

## STAIR Newsletter February 2019

Dear STAIR members,

I hope you are doing well. I am getting in touch with a few updates and announcements relevant to the section.

### 1. STAIR Annual Report.

You can find the STAIR Annual Report here

<https://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/STAIR/Reports>

### 2. STAIR Book Awards 2018&2019

Congratulations to Antoine Bousquet, who has been awarded the 2019 book prize for *The Eye of War: Military Perception from the Telescope to the Drone* and to Jennifer Gabrys, who has been awarded the 2018 book prize for *Program Earth. Environmental Sensing Technologies and the Making of a Computational Planet*.

They will receive an award plaque at the joint IPS-STAIR reception at the ISA in Toronto.

Details of how to nominate books for future prizes can be found here. Nomination deadlines will become available after the ISA Convention.

<https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/STAIR-Book-Award>

### 3. Elections

Many thanks to STAIR members who have expressed interest in participating in STAIR governance. We have now expressions of interest for all roles and can move ahead with the election process. We will receive details by email shortly.

- 4. Late Breaking / Contemporary Issues Panels.** The ISA has circulated a call for panels addressing contemporary issues. This is very relevant to STAIR, particularly in the light of current debates about technology, artificial intelligence, or surveillance. **If you plan to submit a panel, please choose the TC slot (Thursday, 1:45-3:30 pm) NOT the TD slot (Thursday, 4-5:45 pm) to avoid a clash with the STAIR Distinguished Scholar panel.**

***Please submit your proposals to ISA program chairs, [isa2019@isanet.org](mailto:isa2019@isanet.org), by February 25.*** Proposals should include a title, abstract and a list of at least 4 participants (including a chair). The proposed roundtables should address recent events and pressing issues that are not currently covered by the roundtables and panels in the ISA 2019 Program.

### 5. Announcements

- i) [Funded PhD Position](#) at Sciences Po Paris on 'Oversight of Intelligence Networks: Who Guards the Guardians?'
- ii) [Funded PhD Position](#) with a thematic focus on politics of AI at the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich
- iii) [Call for chapters](#) for a book on AI and Global Politics
- iv) [Research Fellow Post](#), University College London

Best wishes,

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