

CALL FOR PAPER – 2008

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Since 2007, IPS: International Political Sociology is the fifth journal supported by the International Studies Association. Its creation responds to the need for more productive collaboration among political sociologists, international relations specialists and sociopolitical theorists and its newness lies in the combined initiative of researchers from Europe, Canada, the USA and Australia actually interested in making this journal a new venue for theoretical and empirical innovation in International Relations. IPS attempt is to encourage a transdisciplinary general perspective in the analysis of contemporary world phenomena by offering a space in which will be articulated contributions from internationally distributed researchers. It is especially concerned with challenges arising from contemporary transformations of social, political, and global orders given the statist forms of traditional sociologies and the marginalization of social processes in many approaches to international relations. IPS draws especially on traditions of historical, legal, economic and political sociology, as well as on the burgeoning literatures on socio-political theory. It is committed to theoretical innovation, new modes of empirical research and the geographical and cultural diversification of research beyond the usual circuits of European and North-American scholarship.

Topics for special issue or running themes through the year.

In order to specify some interests of the IPS board we have set up a forum into the journal in order to suggest new topics and in addition we currently welcome both theoretical and empirical explorations of the following issues:

IR Theory and sociology of the disciplines

We especially consider proposals on the sociology of the discipline of International Relations, its institutionalisation, its tradition of “great names” and of classification in “schools”... The aim is to have a better understanding of its development in some part of the world and not in others, the link between subjective ideas, values, behaviors and objective professional positions within academic institutions, the relation between academics and political professionals, or why the self-understanding of the discipline seems to be in perpetual debate and crisis.

Of particular interest is the analysis of the institutionalization of the label of IR as a form of specific recruitment in a discipline or as a discipline, and/or from the spread of some "schools of thoughts" and the specific curricula required for courses, in each case trying not to limit the study to one national tradition.

We may accept manuscript focusing on the sociology of the discipline of IR through the strategies of one of the founding fathers, and then focusing on some authors, but only if avoiding an history of ideas and including in the article their social capital and their own trajectory as well as their links with broader structures and institutions in economy, law or security.

Major works of various sociologists and their impact on the study of IR

We welcome articles offering reflections upon major works of various sociologists as Bauman, Beck, Bourdieu, Foucault, Luhmann, Tilly... and their impact on society beyond the state, globalisation, social change...

Within this framework, we also expect proposals dealing with the issue of methods and methodology used in IR and political sociology, and opening on sociology of knowledge and reflexivity of the discipline (sociology of sociology).

Critical discussion of the notions of frontiers, boundaries and limits

We are interested in theoretical reflections on the notions of limits, lines, frontiers, boundaries, either through a geographical vision of state and society analysing the relation to networks and mobility, or/and through a theoretical approach of the notion of classification, knowledge, and discipline

International Political Anthropology of mobility, globalization and confinement zones

We want to promote detailed articles looking into transit-places: airports, ports, train stations... and their related confinement zones. In this respect, a particular focus on places of detention and practices of secrecy would be welcome.

Analysis of transit-places/travelling places as relevant sites for assessing freedom of movement, capitalist economies, security technologies and detention of foreigners.

Airports and passengers, from a global society viewpoint; from a governmentality viewpoint; from an international political economy or

empirical sociology viewpoint; from a sociology of migration or of policing viewpoint.

Prevention and precaution: securization/desecurization, emancipation, *resistance* and freedom practices

We want to debate about the deployment of scientific knowledge in an international context supporting claims about new emergencies and new certainties in the face of potential catastrophes. For example, how are the notions of prevention and precaution used in this context? How far is it possible to monitor possible futures through simulation? Is it coherent to have the same reasoning in relation to claims about the environment and to claims about defense issues? We would prefer comparison to monograph on a topic in order to analyse the argument of prevention, prediction, precaution, risk...

We are also interested by the theoretical analysis of resistance, emancipation or desecuritisation, and we are interested of cases where these forms of resistance have been applied, either through laws or arts or counter technologies and not only by mass mobilisation.

Implementation of international law in a comparative perspective and impact of international law on the claims of sovereignty or primacy of national interests

We want to go into an analysis of the contemporary status of claims about states of emergency and states of exception, derogatory measures, and routinised technologies of surveillance and control. How far is the compliance of various states to international law and Human Rights norms? What are the relations between international, regional and national laws and courts? Do we have specific transnational actors structuring the reasoning?

We are interested also on the impact of international norms and practices into specific national or regional areas, and vice versa, and we are especially interested into the sociology of the emergent agencies and authorities which are giving voices to these claims.

Religion and secularism: the vision of the Enlightenment. The post-colonial discussion and religious beliefs

We are interested about research on xenophobia, discrimination, exclusion or/and profiling of groups by governments or other groups, and how religion is framed as an argument for or against these practices. We are also interested about the debates on secularism, multiculturalism, and postcolonial discussions concerning enlightenment.

These themes are not exclusive and other possibilities include works on global patterns of urbanization, international policing, military sociology, political opinion and communication, the sociology of culture, the sociology of political movements, and the transnational effects of the reshaping of national, cultural and religious identities.

Other

Beyond these suggestions IPS is open to receive any manuscript of quality, original, theoretically provocative and grounded in specific fieldwork. The style may be different from the traditional US academic approach, but scholarly organised.

Moreover, IPS is now opening a new section considering submissions of books and journals reviews, provided that it is specifically relevant for IPS, preferably discussing non English literature, and takes the form of an essay on a selection of books and/or journals or a state of the literature concerning a specific subject. Another possibility is a review of a specific journal by reviewing what has been done over a year or over several years, but only if it is journals not reviewed by ISR.

Short Submission Guideline

IPS is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Papers dealing with these issues or clearly related to international political sociology must be sent to BOTH [didier.bigo \(a\) libertysecurity.org](mailto:didier.bigo@libertysecurity.org) and [ips \(a\) ceri-sciences-po.org](mailto:ips@ceri-sciences-po.org)

In order to help broaden the community engaging in international studies, the journal will facilitate the submission of articles in languages other than English. The possibilities currently under consideration are French, Spanish, Italian and German. Translation into English of the final version of the article should be taken care of by the author.