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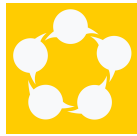
Regional Reports

May 15, 2021 General Assembly of the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)



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IAPSS Africa

Events Organized this Mandate

1. IAPSS Africa UN75 Consultation September 2020
2. IAPSS Africa segment of IAPSS 24 Hour Telethon November 2020

Projects Conducted

1. New membership rates for IAPSS Africa students (2.45 Euros for one year; 2.90 Euros for two years)
2. Supported and collaborated with IAPSS Africa and MENA Student Research Committee

Partner Organizations

1. Graduate Research Clinic
2. Music for SDGs
3. UN75 Campaign

Fundraising Efforts

1. IAPSS Africa merchandise operational



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IAPSS Asia

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E-discussion: A three-part e-discussion on the following topic:

1. COVID-19 & Asia: Today & Tomorrow (31 st May, 2020)
2. Political Participation of Youth in Asia
3. Asia: A Diverse Continent

Event has been approved by the team and is in the execution phase.

Projects Conducted

[Halted due to COVID-19] IAPSS Asia's Academic Outreach Program: A series of seminars scheduled to happen every two months in a different city under different country coordinators.

Initial goal is to hold it in at least 4 different countries including: Pakistan, India, Nepal and Indonesia.

- First session update: We were in talks with 'The IIS University, Jaipur (India)' to partner
- for the first session. We will resume our communication with them once the lockdown ends.
- Partner Organizations
- Created a Liaison Kit with documents to enable a swift, consistent partnership approach
- with potential partners.
- Fundraising Efforts
- Called a regional outreach coordinators meeting. Concluded with a decision to hold an
- inhouse training for outreach coordinators. Idea still in initial stages.
- An opportunity database has been created that will be updated every two months with
- grants/funding opportunities as identified by the outreach coordinator (and occasionally
- by other members of the team).
- Currently exploring the National Endowment for Democracy's open call.
- Other Updates



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- All RLC positions except Liaison coordinator are filled.
- Current countries that are represented via coordinators include: India, Pakistan, Nepal,
- China, Malaysia.
- Currently in the process of bringing on board country coordinators from Japan and
- Mongolia.
- Planning to register IAPSS Asia as a Non-profit organization.

Media:

- New Instagram page created.
- Communication strategy developed to streamline social media content.
- Country Coordinators:
- Country Coordinators developed a country specific strategy document that
- summarizes problems, opportunities and future long and short term goals. Currently
- working on streamlining these documents into a single strategy document with three
- core objectives for the current mandate that include: Increasing IAPSS Asia's
- Footprint, Developing Local Network and Member Engagement.

Partner Organizations

1. ASEAN Youth Organisation
2. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
3. Global Cultural Adventures
4. National Model Organization of Islamic Cooperation Pakistan

Fundraising Efforts

1. Submitted National Endowment of Democracy grant application in 2020; developed grant writing organizational capacities
2. IAPSS Asia merchandise operational



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IAPSS Europe

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1. IAPSS Europe UN75 Consultation September 2020
2. IAPSS Europe segment of IAPSS 24 Hour Telethon November 2020

Projects Conducted

1. #Erasmus500 campaign with IAPSS Global

Partner Organizations

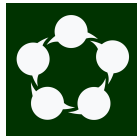
1. Advent Group (Access MBA and Access Masters)
2. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
3. Circle of Sustainable Europe
4. European Academy of Diplomacy (EAD)
5. IAPSS Ukraine – Kyiv, Ukraine
6. Les Politistes Sorbonne – Paris, France
7. Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students (MAPSS) – Podgorica, Montenegro
8. Music for SDGs
9. Studievereniging Ismus – Nijmegen, The Netherlands
10. Studievereniging Machiavelli – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
11. The Peterloo Institute
12. UN75 Campaign
13. Voters Without Borders

Fundraising Efforts

1. IAPSS Europe merchandise operational



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IAPSS Latin America and The Caribbean

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1. IAPSS Latin American and The Caribbean UN75 Consultation September 2020
2. IAPSS Latin American and The Caribbean segment of IAPSS 24 Hour Telethon November 2020

Projects Conducted

1. Puerto Rico now designated as part of IAPSS Latin America and The Caribbean
2. Supported IAPSS Journal Encuentro Latinoamericano

Partner Organizations

1. Universidad Nacional Micaela Bastidas de Apurímac (UNAMBA) – Abancay, Peru

Fundraising Efforts

1. IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean merchandise operational



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IAPSS Oceania

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- IAPSS Oceania UN75 Consultation September 2020
- Roundtable event on the topic of 'Insecurity within the Pacific'. Two speakers; Professor Mark Beeson and Dr Rebecca Starting
- July 19, 2020: [IAPSS Oceania Webinar: Feminism in a Changing Oceania](#)
- August 9, 2020: [Security in the South Pacific](#)
- August 23, 2020: [Insecurity in the Pacific](#)
- October 18, 2020: [Democracy](#)

Event capacities are in the initial organizing phase.

- Women in Political Science event. Currently looking into creating an event plan and putting together a list of speakers. Government 'Office of women' in consideration.
- Joint event with Solomon Islands embassy in Australia or Australian embassy in Solomon Islands currently in planning stages.

Projects Conducted

- Overall social media activity increased on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Internship summary project underway, first post published with several more being prepared. Expected to run for several months.
- New podcast created. First episode recorded and ready to post, with another in progress.
- Book recommendations during coronavirus underway, 10 weeks in length
- Team member summaries on social media published

Projects

- Organising for presence as an accredited organisation at the Pacific Islands Forum.
- Incorporation in Australia.
- Creation of Bank account in Australia.
- Registration with an ABN (Australian Business Number) and TFN (Tax File Number) within Australia.



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- Plans for new project to increase membership by contacting student organisations and offering bulk membership.

Partner Organizations

1. Maintained relationship with range of political science organisations, including; UN Youth in New Zealand, Griffith University International Relations Society, Otago University Political Science Association, Auckland University Global Studies Society, and the Auckland University Public Policy Club. In addition, we have reached out to a large number of Australian organisations and academics.
2. Responsibility to Protect Student Coalition – Brisbane, Australia

Fundraising Efforts

- IAPSS Oceania merchandise operational
- Developed plans on bringing in several hundred dollars in funds from various student organisations within Australia. Contingent upon approval of certain motions at GA.

Other Updates

- Efforts made to bring new country coordinator team members on board. Strong applicant from Philippines, currently looking for New Zealand and pacific islands (one individual representing all islands due to minimal political science presence in many)
- Philippines has been brought within the Oceania region.



IAPSS USA and Canada

Events Organized this Mandate

1. Joint event with IAPSS Ukraine titled *Student Perspectives on Covid-19* on August 16, 2020. The event was co-sponsored by the [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies](#). Students discussed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on their studies, the future of universities, and how they see their careers unfolding in the world of a 'new normal'. The recording of the discussion is available on [YouTube](#).
2. Joint event with IAPSS Asia titled *Genocide alert: China's suppression of Uyghur Turks in East Turkestan (Xinjiang)* on September 5, 2020. The panel featured two experts on the situation, Memet Jan (Deputy Director of Uyghurs Service at Radio Free Asia), and Aydin Anwar (Outreach Manager of the Save Uighur campaign under Justice For All). They shared their knowledge on the subject, and stories from their experience about raising the world's awareness of the issue. The recording of the event is available on [Facebook](#).
3. UN75 consultation titled *The Eradication of Structural Racism as a Key Factor in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals* on September 12, 2020. The co-sponsors of the event included [UN2020](#), [NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY](#), and [SDG Impact Awards](#). The speakers at the event were Daniel Perell from the Baha'i International Community UN office, Alexandria J. Maloney from "The World is Watching", Vannary Kong from Black Professionals in International Affairs (BPIA), and Wantoe Teah Wantoe from the UN Department of Global Communications. Over 40 participants joined the event and shared their perspectives on increasing the involvement of people of color in public policy and governance and suggesting strategies to ensure that the voices of minorities are recognized not as 'complementary' but equal to all others. The recording of the event is available on [Facebook](#). The written report about the event is available [here](#).
4. Online event titled *Arab Normalization with Israel: the 'New Normal'?* on October 31, 2020. The lecture was led by Ezzeldeen Masri, Director of Outreach at U.S. OneVoice Movement. He shared the history of the relations between Arab nations and Israel, why the normalization accords came into force in 2020, and what it means



for Israeli-Palestinian relations. Participants had an opportunity to ask questions and exchange their opinions on the issue. The recording of the event is available on

[Facebook](#).

5. IAPSS Global hosted a 24-Hour Charity Telethon to raise awareness about homelessness around the world. Throughout the day on November 21, 2020, each IAPSS Region had a segment where they addressed and discussed homelessness in their regional contexts. IAPSS USA and Canada hosted a panel on Health, Race, and Homelessness. The panelists included London Bell (disability rights advocate), Sarah Blyth (Canadian politician and a homeless rights advocate), and Yinusa Saheed (expert on urban and rural development). Panelists discussed various topics such as health problems that cause homelessness, health problems that result from being homeless, and homelessness as a complicating factor in health care, ways how homelessness and health are connected through difficulties to find employment, domestic violence, and other traumatic experiences. The recording of the panel is available on [Facebook](#).
6. An online lecture titled *The effect of Islamophobia on international peace and security* on November 28, 2020. The lecture was led by Dr. Selden Harris. He shared his views on Islamophobia in the United States and Europe, and how people can combat it on an individual level. The recording of the lecture is available on [Facebook](#).
7. Virtual panel titled *The Importance of Political Science Education and Student Governments* on January 18, 2021. The panel was led by a political science professor Dr. Froese, and the president of the International Association for Political Science Students Justin Patrick. They discussed the value of political science education in the modern world and the importance of getting involved in student politics. The recording of the panel is available on [Facebook](#).
8. An [e-symposium](#) with the Asia and Oceania Student Research Committee on March 14, 2021. The event focused on the topic of the new cold war between the US and China and its implications for the rest of the world. Junior scholars presented their findings on the topic.
9. **Planned event:** *Green Deals over Atlantic* with IAPSS Europe on April 24, 2021. The panelists will compare green policies in Europe and North America



Projects Conducted

1. Assisted the Canadian Political Science Students' Association (CPSSA) with rebuilding its organizational infrastructure.
 - a. Created a [page for CPSSA](#) on IAPSS website in two languages.
 - b. Launched a [call for CPSSA coordinators](#) using IAPSS' recruiting system.
2. Maintained a continuous social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.
 - a. Increased the number of Facebook followers from 270 (as of June 1, 2020) to 750 (as of March 27, 2021). The Facebook page is now the second most popular IAPSS regional page.
 - b. Increased the number of Instagram followers from 50's (approximate number as of June 1, 2020) to 114 (as of March 27, 2021).
3. Consistently maintained a team of 5 individuals, filling all available positions. Conducted regular bi-weekly meetings in the first half of the mandate, switched to a semi-regular meeting format in the second half of the mandate.
 - a. See [Our Team](#) page for more information.
4. [Essay competition on Covid-19](#) is in progress, deadline for submissions is May 1, 2021. Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners.
5. Regional newsletter has been distributed to members from US and Canada every month starting in January 2021.
 - a. [January newsletter](#)
 - b. [February newsletter](#)
 - c. [March newsletter](#)
6. Developed a partnership kit that included [online application](#) for interested organizations and online info session ([USA](#) version and [Canada](#) version).

Partner Organizations

University-based and other student organizations

1. [Algoma University Students' Union \(AUSU\)](#) (as of July 20, 2020) — partnership agreement.
2. [Burman University International Studies Program](#) — Lacombe, Alberta (as of January 28, 2021) — association agreement.
3. [Canadian Political Science Students' Association \(CPSSA\)](#) (as of September 4, 2020) — partnership agreement.
4. [University of Calgary Political Science Association](#) (as of January 9, 2021) — partnership agreement.



New agreements with NGOs

1. Joint partnership agreement with [Art Beyond Sight](#) and [Disability Unite](#) (as of December 2, 2020).
2. [Leading Women of Tomorrow](#) (inherited the partnership agreement from the previous mandate).
3. [The World is Watching](#) (as of November 18, 2020).
4. [Women in Foreign Policy](#) (as of July 6, 2020).
5. [The United States Youth, Peace and Security Coalition](#) (as of July 31, 2020).

Promotion of events and projects, co-sponsors

1. [Global Policy Insights](#) — their CEO Arpit Chaturvedi spoke at the [E-symposium](#).
2. [The World with MNR](#) — promoted their [Carta project](#).
 - a. Promotion on [Instagram](#).
 - b. Promotion on [Facebook](#).
3. [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies](#) — co-sponsor of an event “[Student Perspectives on Covid-19](#)”.
4. [UN2020](#), [NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY](#), [SDG Impact Awards](#), [Music for SDGs](#), [US-ASEAN Youth Council](#), — co-sponsors of the [UN75 Consultation](#).
5. US chapter of the [OneVoice Movement](#). The chapter’s director of outreach Ezzeldeen Masri spoke at the lecture [Arab Normalization with Israel: the New Normal?](#)

Fundraising Efforts

1. IAPSS USA and Canada merchandise became [available for purchase](#).
2. Provided assistance to IAPSS Global in relocation to Canada and explored potential funding opportunities with Montreal International and Concordia University.
 - a. Wrote a pitch for Concordia University describing the IAPSS and its potential if the organization will have an office in Montreal.
3. Hosted a panel-fundraiser titled “[The Importance of Political Science Education and Student Governments](#)”. The panel was led by a political science professor Dr. Froese, and the president of the International Association for Political Science Students Justin Patrick. The panel fundraised a total of 25 USD.

Other updates

1. Negotiated for scholarships for IAPSS students from North America to study at the Washington Diplomatic Academy. Scholarships are now available for students



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applying for a [One-Year Certificate in International Diplomacy](#) and [Summer Diplomatic Academy](#).

2. Contributed to the development of the Global Student Government initiative.
 - a. Created a [landing page](#).
 - b. Contributed to writing of the constitution.
3. Helped with the process of relocation of IAPSS Global to Canada.
 - a. Contributed to writing Canadian by-laws.
 - b. Helped with the registration of Canadian non-profit.
 - i. Found a temporary address for the Canadian entity until IAPSS finalizes negotiations with Concordia University.
 - c. Attended meetings on the subject of relocation with various organizations such as IPSA, Montreal International, and Concordia University.