TOWARD COORDINATED EFFORTS BETWEEN ASIAN PEACE SCIENCE NETWORK AND THE PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY (INTERNATIONAL)

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My goal is to show that coordination among PSS(I) and APSN peace scholars can be very fruitful.

To demonstrate the relevance and value of coordination I will present:
1. Outline of PSS(I)
2. Summary of the recent research in Conflict Management and Peace Science;
3. Description of approaches presented at recent Peace Science meetings
4. Examples of coordination between PSS(I) and NEPS and EPSS
PSS(I): http://pss.la.psu.edu/

- Founded in 1963 by Walter Isard and others
- Consists of about 225 regular and 75 student members; 1/3 outside USA
- About 25 institutional members
- Administered by executive director and council elected from membership
- Publishes Conflict Management and Peace Science
- Gives: Walter Isard Award
  - Stuart Bremer Award
  - Founders’ Medal
- Holds annual meetings in North America in the fall. “Best meeting in the business”
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE SCIENCE

- Primary journal of the Peace Science Society (International) (along with Journal of Conflict Resolution)
- Publishes work on sources of conflict, conflict management, and deals particularly with international relations
- Published five times per year by Sage.
- Edited by Glenn Palmer
Survey of articles in CMPS over the last four years:
68 articles:
- 45 quantitative
- 19 formal (usually employing game theory)
- 4 formal and quantitative
Analyses of international conflict (43%)
Terrorism (10%)
Introduction of data sets (9%)
International mediation/negotiation (9%)
Civil war, refugees, psychological sources and effects of conflict (6%) each
The pacifying effects of trade are greater if the countries are closer to each other.

The pacifying effects of democracy are restricted to the wealthiest countries.

Conflicts over territory (rather than over policy or regime change) are more likely to escalate, to last longer, and to involve high fatalities.

Democratic governments of the left are more likely to be the targets of terrorism than governments of the right.

Increasing the strength of host governments is an effective way of defeating terrorists.
MEETINGS OF PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY

- Meetings held every fall
  - 2009: University of North Carolina
  - 2008: Claremont Graduate University
- About 200-250 participants; perhaps 25-30% graduate students
- 67 paper presentations, 20 posters over two and-a-half days
- Two simultaneous sessions; 20-minutes presentations with 10 minutes for questions.
- Conversations held in halls
- Emphasizes younger scholars, graduate students, newer works. Cutting edge research
Approaches at Peace Science Meetings

- Presentations at meeting differ from what appears in the CMPS. This may be an indicator of what’s hot and what’s not.

- Four largest categories of work presented at 2006, 2007 and 2008 meetings:
  1. Civil war – 25% (v. 6% in CMPS)
  2. International conflict – 19% (v. 43%)
  3. Negotiation/mediation – 17% (v. 9%)
  4. Domestic factors/foreign policy – 19% (v. 4%)
Begun less than 10 years ago.

Membership in NEPS is largely made up of young scholars and graduate students.

NEPS holds annual meetings in June at the Jan Tinbergen Institute in Amsterdam.

Quality of meetings has progressed significantly.

Best graduate student paper from NEPS and PSS(I) meetings are funded to present the paper at the other meeting. 2008 winners:

- Dominic Rohner, Cambridge University, “Information, Reputation, and Ethnic Conflict”
We encourage participation across the ocean:

- At 2009 NEPS meeting, thirteen papers presented were by North Americans.
- At the 2007 and 2008 PSS(I) meetings, there were 9 and 11 papers, respectively, presented by non-Americans.

Membership overlaps significantly:
- Europeans on PSS(I) council and in other offices.
- Americans on NEPS award committee.

Still, they are distinct entities.
PSS(I) AND THE EURASIAN PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY

- Coordination between young colleagues at Koc University (Istanbul) and PSS(I)
- First meeting will be January 8-9, 2010
- Will be US participation at that meeting
- PSS(I) encouraged development, but it is autonomous organization
Attendance at meetings:
- Awareness of each others research agendas
- Personal connection
- Co-authored work
- Development and awareness of funding opportunities
Graduate student involvement
Awareness of research projects and interests
- PSS listserv
- PSS Newsletter
- Creation of Asian-North American Coordinating Committee (ANACC)
We want to work toward fruitful future collaboration.