As a former Administrative Assistant and a current Co-Head of the World Congress, I stuck around with IAPSS because I saw the impact IAPSS was making on building communities of young academics as well as the potential that IAPSS has to reach a wider audience and to create a great introductory experience to students who were curious about entering the world of academia. Unfortunately, Covid took what should be a great experience to network, explore, and exchange ideas and limited the experience to a digital form. My team and I are learning how to adapt to this platform, and I am enjoying the experience, but I want to be able to 1. continue creating more of these digital events to be accessible to all while 2. Improve the state of in-person events once life resume to its former state of normalcy.

As someone with 4+ years of event experience working in the policy scene in Washington, DC, I would want to work on bringing another dimension to the IAPSS academic events. IAPSS is primarily an academic conference, but while many of the students intend on becoming professors or engaging in academia, I believe that we could appeal to a wider audience of students by pivoting a bit towards the think tank side of international research. I’d want to focus on bringing in more speakers from non-partisan think tanks and giving students another perspective on research with more policy implications. I would furthermore want to work with other branches to expand our social media presence through various campaigns and partnerships. There are so many students out there who would love to take a part of IAPSS, but they just need to be reached.

Given the skills I’ve cultivated during event organization, be it organization of details, outreach, or administrative skills, I believe that my familiarity with IAPSS combined with all my previous experience would make me well-suited for the position.