

Working Group on International Political Sociology

The Working Group on International Political Sociology seeks to analyse social forces and institutions behind current developments in international relations, focusing on such issues as the nature of societal power, as it is brought to bear on traditional IR problematique; the role of national and social (ethnic, class, party) identities in determination of the IR processes; domestic and transnational social factors in foreign policies of individual states; religion and nationalism in international relations; political cultures of individual societies and social groups, as they affect geopolitical cultures of their respective states; transborder social and political movements in international relations; traditional and unconventional leadership and followership as factors of international relations and the like. The problem of social forces and socio-cultural determination of international relations, as distinguished from the international relations theory's focus on states and their relations with each other forms the core of this Working Group's research activities. The aim of the Working Group is to establish a professional network of scientists interested in the societal aspects of international relations broadly defined, i.e. political-economic, social, cultural, institutional, and ideological determination of international and transnational processes. The Working Group will facilitate collaboration of like-minded scholars in preparation of the conference panels and workshops, gathering and exchange of data, preparation of joint proposals for funding to the established granting bodies and foundations, and publication of research results as working papers and in peer-reviewed periodicals. All network participants are encouraged to become official members of ISA RC18 or IPSA RC06.