Committee on International Cooperation

2019-2020 Membership

Anat Biletzki, chair (2022)
Esa Diaz-Leon (2020)
Adam Hosein (2020)
Jiewuh Song (2020)
Armin W. Schulz (2021)
Karsten Stueber (2021)
Matthew Walker (2021)
Rebecca Bamford (2022)
Anjan Chakravartty (2022)
Martin Pickave (2022)
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Submitted by Anat Biletzki, Chair
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Review of Small Grant Funding – In Summer 2019, the CIC reviewed nine proposals for the APA’s Small Grant funding (provided by the APA Eastern Division).

Baumgardt Memorial Fellowship – The CIC is charged with deciding the winner of the Baumgardt Memorial Fellowship every third year. The committee received four application (only three complete applications) and deliberated in April 2020. There was a unanimous decision to award the fellowship to Jason Yonover, PhD candidate at Johns Hopkins, for the following reasons: “Yonover’s project is the strongest of the applications, both on its merits and in terms of fit with the criteria. It is closely connected to Baumgardt, best aligned with the prize mandate and with the description of the fellowship. It is expertly articulated and the recommendation letters are strong. It is an impressive application, thoroughly worked out and detailing Yonover’s depth of knowledge in regard to the history of German and Jewish philosophy. It would also be lovely to have the lectures at the Leo Baeck Institute where the Baumgardt Collection resides.”

Fund for Assistance to Overseas Philosophers
Decisions upon applications for funds from the Fund for Assistance to Overseas are considered by the Executive Director with the recommendations of the Chair of the CIC. In 2019-2020 eight applications were received from Nigeria, the Philippines, Brazil, Turkey, and Denmark with requests for complimentary membership in the APA or travel assistance to the 2020 APA divisional meetings. All but one were approved.

Collaboration between North American philosophical societies – An initiative to hold a joint conference of North American philosophical associations (APA, Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), Philosophical Association of Mexico (AfM)) was presented to the CIC. The committee discussed this collaboration and viewed it favorably (with some questions presented for further consideration). Given support from the Board to continue promoting such a collaboration, a working group was established which included the Chair of the CIC (along with Sebastian Purcell and Amy Ferrer). In February, the AfM informed the other associations of its concrete plans for the joint conference in Feb. 19-24, 2021. Given the dates of the APA divisional meetings, these dates are unfeasible. The APA members of the working group, along with Dominic McIver Lopes, expressed hope that the three-associations conference would become a realistic venture in the future.
Scholars at Risk Network

World Congress of Philosophy
The Chair of the CIC is a member of the Steering Committee of FISP (International Federation of Philosophical Societies). The Steering Committee meets once a year – with several online meetings during the year – to plan the program for the World Congress which occurs every five years. Programming is now under way for the 2023 World Congress, which will take place in Melbourne, Australia (July 2023). This year’s steering committee meeting in Vietnam was cancelled due to COVID-19 and plans are now being made for another meeting.

Organized Sessions at APA Divisional Meetings
Eastern: The CIC did not organize a meeting at the February 20-23 Eastern Division meeting in Philadelphia.

Central:
Philosophy of International Law
Arranged by the APA Committee on International Cooperation
Chair: Steven Ratner (University of Michigan Law School)
Speakers: Kristen Hessler (University at Albany, SUNY) “Adjudicating Human Rights in International Courts”
Jiewuh Song (Seoul National University) “Individualism and International Law”
David Lefkowitz (University of Richmond) “Rules for War and the Rule of Law”
Commentator: Steven Ratner (University of Michigan Law School)

Human Rights
Arranged by the APA Committee on International Cooperation
Chair: Anat Biletzki (Quinnipiac University) [absent for compassionate reasons]
Speakers: Thomas Christiano (University of Arizona) “Is There a Human Right to Democracy in the Economic as well as the Political Realm?”
Anthony Reeves (Binghamton University) “Human Rights, Agency, and Despair”
Cristina Lafont (Northwestern University) “Neoliberal Globalization and Human Rights: Why Are Human Rights Powerless in an Unequal World?”

Pacific: (programmed and cancelled due to COVID-19)
Analytic Philosophy in China
Arranged by the APA Committee on International Cooperation
Chair: Sanford Shieh (Wesleyan University)
Speakers: Zhou Lianghua (University of Michigan) “A New Collection of Russell’s Lectures and Addresses in China”
Bernard Linsky (University of Alberta) “Bertrand Russell in China”
Chen Bo (Peking University) “Russell and Jin Yuelin on Facts: From the Perspective of Comparative Philosophy”

Empathy and Morality
Arranged by the APA Committee on International Cooperation
Chair: Karsten Stueber (College of the Holy Cross)
Speakers: John Deigh (University of Texas at Austin) “Empathy and Reasonability”
Monika Betzler (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) “Shared Belief and the Limits of Empathy”
Erasmus Mayr (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg) “Smithian Sympathy and the Commitment to Intersubjectivity”
Commentator: Olivia Bailey (Tulane University)