

## STAIR NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2020

Dear STAIR members,

First of all: my best wishes for 2020! I am getting in touch with a few updates and announcements relevant to the section.

### 1. STAIR Annual Report

The STAIR annual Report is currently being compiled and will be available shortly. You can find the STAIR Annual Reports [here](#) and [here](#).

### 2. STAIR Awards 2020

Congratulations to Nick Dyer-Witthford and Svitlana Matviyenko for their excellent book [Cyberwar and Revolution. Digital Subterfuge in Global Capitalism](#). Analyzing the new militarization of the internet, the book argues that digital warfare is not so much a bug in the logic of global capitalism as a feature. Urgently confronting the concept of cyberwar through the lens of both Marxist and psychoanalytic theory, the authors provide a wide-ranging examination of the class conflicts and geopolitical dynamics propelling war across digital networks. They will receive an award plaque at the joint ISACAN-IPS-STAIR reception at the ISA in Hawaii on March 25, at 7:30 PM.

Congratulations also go to Prof. [Ronald Deibert](#), the 2020 winner of the STAIR section's annual Distinguished Scholar Award. Prof. Deibert is a prolific and influential scholar of communication politics, and an activist and public intellectual with world-wide influence. His book, *Parchment, Printing and Hypermedia* was printed in 1997. It furthered the work of the Toronto School of Communication Theory, founded by Harold Innis and Marshall McLuhan, and continues to be a foundational text on the interface of IR and global communications technologies. In subsequent years, Prof. Deibert founded Citizen Lab, which has become one of the premier global public interest organizations devoted to maintaining the freedom of the internet and its users from intrusive governments and corporations.

Prof. Deibert will also be receiving an award plaque at the STAIR reception in Hawaii, on March 25. A roundtable on Prof. Deibert's work, 'WD06: Distinguished Scholar Panel,' will be taking place at the convention, at 2:15 PM, in South Pacific 1, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Details of how to nominate academics to the future distinguished scholar awards and the books for future prizes can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Nomination deadlines will be posted to the STAIR website after the ISA Convention.

### 3. Elections 2019

As you may know, a new STAIR executive leadership committee was elected in 2019. The new executive will be continuing the work of the previous team, to which we extend our thanks for their great work and dedication. The membership of the new STAIR executive committee can be found listed [here](#).

### 4. News

The STAIR section has a newly updated [website](#). And, in other developments since the 2019 Annual Convention, we also have a new Gmail account and [Facebook page](#), and the section has gained 110+ new followers on [Twitter](#). A STAIR Google group was also created. Email us at [stairisaexec@gmail.com](mailto:stairisaexec@gmail.com) if you wish to be added to the Google group mailing list. So, now you have no excuse not to follow your favorite ISA section, stay up to date on all the latest news, and email with the wider STAIR community!

We also produced a podcast interview with STAIR 2019 Distinguished Scholar Awardee Prof. Anna Leander, available [here](#).

### 5. Program in Hawaii

We are looking forward to see as many of you as possible in Honolulu! STAIR will be hosting 46 panels in total touching on topics ranging from existential risks, peace and art, violence and films, and AI and capitalism, amongst others. Don't miss out our joint STAIR/IPS/ISA-CAN reception during which we will be honoring the 2020 Distinguished scholars Debbie lisle (IPS) and Roland Deibert (ISA-CAN & STAIR). You will find the full program [here](#).

## 6. What we're reading (and writing)

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- Machold, R, 2019. Policing Reality: Urban Disorder, Failure, and Expert Undoings in *International Political Sociology*
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Straube, T., 2019. Complications in algorithmic devices research. In De Goede, Marieke, Esmé Bosma, and Polly Pallister-Wilkins, eds., *Secrecy and Methods in Security Research*. Routledge

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Zubof, Shoshana, 2019. *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* in Public Affairs.

With my best wishes,

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