

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

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TOWARD COORDINATED EFFORTS (CONT.)

- ▣ 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

PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY (INTERNATIONAL)

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

CMPS: CONTENTS

Survey of articles in *CMPS* over the last four years:

68 articles:

- 45 quantitative
- 19 formal (usually employing game theory)
- 4 formal and quantitative

CMPS: CONTENTS (CONT.)

- 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

FINDINGS FROM THE WORKS ON INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

- 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%)**

COORDINATION BETWEEN PSS(I) AND NETWORK OF EUROPEAN PEACE SCIENTISTS (NEPS)

- 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:
 - ⦿ **Bernd Beber, Columbia University, “Summer Holidays and Conflict Resolution: Event Timing as an Instrument for the International Mediation of Wars”**
 - ⦿ **Dominic Rohner, Cambridge University, “Information, Reputation, and Ethnic Conflict”**

COORDINATION BETWEEN PSS(I) AND NEPS

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

COORDINATION BETWEEN APSN AND PSS(I)

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 listserve*
- *PSS Newsletter*
- *Creation of Asian-North American Coordinating Committee (ANACC)*

TOWARD COORDINATED EFFORTS

We want to work toward fruitful
future collaboration.