

WELCOME FROM THE 2018 PROGRAM CHAIRS



WELCOME to the 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association!

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Marina, Wakako, Joseph, and we would like to welcome you to San Francisco and this year's Convention on the "Power of Rules and Rule of Power." Our 2018 Convention theme seeks to bring together scholars of different fields, methodologies, backgrounds, perspectives, and institutions to better understand the relative and relational influence of power and rules in international politics. A Convention program, however, is a collective made up by individual contributions, and we are very grateful for your presence at the Convention and the contributions that each individual participant makes to the Convention. Record numbers of scholars from all over the world submitted their work. We are very grateful for the more than 2000 scholars who patiently agreed to be part of the initial waiting list and for all the people who volunteered as discussants and chairs!

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