

Potential Topics for Sections, Papers, Panels and Roundtables

We invite proposals on a broad set of possible subjects that reflect the diversity and pluralism of our discipline. Please, find below some general suggestions for your analysis and creativity, but feel free to suggest other topics.

- The relevant and alternative ‘world orders’ (in analytical and normative terms) that describe and explain the international system since the end of the Cold War.
- The role of regions and regional studies in shaping alternative orders, multiple voices, and geographic and geopolitical configurations.
- Problematizing ‘the international’: What do we mean by international studies, in juxtaposition to international relations?
- Thinking IR and international studies beyond the Westphalian state.
- Voices from the South and alternative voices from the North regarding new world orders.
- The relevance of post-colonial studies in making sense of the world.
- International studies beyond the discipline of IR.
- The complex relationships between borders, identities, and different types of orders.
- Human flows and displacement in the contemporary world: refugees, migration, human trafficking and smuggling.
- Promoting inclusiveness and the role of minorities within and across states.
- Power, authority, legitimacy and contestations of orders.
- The relevance of peaceful change in international relations.
- The diffusion of power away from the state in different directions.
- Civic-military relations and their relevance in the twenty-first century.
- Peace and war in the twenty-first century.
- The relevance of indigenous people, ethnic conflicts, and civil wars.
- Empowering humanity: from local to global justice.
- Moral issues in international studies: distributive justice, human rights, and just war.
- Humanitarian intervention and peace missions in the 21st century.
- Globalization and global governance.
- The changing dynamics of world politics: globalization, nationalism, and regionalism.
- Multilateralism and multiple Gs: G-7, G-8, G-20, G-77, G-120?
- The reform of international institutions and the prospects for global governance.
- Global economic governance and development cooperation.
- The relevance of trade and investment policies in the age of globalization.
- Globalization, development, and global inequalities.
- The rise of populism around the world and the challenges to the international liberal order.
- Regional orders and world politics: between disciplinary and area studies approaches.
- International Relations of Latin America, including -Latin American relations with major powers.
- The lingering relevance of dependency and development in Latin America, and beyond.

- Science, technology and international studies: coping with Artificial Intelligence and biotechnology.
- The production of knowledge and its impact upon power, multiple voices, and alternative orders.
- Art, aesthetics, and popular culture and international relations.
- Dynamics of (de)securitization and (de) politicization in global politics: new threats and dangers to individuals and orders.
- Memory, trauma, emotions and affect in transforming world orders.
- Micropolitics, individuals, and their impact on global politics.
- Cities, urban life, and local neighbourhoods in constructing alternative world orders.

Call for Sections

We invite participants to submit section proposals. The main goal of sections is to encourage scholarly discussions and potentially develop networks and projects around a common theme. While the section proposals may address [the conference themes](#), proposals for sections on other themes are also welcome.

The responsibilities of (a) section chair/s include:

- Proposing a section, populating some preliminary panels at the proposal stage, ensuring that the section has a proper gender distribution as well as diversity in terms of geographic origin, and maintaining a balance among graduate students, and junior and established scholars.
- Composing the rest of the section's program by selecting the papers submitted at the subsequent call for papers.
- Appointing session chairs and discussants (in the case of paper panels).

Proposals for sections must include:

1. Full name, email and institutional affiliation of the proposed section chair/s (maximum two chairs per section).
2. Title of the proposed section.
3. Abstract of its theme(s) and rationale(s), not exceeding 250 words.
4. Selection of the language(s) to be used in the sessions (English, Spanish or Portuguese).
5. The number of sessions envisaged for the section proposal, ranging from three to nine (including roundtables and/or paper panels).
6. Up to five keywords that describe the content of the proposal.
7. An initial indication of the content of possible sessions, with tentative titles or/and themes to be covered.
8. **In a single file** to be attached (pdf, doc, docx), include a short bio of section chair/s (maximum two chairs per section), considering [national organization with WISC membership](#) (if relevant).

Deadline: 15 October