations.

Three pillars

Our portfolio and annual agenda provided with great dedication to our members is built up around three pillars. In each pillar, we conceptualize and realize activities, projects and services that contribute to the academic, personal and social development of our members.

1. IAPSS Events – Global Political Science Gatherings
2. IAPSS Academic – Journals, Publishing, Delegations & Research
3. Professionalisation and Career Development – Volunteer Positions

IAPSS' unique international network enables us to influence debates, initiatives and scientific developments internationally. IAPSS has robust accounts on all major social media platforms and regular consultations take place with our international partners in the field of political science.



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The Programme at a Glance

05.05 Tuesday

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:20	Opening Ceremony
10:30 – 11:30	Keynote Lecture: Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Vice-President of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:15	Session I.I: Academic Freedom, Security, and Conflict
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Session I.II: Academic Freedom Around the World
15:45 – 16:45	Expert Session: Academic Freedom and CIVICUS Monitor Ine Van Severen, Civic Space Research Lead, CIVICUS

06.05 Wednesday

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	Keynote Lecture: Dr. Kgothatso Shai, Professor at University of Limpopo and the President of the South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM)
10:15 – 11:45	Session II.I: The Rule of Law and Human Rights
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	Session II.II: Academic Freedom, Society, and Governance
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:45	Session II.III: South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS)
16:00 – 16:45	IAPSS Student Research Committee Activity Reports I (Virtual) Mounamukhar Ghosh, Vice-chair, Gender and Identity Student Research Committee Alisha Khan, Chair, Comparative Politics Student Research Committee



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Arka Palit, Chair, Global Politics Student Research
Committee

07.05 Thursday

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	Keynote Lecture: Dr. John Higgins, Professor, <i>University of Cape Town</i>
10:15 – 11:45	Session III.I: Academic Freedom, Society, and Governance
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	Session III.II: Advocacy and Communication in Politics
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:15	Expert Session: CIVICUS Lens and the State of Civil Society Report Andrew Firmin, Editor-in-Chief, CIVICUS
15:30 – 17:00	Session III.III: Academic Freedom, Security, and Conflict
17:15 – 18:00	IAPSS Student Research Committee Activity Reports II (Virtual) Néstor F. Aranibar Campero, Chair, Political Theory Student Research Committee. Aman Maheshwari, Chair, Asia and Oceania Student Research Committee Thiruppathi. P., Interim Chair, Public Policy Student Research Committee

08.05 Friday

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Session IV.I: Environmental Advocacy, Sustainability, and Energy
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:45	Session IV.II: Academic Freedom, Identity, and Gender
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Session IV.III: Advocacy, Philosophy, and Political Theory



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15:00 – 15:30

Closing Ceremony

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 19:00

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Keynote Speakers & Experts



Professor Magdalena Musiał-Karg,
Vice-President of the International Political
Science Association (IPSA)

Magdalena Musiał-Karg is a full professor of political science at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland), where she also serves as Vice-Dean for Research and Scientific Cooperation at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism. She is the President of the Polish Political Science Association, the Vice-Chair of the Research Committee on Political Communication (RC22) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and President of the Center for European Research and Education. Her main research interests focus on direct democracy and the impact of modern technologies on democratic systems, mainly on the electoral process (e-voting). She has also conducted research on the role of women in public spaces.



Professor Kgothatso Shai, President of the
South African Association of Public
Administration and Management (SAAPAM)

Kgothatso Shai is a Full Professor of Political Science and Head of the Department of Cultural & Political Studies at the University of Limpopo, South Africa. He is the past President of the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) and the President of the South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM), and a National Research Foundation-rated scholar. His research focuses on African politics, international relations, and the politics of knowledge.



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Professor John Higgins, University of Cape Town

John Higgins is Professor of English at the University of Cape Town, where he holds the Arderne Chair in Literature. He is an NRF A-rated researcher and member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. John is a prominent literary and cultural theorist whose work focuses on cultural theory, Marx, Raymond Williams, cultural memory, and the politics of higher education.



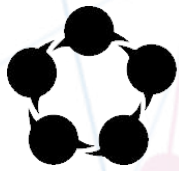
Ine Van Severen, CIVICUS Monitor,
University of Cape Town

Ine joined Civicus in May 2013 as a research officer, initially coordinating the Enabling Environment National Assessments (EENA). She joined the Civicus Monitor as a regional researcher in 2018, and currently leads the civic space research cluster.



Andrew Firmin, CIVICUS Lens/State of Civil Society Report

Andrew Firmin co-leads Civicus's research on global civil society trends and their political, economic, and social drivers. He has experience in cultural policy, participatory governance, consulting, and work with the Commonwealth Foundation.



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Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:20 **Opening Ceremony**

IAPSS Words of Welcome

Colby Gauthier, *IAPSS President* (Virtual)

Melike Bas, *IAPSS Vice-President for Programs* (Virtual)

Elena Evdokimova, *IAPSS World Congress Coordinator* (Virtual)

Ontlotlile Seemela, *Chair of IAPSS Africa* (In-person)

NWU Words of Welcome

Professor Melvin Diedericks, *Director of School of Government Studies* (In-person)

Professor Muhiya Tshombe Lukamba, *Deputy Director School of Government Studies* (In-person)

Tebogo Mathabathe, *Student Support Services Manager at Sedibeng TVET College* (In-person)

Professor Mirna Nel, *Deputy Dean for Research, Faculty of Humanities* (In-person)

10:30 - 11:30 **Keynote Lecture: The Annual IPSA Lecture**

Magdalena Musiał-Karg, *Vice-President, International Political Science Association (IPSA)* (Virtual; Opened up by Vice President for Academic Affairs, Soumyadeep Chowdhury)

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 - 13:15 **Session I.I: Academic Freedom, Security, and Conflict** (In-person;

Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

Democratic Decline and Academic Censorship in Hungary
Megan Marsh, Coastal Carolina University

Trends in Chinese State-Sponsored Cyberattacks Against Critical Infrastructure Sectors of the United States

Samuel Lockett, Coastal Carolina University

Assessing the Performance of Anti-Corruption Agencies in the Modern Era: A Comparative Analysis of Lesotho and RSA



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Bafokeng Desmond Moeti, North-West University

Chair: *Jessie Yonela Montshi, North-West University*

Discussant: *Jason Psaropoulos, Coastal Carolina University*

13:15 - 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30

Session I.II: Academic Freedom Around the World (In-person;
Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

The Role of Academic Freedom in Researching Greece's Shadow
Economy.

Jason Psaropoulos, Coastal Carolina University

Academic Freedom Under Regime Control: A Case Study of Iranian
Academia.

Lilyanne Sweat, Coastal Carolina University

Academic Freedom in Hybrid Regimes: Silencing, Survival, or Strategic
Adaptation? A Case of Zimbabwe.

Portia Sizalobuhle Ndlovu, North-West University

PoliComplexity: Complexity-Theoretic, NP-hardness-influenced, and
Spatial Fabric basis for Analysing 21st Century Politics.

Thato Mazwe Madibo, Emeris

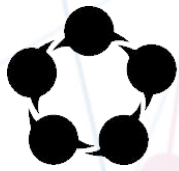
Chair: *Daria Kantorska, University of Warsaw*

Discussant: *Megan Marsh, Coastal Carolina University*

15:45 - 16:45

Expert Session: Academic Freedom and CIVICUS Monitor

Ine Van Severen, Civic Space Research Lead, CIVICUS (Virtual; Opened up
by President, Colby Gauthier)



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Day 2 - Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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08:30 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 10:00

Keynote Lecture: Academic Freedom and the Future of Political Science

Professor Kgothatso Shai, President, South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) (Virtual; Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

10:15 - 11:45

Session II.I: The Rule of Law and Human Rights (In-person; Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

Political Representation: A Comparative Review of the Nature of Electoral Reform Politics in South Africa and Nigeria.

Martin Ayankaa Ihembe, University of Pretoria

A Review of South Africa's Foreign Policy Pursuit of Rule of Law and Human Rights through the Lens of Idealism School of Thoughts.

Thoriso Arthaniel Ntlailane, North-West University

Digital Politics and Academic Freedom: A Comparative Study of Kenya and South Africa.

Jessie Yonela Montshi, North-West University

Chair: *Minenhle Matela, Stellenbosch University*

Discussant: *Collin Olebogeng Mongale, North-West University*

11:45 - 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:30

Session II.II: Academic Freedom, Society, and Governance (Virtual; Opened up by Vice-President for Programs, Melike Bas)

From Punitivism To Emergency: El Salvador And Peru In The Face Of The Challenges Of Crime, Extortion, And Homicide.

Anthony Rolando Medina Rivas Plata, Instituto de Estudios Políticos Andinos, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos

When Loyalty Breeds Crimson.

Lorraine Rodriguez Yu, Taipei School of Economics and Political Science, National Tsing Hua University



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Globalization, Local Economies, and Energy Justice: Comparative Insights from Renewable Energy Transitions in Europe and the Middle East.

Mahmoud Rasouli, School of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Iran

Invisible Biomes and Institutional Veto: How Political Capture Perpetuates the Cerrado's Constitutional Exclusion in Brazil's Environmental Federalism.

Leonardo Felipe Marques de Souza, Goias State University (UEG)

Chair: *Thiruppathi P., Institute For Social And Economic Change (ISEC)*

Discussant: *Peter, Ifechukwude, Egbumokeyi, Arden University*

13:30 - 14:15

Lunch Break

14:15 - 15:45

Session II.III: South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) (In-person; Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

16:00 - 16:45

IAPSS Student Research Committee Activity Reports I (Virtual; Opened up by Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Soumyadeep Chowdhury)

Mounamukhar Ghosh, Vice-chair, Gender and Identity Student Research Committee

Alisha Khan, Chair, Comparative Politics Student Research Committee

Arka Palit, Chair, Global Politics Student Research Committee



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Day 3 - Thursday, May 7, 2026

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08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Keynote Lecture: Protecting Knowledge, Empowering Minds: Academic Freedom**

Dr. John Higgins, Professor, University of Cape Town (Virtual; Opened up by Vice-President for Programs, Melike Bas)

10:15 - 11:45 **Session III.I: Academic Freedom, Society, and Governance**

(In-person; Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

Academic Freedom in Post-colonial South Africa.

Gcobani Galo, North-West University

A Systematic Review of Higher Education Policy Implementation in Post-Apartheid South Africa (1997–2024): Pathways to Inclusion, Transformation and Universalisation.

Minenhle Matela, Stellenbosch University

Negotiated Transition, Academic Freedom and Youth Voice in Post-Apartheid South Africa.

Kamogelo Mthethwa, North-West University

Iran's regression in Academic Freedom.

Nthabiseng Moqomo, North-West University

Chair: *Samuel Lockett, Coastal Carolina University*

Discussant: *Jessie Yonela Montshi, North-West University*

11:45 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 - 13:30 **Session III.II: Advocacy and Communication in Politics** (In-person;

Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

Kenya's Gen-Z-led Protests: The Role of Social Media Activism in Shaping Reparative Justice and Civic Engagement.

Collin Olebogeng Mongale, North-West University

Democratic Governance and Academic Freedom: How Do They Affect Each Other



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Nthabeleng Daizy Potsane, North-West University

Knowledge from Below: Youth, Voice and Contesting Power.

Mandisa Myeni, North-West University

Chair: *Sifiso Vilakazi, North-West University*

Discussant: *Nthabiseng Moqomo, North-West University*

13:30 - 14:15 **Lunch Break**

14:15 - 15:15 **Expert Session: CIVICUS Lens and the State of Civil Society Report**

Andrew Firmin, Editor-in-Chief, CIVICUS (Virtual; Opened up by President, Colby Gauthier)

15:30 - 17:00 **Session III.III: Academic Freedom, Security, and Conflict** (Virtual;

Opened up by Vice-President for Programs, Melike Bas))

Energy Justice Or Economic Redistribution? Critical Success Factors, Social License And Indigenization Of Nigeria's Upstream Oil And Gas Sector.

Peter Ifechukwude Egbumokei, Arden University

Idea Of Separate Electorate: Backsliding Democracy In Contemporary Times.

Dr. Nitin Dhaktode, TISS Mumbai

International Brick Wall: Encompasses The United Nations Architecture Throughout War Fares: A Perspective.

Sabrina Zi Qing Cui, Cambridge Centre for International Research

Student Perceptions of Academic Freedom, Teacher Conduct in an Era of Ideological Polarization.

Gadde Surya, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi

Campaigning In Translation: Media, Messaging, And Freedom Of Speech in India.

Thiruppathi P., Institute For Social And Economic Change (ISEC)

Chair: *Liubov Koronevska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv*

Discussant: *Jason Eappen, University of Georgia*



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17:15 - 18:00

IAPSS Student Research Committee Activity Reports II (Virtual;

Opened up by Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Soumyadeep Chowdhury)

Néstor F. Aranibar Campero, Chair, Political Theory Student Research Committee.

Aman Maheshwari, Chair, Asia and Oceania Student Research Committee

Thiruppathi. P., Interim Chair, Public Policy Student Research Committee



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Day 4 - Friday, May 8, 2026

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09:30 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 - 11:00 **Session IV.I: Environmental Advocacy, Sustainability, and Energy**

(In-person; Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)
Sustainable Energy Transitions and the Politics of Knowledge:
Protecting Academic Voices in Renewable Energy Debates.

Sifiso Vilakazi, North-West University

The Tendency Of Student Activism To Redefine Academic Freedom And
Society.

Lesedi Omolemo Mokotedi, North-West University

The Role of Education in Leadership and Liberation.

Seshupo Mosala, North-West University

Chair: Thoriso Arthaniel Ntlailane , North-West University

Discussant: Portia Sizalobuhle Ndlovu, North-West University

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:45 **Session IV.II: Academic Freedom, Identity, and Gender** (In-person;
Opened up by Chair of IAPSS Africa, Ontlotlile Seemela)

The Right to Participate in Lessons Conducted in the Native Language
of a Minority and also Right to Learn that Language as a Guarantee of
Freedom of Communication in the Minority's Language in the Sphere
of Academic Life on the Example of Polish Minority in Lithuania.

Daria Kantorska, University of Warsaw

The Politics of Recognition in the Private and Public Spaces of
Post-apartheid South Africa.

Pushetso Maleka , Stellenbosch University

Gender, Conflict, and Academic Freedom: Rethinking Knowledge
Production in Post-War Congo.

Mbalenhle Zwane, North-West University



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Academic Freedom in the Global South: Decolonial Perspectives on Knowledge, Power, and Inequality.

Khuliso Freddy Mafela, North-West University

Chair: Martin Ayankaa Ihembe, University of Pretoria

Discussant: Gcobani Galo, North-West University

12:45 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 - 15:00 **Session IV.III: Advocacy, Philosophy, and Political Theory** (Virtual;

Opened up by Vice-President for Programs, Melike Bas)

Reproductive Violence And The Theory Of Violent Insurgent State Building.

Precious Ibok, University of Benin

Academic Freedom, Structural Violence, and Peacebuilding in Africa: A Legal and Governance Analysis.

Mercy Many Kazi-Njila, Taraba State University Jalingo

Religious Schools and Universities in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Assessing Institutional Competition in the Sphere of Authority.

Abouzar Pouradib, Islamic Azad University, Azadshahr Branch

Morocco's Golden Age of Identities.

Jason Eappen, University of Georgia

Educational Policy of the Russian Federation in Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine as a Tool of War and a Violation of Academic Freedom.

Liubov Koronevska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Chair: Alisha Khan, St. Xavier College (Autonomous), University of Calcutta

Discussant: Gadde Surya, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi

15:00 - 15:30 **Closing Ceremony**

Colby Gauthier, IAPSS President (Virtual)

Melike Bas, IAPSS Vice-President for Programs (Virtual)

Ontlotlile Seemela, Chair of IAPSS Africa (In-person)



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15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 19:00 **IAPSS General Assembly 2026 (Hybrid; 10:00 am EDT)**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Agenda and General Assembly Committee
3. Approval of the 39th General Assembly Minutes
4. Report of the IAPSS President
5. Report of the IAPSS Financial Director
 - a. Financial Statement 2025-2026
 - b. Draft Budget 2026-2027
6. Report of the IAPSS Advisory Board
7. Legal Framework Amendments and Motions

Break for ten (10) minutes

8. Elections – (candidate presentations, questions, and voting)
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary-General
 - c. Financial Director
 - d. Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - e. Vice President for Programs
 - f. Vice President for Public Relations
 - g. Advisory Board Members (3)
 - h. IAPSS Africa Chair
 - i. IAPSS Asia Chair
 - j. IAPSS Canada & USA Chair
 - k. IAPSS Europe Chair
 - l. IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair
 - m. IAPSS MENA (SWANA) Chair
 - n. IAPSS Oceania Chair
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment



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Guidelines for Panellists

Time Structure of Panels

Each paper presentation will consist of a presentation by the paper presenter, the discussant's reply and a Q&A session with the audience. Panel Structure:

- 12 minutes presentation;
- 3 minutes discussion by the discussant;
- 15-minute Q&A with the audience.

How to be a good panellist

- Keep to time. You will be allocated between 10 and 12 minutes and if you go over the limit, it will be taken from the time of your co-panellists.
- Structure your presentation so that the audience has the time to ask you questions afterward.
- Prepare your speech beforehand. You do not need to read directly from the paper but hint-cards are always useful.
- If you write down your speech, make sure you have leeway time-wise. Speakers reading directly from the paper very often underestimate the time they will need for presentation.
- If you run out of time, you will be cut off mid-presentation. No exceptions.
- Be precise and concise. You are presenting your research results, not making a political speech. Keep in mind that your audience is smart.
- Read the papers of your colleagues. It is polite to prepare at least one question for each of your co-panellist and give them proper feedback. Your work does not end with finishing your paper, the key to a successful academic panel is interaction among its participants.



Guidelines for Panel Chairs

How to be a good Panel Chair

- You must read the papers in your panel carefully and prepare questions.
- Start your panel exactly on time whenever possible.
- No need to introduce yourself or anyone else at length. At most, say people's names and institutional affiliations. Let them introduce their papers themselves.
- Let the panellists speak in the order listed on the programme unless they request otherwise – for technical reasons, for example.
- Keep each panellist to the time allotted. This is the most important part of the role of the panel chair. Divide the entire session evenly between all panellists. If one person goes over the time limit, they are cutting directly into the time of the other panellists, and that must be avoided. Give people a subtle warning when they are close to time by typing out '5 minutes/2 minutes/1 minute' in the chat box. Once they are out of time, give them notice. If they do not stop, you will need to be bold and ask them out loud to wrap up.
- Take questions from the audience immediately after individual presentations. The Q&A should comprise at least one third of the time allocated to one panellist. If there are lots of questions, try to avoid asking any yourself, but do try to think of some just in case the audience goes silent too soon.
- Do not allow the audience to go off on a lengthy tangent; you may need to interrupt them to refocus the discussion.
- Make sure the session finishes on time. People will want to take a break and stretch their legs before the next events, and if you want to continue discussing with someone about their research, you can always reach out to them via email.
- Thank the presenters at the end of every presentation.



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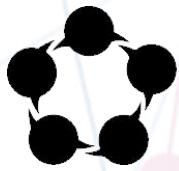
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Guidelines for Discussants

How to be a good discussant

- Your first and most important responsibility is to help the audience understand the papers better. You must read the papers carefully, take time to understand their contributions, strengths and weaknesses, and what the audience needs to know about them.
- Your second responsibility is to the authors. What are your reactions to the papers and why? What can the authors do to improve the paper? Learning how to read other papers with the critical eye of a good discussant will help you to learn how to write papers that appeal to the profession.
- Review all papers through the following steps:
 1. Briefly summarise the main messages, arguments, and the paper's contributions to academia and the wider society.
 2. Provide an assessment of the paper: does it make its case convincingly and is it academically rigorous?
 3. Suggest constructive ways to improve the paper.
 4. Highlight the relevance of the paper to academia and society.
 5. Stimulate conversation among the audience by posing questions for discussion.
 6. During the discussion, you can also draw comparisons between two or more papers presented in your panel.



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Online Paper Room

You can find all available papers of the Congress in the [Online Paper Room](#).

Awards

The IAPSS Academic Department will give two awards at the end of the Congress:

- The **Best Panellist Award** will be given to a panellist recommended by Panel Chairs.
- The **Best Paper Award** will be given to a paper author with the best paper as determined by the IAPSS Academic Committee.

During the IAPSS World Congress 2026, Chairs and Discussants are responsible for the Best Panellist Award, presented during the Closing Ceremony to the panellist with the most coherent, structurally-sound, and informative presentation. Chairs and Discussants are not obliged to recommend a panellist for the award, but your written feedback on the very best of the participating scholars could present someone with the opportunity of winning a scholarship to the IAPSS World Congress 2026!

The Award recipients will be informed of their selection on May 8, at the Closing Ceremony.

Lastly, Chairs may recommend papers for publication at [Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science](#) or [Encuentro Latinoamericano: Revista de Ciencia Politica](#).

Come join us on WhatsApp to be able to ask questions, to meet others, and to share information! Link:

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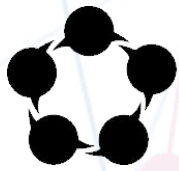
Use **#iapss2026** in your social post you may make regarding the conference! We encourage participants to take screenshots and share them on social media so long as they have permission from other panellists. To keep up to date on news from the conference, follow us on our social media., monitor your inboxes, and watch for announcements at in-person and virtual sessions.

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IAPSS General Assembly and Elections

If you enjoyed the World Congress and are looking for more ways to get involved in IAPSS, join us at our General Assembly and Elections and make your voice heard!

The IAPSS General Assembly and Elections will take place on the margins of the World Congress, in hybrid form, on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 10:00 EDT/16:00 SAST.

This is a chance to take part in crucial decision-making about the future of IAPSS as well as run and vote for IAPSS elected positions at continental and global levels. The General Assembly web page also includes the agenda and important documents plus information on how to participate. We encourage you to read through this information and let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything else you need.

IAPSS operates according to its official Bylaws that were written in compliance with Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Before writing a motion, we suggest you get familiarized with IAPSS' Bylaws to ensure your motion is compliant with IAPSS' legal framework.

In addition, we encourage you to consider running for IAPSS' elected positions. These volunteer roles are very important to the organization and include the Global Executive Committee, the Advisory Board, and the 6 Regional Chair positions from each inhabited continent.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Practical Information

Venue & Location

The upcoming World Congress will be hosted on the Vaal Triangle Campus of the North-West University, Vanderbijlpark. As the primary hub for this year's event, the university offers a dynamic environment conducive to global academic exchange and collaboration. **All in-person panels will take place in the venue VC_A7A_101.**

Timing

On-site registration will begin on May 5th at 08:30. All sessions will take place in SAST (Johannesburg, South Africa) time. Virtual lectures and panels have been scheduled for later in the day to accommodate panellists from all across the globe. A shuttle to the university will be available at the Emerald Resort and Casino, Vanderbijlpark around approximately 08:15 each day for in-person attendants. Please note that the shuttle departure on Friday will be at 09:15.

Dress Code

We do not issue any specific dress code recommendation but rather advise to dress appropriately with respect to be paid to the diversity of participants from across all continents and cultural backgrounds.

Emergency Contact Information

For the safety and well-being of all participants attending the World Congress in South Africa, please save the following emergency numbers. Note that South Africa uses different numbers depending on whether you are calling from a landline or a mobile phone.



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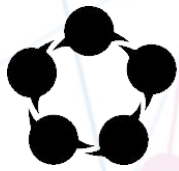
Primary Emergency Numbers

From a Mobile Phone: Dial 112. This is a free call that connects you to your network provider's automated emergency menu, which will route you to the appropriate service (Police, Ambulance, or Fire).

National Police (SAPS): Dial 10111 from any landline. This connects you to the Nationwide Emergency Response center.

Ambulance & Fire Services: Dial 10177 from a landline. This is the primary number for medical emergencies and fire-related incidents.

Note for International Travelers: Please ensure your mobile phone is set to allow emergency calls even if you do not have a local SIM card. If you are using an international roaming service, the 112 number is the most reliable way to reach local assistance



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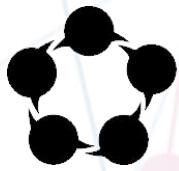
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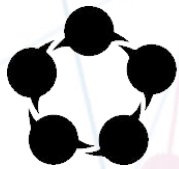
The NWU is committed to functioning as a unitary, integrated, multi-campus university that enables equity, redress and globally competitive teaching and research across all three of their campuses. Their core activities, teaching-learning and research, are intertwined with community engagement and innovation in their eight faculties, most of which serve both distance and contact students. The NWU offers more than just an education: they offer people a place in the world. Academically, students benefit from great choice and flexibility, enabling them to fulfill their potential and start preparing for their careers. Through collaboration with other universities and institutions internationally, they are part of the global higher education community. Their internationalisation activities include student and staff exchange and cooperation in academic, research, cultural and sports matters.

CIVICUS



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CIVICUS is a global alliance of civil society organisations and activists working to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world. Their vision is to enable a worldwide community of informed, inspired, committed citizens tackling the challenges facing humanity. They aim to build solidarity among activists across borders and network and resource civil society around the world. They produce timely and cutting-edge knowledge and analysis and build narratives. Their advocacy focuses on creating open spaces, lasting systems change, and including groups often discriminated against.



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Advent Group (Access MBA and Access Masters)



Operating across the globe, Advent Group is a worldwide leader in in-person and online One-to-One education events and marketing solutions for the higher education sector. The group organises over 220 events in 61 countries for over 80,000 prospective MBA, EMBA and Masters applicants each year. A

strong international media network with highly-targeted websites, AI-powered orientation platforms, and specialised publications, Advent Group also provides instructive resources for future students and strategic marketing solutions for education providers. Boutique executive education and corporate learning community events connect business education and Learning and Development (L&D) leaders.

ASEAN Youth Organization

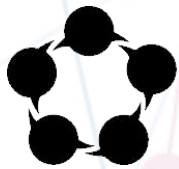


ASEAN Youth Organization (AOY) aspires for a world where youths exhibit a heightened interest in ASEAN through activities that empower youth, engage communities to instill and implement ideas that enable positive sustainable change. AOY has 16 chapters and networks across the globe.

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)



ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organization that brings together the peoples of Asia and Europe to address common global challenges by: advancing mutual understanding and collaboration between the people of Asia and Europe through opportunities that enable an exchange of ideas; acting as the civil society outreach of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), and works as a platform for Asia-Europe dialogue to stimulate permanent networks that reinforce



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Asia-Europe bi-regional relations; acting as an interface between civil society and ASEM governments and consequently contributes to the ASEM process by generating unique recommendations for officials' consideration

Asian Law Students' Association



Formally established in 2002, the association is a merger between the previous ASEAN law students association, as well as the East Asian law students association, which were two student bodies that had similar goals of fostering stronger ties and greater understanding of the different legal systems among its member Asian countries. Recognizing their common goals, as well as the ever-increasing onset of globalization in the region, these two associations signed an agreement in 2002, thus forming ALSA into the organization that is known today. Reaching over 9,000 members in over 17 jurisdictions, it has become the premier representative body of law students in Asia.

Circle of Sustainable Europe (CoSE)

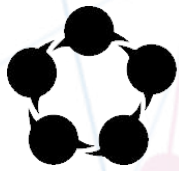


CoSE is the Leading NGO combining, connecting, and creating environmental sustainability projects across Europe. As an umbrella organization, its aim is to expand knowledge and awareness of today's biggest climate change challenges

Concordia University



Located in the vibrant and multicultural City of Montreal, Concordia University is among the [top-ranked universities](#) worldwide founded within the last 50 years and among the largest urban universities in Canada. While Concordia's [next-generation thinking](#) allows it to constantly look forward, its roots are firmly planted in two distinctive institutions of higher education, both with illustrious histories. The university was officially founded on August 24, 1974, following the merger of Loyola



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College and Sir George Williams University. The Political Science Department of Concordia University hosts the global headquarters of IAPSS.

Disability Unite



Disability Unite strives for the full inclusiveness of the diverse disability community to enable community mobilization and a singular voice. Disability Unite brings people together from communities all around the world. As the largest minority, it is intersectional and in every segment of society and every nation across the globe. The message of Disability Unite: People with Disabilities are proud, we're loud and we'll work together to make ourselves known.

European Academy of Diplomacy (EAD)



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The European Academy of Diplomacy (EAD) is the first non-governmental, non-for-profit diplomatic academy in Europe, with a mission of shaping, sharpening, and inspiring a new generation of enlightened international leaders. Since its inception in 2004 and with over 3000 graduates from more than 95 countries, EAD offers the highest quality tailor-made programs at graduate, post-graduate, and executive levels. Renowned for its teaching methods, international faculty, and distinguished speakers, the EAD prepares diplomats, civil servants, political and social leaders, as well as representatives of businesses, academia, and the non-governmental sector for the challenges of a globalizing and ever-changing world.

European Student Think Tank (EST)



The European Student Think Tank is an International Organization that involves young people in the European policy-making process and promotes the values of the European Union and Human Rights. Run by young people and for young people, we organize events across EU institutions, analyze European affairs and work with a network



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of Ambassadors to our organization, who represent the EST across Europe. The EST was founded in 2010 and has been growing over the years. We are now present in the 5 continents, formed by more than 100 members, and count with more than 30 nationalities.

European Horizons



European Horizons is a global youth-led policy incubator building a stronger transatlantic bond and a more united Europe — which we believe are

cornerstones of a future underpinned by democracy, equality, and freedom. To do so, we deal in ideas. Our leadership opportunities build the knowledge, experience, and confidence our members need to voice their ideas; our workshops, projects, and conferences incubate these ideas; our growing network of chapters, partners, and policy-makers enhance them; and our publications provide a critical outlet for them to be heard.

Global Campus of Human Rights



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The Global Campus of Human Rights is an interdisciplinary center of excellence supported by the EU. The organization strives

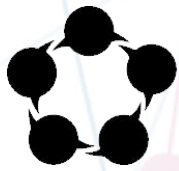
to promote human rights and democratization through higher education, specialized training programs, research, and outreach. Their work happens worldwide through the broad network of member universities. The Global Campus of Human Rights has a presence in seven regions of the world: Africa, Arab World, Asia-Pacific, Caucasus, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, Southeast Europe. The regional headquarters in Pretoria, Beirut, Bangkok, Yerevan, Buenos Aires, Sarajevo/Bologna, and are coordinated by the main office in Venice, Italy.

Global Cultural Adventurers



G.C.A.

Global Cultural Adventurers (GCA) is an international education group, which aims to build a global platform of cultural exchange and international internship for youth.



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Global Policy Insights (GPI)



Global Policy Insights (GPI) is a centrist policy institute with a vision to equip governments, policymakers, NGOs, and diverse actors within the sphere of international development with the tools required to nurture good governance practices and promote sustainable development. In the presence of a rapidly evolving international political economy, it is crucial for these actors to navigate through dynamic circumstances and adopt comprehensive strategies to stimulate and catalyze inclusive socio-economic growth through local, regional, national and global perspectives. Thus, GPI partners with and serves governments, universities, local and multinational communities, and corporates throughout the world to deliver innovative unions of research, advisory, design, deliberative inquiry, and consulting services.

Hesperus Research & Development Organization



Hesperus is inspired to engage in decorating and crafting new policy ideas concerning international security issues. The idea is to conduct in-depth research to understand world politics and evolving future politics. This will help in drafting policy suggestions to solve the problems at the national and global levels. Hesperus supports *young leaders* by creating opportunities to participate in the international community and develop rewarding careers. Hesperus aims to provide an impartial & rigorous analysis of strategic interaction on security issues that threaten or affect the core values of international relations. Hesperus provides strategic insights and policy solutions to the world's decision-makers. Hesperus is always looking for talented individuals with diverse perspectives to impact our world more.



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International Political Science Association (IPSA)



IPSA was founded in Paris in 1949 under the aegis of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The special mandate of IPSA, expressed in its Constitution, is to support the development of political science in all parts of the world, building academic networks linking East and West, North and South. Its aim is to create an inclusive and global political science community in which all can participate. It seeks to promote collaboration between scholars in emerging and established democracies and to support the academic freedoms needed for the social sciences to flourish. The activities and policies of IPSA reflect its global mission. It has been highly successful in the encouragement of national political science associations and today there are over 58 such associations affiliated with IPSA. IAPSS is a long-term partner of IPSA and has a joint membership signup agreement with the organization.

International Studies Association (ISA)



The International Studies Association is one of the oldest interdisciplinary associations dedicated to understanding international, transnational, and global affairs. Founded in 1959, its more than 7,000 members span the globe – comprising academics, practitioners, policy experts, private-sector workers, and independent researchers, among others. The Association has long served as a central hub for the exchange of ideas and for networking and programmatic initiatives among those involved in the study, teaching, and practice of International Studies. Through its highly attended Annual Convention and regional/international conferences, as well as its respected journals and the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies, the Association promotes rigorous discussion, research, and writing on a broad range of topics within International Studies, broadly construed. ISA also offers various funding, bridging, and mentoring opportunities that facilitate the development of new ideas, relationships, and skillsets. These opportunities provide a space for

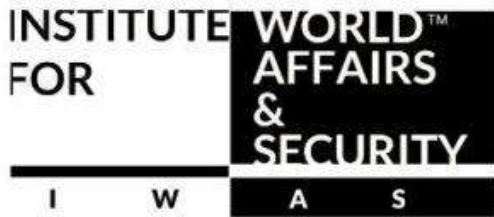


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underrepresented groups, early career scholars, and other professionals to grow in the field.

Institute for World Affairs & Security (IWAS)



The Institute for World Affairs & Security deals with security, war, economics, and much more. IWAS also engages with students and the scholarly community by providing educational field trips, language learning, research, data analysis, and membership.

Instats



Instats supports research communities and promote academic freedom by providing a platform for research training and community building with their global network of renowned experts and esteemed institutions.

Jason Institute for Peace and Security Studies



For over 45 years, the JASON Institute for Peace and Security Studies has been engaged in informing students and young professionals on matters of international peace and security. JASON regularly organizes exclusive events with leading security stakeholders. Additionally, JASON publishes a quarterly magazine containing sophisticated articles written by both young professionals as well as prominent academics. What characterizes JASON is that its events and magazines are accessible free of charge and are open to anyone, regardless of sex, age, descent, cultural and religious beliefs. JASON believes that through inclusive dialogue, we can provide the leaders of tomorrow with a dynamic platform to engage with the leaders of today.



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Leading Women of Tomorrow (LWT)



Leading Women of Tomorrow strives to equip more undergraduate women with the skills, resources, and confidence to become advocates in their professional fields, with the goal of creating a broader network of change-makers in the next generation. For their vision, Leading Women of

Tomorrow was awarded the Resolution Fellowship at the 2017 United Nations Youth Assembly. LWT works with leaders from campuses across the country to develop innovative programming, ranging from speaker series with world-renowned experts to engaging thematic workshops. Since its inception, LET has been committed to fostering a spirit of ingenuity among our members.

National Model Organization of Islamic Cooperation Pakistan



Organized by ICYF-DC MOIC is defined as “An authentic simulation of the OIC Summit or Council of Foreign Ministers, or any other multilateral body, which catapults students into the world of diplomacy and negotiation. In Model OIC, students step into the shoes of Ambassadors/Ministers/Presidents of OIC Member States to debate current issues on the Organization’s

vast agenda. The students, better known as “delegates” in Model OIC, prepare draft resolutions, plot strategy, negotiate with supporters and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the OIC’s rules of procedure—all in the interest of mobilizing “international cooperation” to resolve problems that affect almost every country on Earth.”

Politico’s EU Studies & Career Fair



POLITICO’S EU Studies & Career Fair is the annual meeting place for universities and organizations to engage with international

students and young professionals looking for a future in EU affairs, international relations, political sciences, business, economics, public policy, public affairs, and



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law. Taking place online via a bespoke interactive platform, the fair is the largest recruiting event in EU affairs in Europe.

Pressto



Pressto is the first writing and micro-journalism platform for Kindergarten through High School. Pressto teaches students across the globe to communicate more clearly, to process and interpret information, and reduce their risk of depression and self-harm from social media. Pressto is built for accessibility. Their cognitive behavioral therapy teaches critical thinking and media, communication, and life skills. Pressto leaves young people less susceptible to the manipulations of social media.

PeaceX



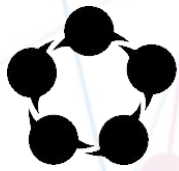
PeaceX is an international amity and peace organisation that affirms to strive for the morals of harmonious coexistence and positive multifaceted development of peoples with a cooperative consortium of youth across the world. PeaceX aims to create a congress of erudite youth who revere and partake in working for the ideals of peace, justice and socio-economic development. With the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals acting as our pole star, PeaceX asserts to achieve its own twelve goals by brainstorming vibrant policy ideas and incubating community-rooted endeavors to counter and correct contemporary plights. Being cognizant of the fact that participation for the creation of strong institutions is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is tectonically key in the achievement of the seventeenth Sustainable Development Goal, PeaceX pedestalizes the virtue of diverse co-opting of projects for development.

Student Think-Tank for Europe-Asia Relations (STEAR)



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Europe-Asia Relations (STEAR) aims to strengthen relations and deepen cultural ties between the two billion people living across Europe and Asia. Our vision is to serve as the first and leading policy institute for students and young professionals in Europe and Asia, to provide a bridge between the two continents, and to strengthen multilateral cooperation and international prosperity. Our mission is based on three foundations: policy work; cultural exchanges; and our capacity building programme.

The SDG Accord



The SDG Accord is the university and college sector's collective response to the sustainable development goals (SDGs). It was

launched in September 2017 and is administered by the EAUC. IAPSS signed the SDG accord in 2021.

The Peterloo Institute



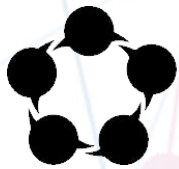
Manchester's first student-run think tank, Peterloo Institute is proud to provide an inclusive and diverse policymaking platform. By engaging with a range of opinions, Peterloo Institute is educating and informing both themselves and others. But this isn't

just an academic exercise – the Institute participates in the policy world, builds partnerships at all levels, and provides real solutions to issues across Greater Manchester. The Institute harnesses the drive and determination of students to build on the brilliant heritage of this place and its people, all because we think the great policy is the best path to progress.

The Young Diplomat



The Young Diplomat is a young and growing organisation, founded in 2018 by Hans van den Berg. International negotiation is a corner stone of foreign policy and affairs. The field of international politics, European affairs and public institutions can be



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complex. Especially where business and public governance come together. Their experts work in the field of public and private negotiations, specifically where these meet each other. The Young Diplomat provides training and consultancy in preparing, strategizing and carrying out negotiations as well as implementation and follow up of agreements. Their mission is to ensure you can achieve your goals through a smooth negotiation process where all parties benefit.

The World with MNR



The World With MNR is dedicated to taking action for climate justice, gender equality, and inclusivity through advocacy, storytelling, and development projects. The World with MNR runs a variety of projects and activities such as the podcast “The Whole Wide World”, the weekly Instagram Campaign “Digitivism”, the Instagram show “Les Incroyables”, project “Girls’ Education in Pakistan”, and others.

UNESCO



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations, established on 16 November 1945. Its stated purpose is to contribute to peace security by promoting international collaboration through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and human rights along with fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the UN Charter. IAPSS holds Consultative Status with UNESCO.

Voters Without Borders



Voters Without Borders puts young people center stage: a team of Erasmus students, supported by a wider coalition, campaigning for full political rights for EU citizens who practice their rights to freedom of movement.