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INFORMATION POLICIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: ROADBLOCKS TO ACCESS ?

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1988, 2-4 P.M.

SPEAKERS

Gilles-Andre Gosselin, OECD, Head, Publications Services

Nellie Moffit, Managing Editor, Documents/Collections, Readex Corp.

Adeno Addis, Professor of Law, Loyola University, New Orleans

Robert Schaaf, Senior Specialist in United Nations and Documents,
Serial and Government Publications Division, Library of Congress

The four speakers will discuss the acquisition, dissemination, and use of information from international organizations. They will address the issue of timeliness and currency, and will give examples of "roadblocks" to information .

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DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE

ACRL LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SECTION MEETINGS, NEW ORLEANS

BUSINESS MEETING	Monday, July 11, 9-11 A.M.
DALLAS CONFERENCE	Saturday, July 9, 9-11 A.M.
PUBLICATIONS COMM.	Monday, July 11, 8-9 A.M.
REVIEW AND PLANNING COMM.	Monday, July 11, 8-9 A.M.
EXECUTIVE BOARD	Saturday, July 9, 2-4 P.M. and Monday, July 11, 11:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M.

ACRL LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SECTION
MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS,
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE, SAN ANTONIO, 1988

At the Executive board meeting on January 10, Peter Malanchuk and Stephen Atkins were appointed as a nominating committee to select a slate of nominees for the elections to take place in Spring 1989. The nominees for Spring 1988 are:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect : Marta Lange and Stephen Atkins
Member-at-Large : Vivian Campbell and Barbara Burg

The Executive Board appointed members of LPSS to be liaisons to other library organizations. The appointments are:

ACRL Board of Directors :
Christine Thompson
GODORT : Kate Adams (until the New Orleans meeting)
From AALL to LPSS : Sandra Coleman

In an effort to expand the number of active members, Natalie Schatz and Sandra Coleman agreed to look at the current LPSS membership list and to find a way to encourage law librarians to attend LPSS meetings and become active participants of the Section.

Approximately 25 people attended the Business Meeting. The discussion at the meeting centered around LPSS activities. Kate Adams reported on the progress in putting together a substantial program for the ALA Conference in New Orleans (See page 1 of the Newsletter). Marta Lange, who is the Chair of the Program Planning Committee for Dallas, 1989, announced the first meeting of that committee and asked for input and suggestions for format, program content, etc.

LPSS will undertake a Section review (completed every third year) in 1989. Stephen Atkins, Chair of the Review and Planning Committee reported that the activities of the Section must be oriented in the direction of the four goals listed in the ACRL Strategic Plan and that the review must reflect the guidelines developed by the ACRL Strategic Planning Task Force. There was a general call for members for this very important committee.

Following this, there was a lengthy discussion on the viability of the Subcommittee on Publisher/Vendor Relations. It was decided that this committee should continue its role of discussing issues of publication quality with publishers and could

possibly discuss the pricing of publications as well. A new Committee on Bibliographies, with Judy Solberg as its Chair, was set up to take over the role of the Subcommittee on Publisher/Vendor Relations and to pursue projects related to literature in the fields of political science and law.

The activities of the Publications Committee at the present time are centered around the publication twice a year of the LPSS newsletter. Marta Lange, the Committee Chair, is writing a section manual that should be ready for review at the July meeting. The Committee is now looking at other projects, such as preparing a bibliography of law books for academic libraries.

Peter Malanchuk, who came to the LPSS meeting as a representative of the ACRL Board, told the meeting about a special grant fund that the Board had established. Grants will be made available to ACRL units, on a competitive basis, for special projects that promote ACRL and the priorities established in the ACRL Strategic Plan. These priorities are: 1) recruitment of minorities into the library profession; 2) library education for the future; and 3) library services for the future. The proposals are due June 1, 1988. Sandra Coleman and Kathleen Gunning volunteered to write a proposal on behalf of LPSS for a demonstration project on recruiting minorities..

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

If you have read this far you should have learned that the Law and Political Science Section is a vital, creative section. There are opportunities galore for members of the section who wish to become involved. Not all of these activities require that you attend all the annual and midwinter meetings. For instance, if you like to write, the Newsletter will publish a short article on a topic of interest to academic librarians. In past issues there have been articles on data-bases, fugitive literature, and collection development in the field of law. Or you may prefer to write a book review for the Book Shelf, in which case please contact Judy Nixon at Purdue University.

LPSS committees are central to the activities of the Section and should appeal to members with an interest in planning and organization. Following my short message is a list of the LPSS committees and their charges, and a form for volunteering to work on a committee. In contrast to some other ACRL sections, LPSS has openings on its committees. There are a number of projects in the planning stage that encourage the development of library service in the fields of law and political science. I hope that members of LPSS will consider how they can become part of this exciting effort.

Natalie Schatz

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LPSS COMMITTEES

LPSS Publications Committee

The Publications Committee facilitates communication within and about the Section and its activities through the Section newsletter. Committee members review and plan newsletter content, review and establish newsletter policies, solicit/submit articles, book reviews, and other pertinent information of interest to Section members, and assist the editor in the production of the newsletter.

The Publications Committee also revises and distributes annually the Section manual. The manual facilitates the job of Section officers, committee chairs and members by organizing key information about ACRL and LPSS

The Publications Committee also investigates other avenues of publishing open to the Section and assists the Section and its committees in finding appropriate areas for publishing projects that have been approved by the LPSS Executive Committee

LPSS Program Committee

The Program Committee plans and organizes the Section's Annual Conference Program. Committee members review past program topics and formats, choose a timely topic of interest to Section members and also to a broad spectrum of ALA members, recruit the best available speakers on the chosen topics, present the program in the most appropriate format, and evaluate the program based on responses from those who attend.

LPSS Review and Planning Committee

The Review and Planning Committee is currently studying the implications of the ACRL Strategic Planning Task Force report as a guide for future Section activities. This report is a plan to foster the profession of academic and research librarianship and to enhance the ability of academic and research libraries to serve the library and information needs of current and potential library users. Once every three years the Committee prepares a Section Review document to be submitted to the ACRL Planning Committee.

LPSS Committee on Bibliographies

The Committee on Bibliographies works on strategies for better communication with publishers and vendors in the field of law and political science. It plans the writing and publication of bibliographies that will be of value to academic libraries.

LPSS Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee prepares a slate of officers for the section. It works to recruit the best possible nominees for section office.

Law and Political Science Section News

Positions open on the newsletter are editor of the Book Shelf and editor of the newsletter.

LPSS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

LPSS is seeking volunteers for committee assignments for the 1988-90 period. Committee appointments necessitate attending mid-winter and annual meetings. Appointments are normally for two years.

Name, Title, Institutional Address:

Date:

Number of Years as Member of ALA _____ ACRL _____ LPSS _____

ALA or ACRL Committee Assignments:

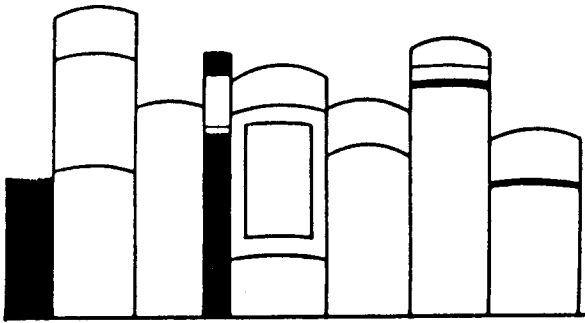
LPSS Experience (Committees, Offices):

LPSS Committee Preferences (Please indicate priority):

Law or Political Science Background/Interests/Publications:

Signature: _____

Please return to: Natalie Schatz, Ginn Library, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford MA 02155



THE BOOK SHELF

EDITOR: Judith Nixon, Purdue University

Sellen, Betty-Carol and Young, Patricia A. Feminists, Pornography & the Law: An Annotated Bibliography of Conflict, 1970-1986. Hamden, CT: Library Professional Publications [Shoe String Press], 1987. 204p. ISBN 0-208-02124-8.

Selective in terms of quantity of items, this bibliography presents all positions in the oftentimes lively anti-pornography debate between feminists, pornographers, and defenders of first amendment freedoms. It includes books, magazine articles, newspapers, nonprint media, unpublished material, and organizations.

Books in this bibliography which were prepared by an editor or compiler have a detailed table of contents listing in the abstracts. Journal articles were selected both from popular and scholarly periodicals. Many journal abstracts cite responses to the authors' articles as well as the authors' counter-responses. Most newspaper articles were selected from newspapers microfilm format.

This bibliography was well planned and carefully executed. It belongs in any collection which covers the fields of women's studies, feminism or pornography.

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Ausmus, Harry J. Will Herberg: A Bio-bibliography. (Bio-Bibliographies in Law and Political Science, Number 2.) Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986. 112 p. \$35. ISBN 0-313-25067-7.

According to one biographical source, Will Herberg had two careers. One was as a leading communist theoretician, and the other as a Jewish theologian. Herberg's political thought and perspective traveled from communism to American conservatism during his seventy-six years.

It is indicative of the life of this minor but important figure of the American Left that at various times he was an editor of Young Worker (1925), Workers Age (1929), Judaism: A Quarterly Journal of Jewish Life and Thought (1951) and finally as an editor of William F. Buckley's National Review. Although still active politically as he moved from Left to Right, Herberg will best be remembered as one of the important, post-World War II, Jewish theologians. He published a number of books on theology during the later part of his life, the most notable being Protestant-Catholic-Jew (1955).

Professor Ausmus does a creditable job with this bio-bibliography. The format is standard: biographical sketch, chronology, and bibliography. The majority of bibliographic entries are unannotated although the selected works Ausmus does choose to annotate are well done. The book is in typescript, and is a little short on indexing. Recommended purchase by specialized or expansive collections in religion and/or political science.

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The Political Climate for International Business--1987 by the Political Risk Services Division, Frost & Sullivan, Inc. New York: The Division, annual. \$315. ISSN 0887-7637.

Frost and Sullivan have a good reputation for producing publications of quality and importance for the business community. The Political Climate for International Business--1987 carries on that respected tradition.

As the title indicates, this serial publication gives a forecast of the political and economic conditions on global, regional and country levels. Frost and Sullivan attempt to judge the stability of virtually every geographical area and subdivision. They forecast regime stability, corporate security threats, territorial and maritime disputes, financial transfer risk, direct foreign investment risk, and export market risk.

Each country survey rates on an A-F scale risks of turmoil, transfer, investment and export. The entry (December 1986) for Panama states "precarious military politics imperil the president", yet rates risk factors for small business as low with chances of turmoil as "moderate". Not a bad assessment for over a year ago.

Very expensive at over \$300, this survey of 85 countries could be supplanted for those with less need by several U.S. government publications. Background Notes and the international marketing information series, Foreign Trends, immediately come to mind. The Frost and Sullivan publication is recommended for academic and business libraries with a strong interest in foreign investment.

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Biographical Dictionary of Neo-Marxism. Edited by Robert A. Gorman. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1985. 463 p. \$55. ISBN 0-313-23513-9.

This dictionary of biographical essays is a valuable reference for the study of neo-Marxist theory. The philosophers and political activists treated represent 27 countries. An introductory essay explores the spectrum of their non-materialist approach to Marxist theory: the categories of idealism, empiricism, experientialism and critical theory serve to classify the neo-Marxists in the "mosaic of Marxism".

The entries range from half a page to six pages in length. While Germany and France account for more than one third of the entries and Europeans dominate the volume, neo-Marxists from twelve non-European countries are included. Only one quarter of its twenty-one United States' entrants are treated in The Biographical Dictionary of the American Left (1986) making this volume a valuable complement for students of Marxism in the United States. Ten of the 219 entries are non-biographical and cover movements, groups and journals.

A bibliography of primary and secondary sources follows each entry, and an appendix lists the entrants according to their nationality. Cross references direct the reader to related entries not only in the work itself, but also to its companion volume, The Biographical Dictionary of Marxism, which focuses on traditional, materialist Marxism. The book also has an appendix of the contributors and a comprehensive index.

While not exhaustive, this work offers some unique material and serves as a springboard for further study. Recommended for academic libraries.

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Marshall, Marion B. Public Finance: An Information Sourcebook. (Oryx Sourcebook Series in Business and Management No. 6) Phoenix: Oryx, 1987. 287p. \$40.50. ISBN 0-897-74271-6.

This is an annotated bibliography on the economics of the public sector in the United States--federal, state and local--which seems too specialized until one sees that the twelve chapters include topics like public opinion on social security, budget documents from Congress, expenses of higher education, and privatization. The bibliography's great usefulness is that materials have been chosen and arranged to provide the best information in areas of U.S. debate and policy making.

Material is not limited to books. There are journal articles, reports, government documents and special studies. The annotations are incisive. Each chapter and sub-chapter is preceded by an explanation. In common with others in this series, there are excellent author, title and subject indices and one chapter devoted to "Core Library". Material for inclusion was thoroughly surveyed through mid-1986; some titles date from 1987.

I recommend this title if your clientele frequently researches public issues.

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Hobday, Charles. Communist and Marxist Parties of the World. (A Keesing's Reference Publication.) Burnt Mill, Harlow, Essex, U.K.: Longman, 1986. (Distributed in the U.S. and Canada by ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, CA.) ISBN 0-582-90264-9(U.K.); 0-87436-476-0(U.S.)

There are nearly 30 countries world-wide that are marxist held in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Arranged in three major sections this "book attempts to present the worlds' marxists parties in all their multitudinous variety." The first part of section one provides an overview of the world communist parties and description of the development of communism and marxism in the third world including Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Section two which takes up the bulk of the book, is arranged by nine geographic regions. Communist and marxist parties are described within each country; included in the descriptions are the organizations' history, structure, leadership, etc.

The appendix rounds out the book with documents extracted from major marxist and communist writings, such as, Marx and Engels' The Communist Manifesto (1848).

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