

Words of Welcome



Dear Colleagues,

As President of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), I am honored to welcome you to the 27th World Congress of Political Science in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This biennial congress provides us with a unique opportunity to gather as a global community of political scientists and to advance our discipline through collaboration and

diverse perspectives. It's a privilege to meet again in person and continue our collective discourse, surrounded by the unique rhythm and cultural richness of this South American metropolis.

We look back with pride on our last World Congress in 2021, our first-ever virtual event. In the face of unprecedented global challenges, our community not only adapted but thrived, demonstrating the strength and flexibility inherent in our discipline. We came together virtually from every corner of the globe, setting the second highest attendance record in IPSA history. Today, it is exciting to see the momentum from that event carry over into this year's Congress, as we are well on our way to surpassing the 2021 attendance record.

This World Congress grapples with a theme that is not only timely but also critical for our day and age: *Politics in the Age of Transboundary Crises: Vulnerability and Resilience*. At a time when threats ranging from climate change, pandemics, and socio-political upheavals, refuse to respect geographical boundaries, it is incumbent upon us, as political scientists, to foster a greater understanding of these challenges. We are tasked with analyzing our shared vulnerability, deciphering patterns of resilience, and illuminating the pathways to sustainable, inclusive solutions. Argentina, a country with its unique narrative of perseverance in the face of adversity, serves as an apt setting for our deliberations. As we delve into our theme against this canvas of rich history, we are awakened to the transformative potential of fortitude in times of susceptibility. We are offered a renewed perspective to view our collective challenges not merely as insurmountable hurdles, but as opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and growth.

The spirit of this congress is embodied in the diversity of our community. Your unique experiences, perspectives, and academic contributions are what truly enrich our collective understanding and shape the discourse on global political issues. We gather here not only to share and learn but to innovate and inspire, leaving an indelible impact on our shared journey towards a more equitable, resilient world.

In our continued effort to promote global representation, we have introduced significant changes to the World Congress registration fee structure. This revision, guided by the World Bank's classification system, modulates registration costs based on a participant's country of residence. This restructuring of our registration fees, now reflective of the economic spectrum of participant countries, aims to ensure that financial or geographical constraints do not limit the exchange of valuable insights and ideas. This is another significant step towards making our global community more accessible and inclusive.

The extraordinary contributions of many individuals have made this World Congress possible, and it is only fitting to express our deep gratitude to all involved. Our Program Committee, under the skillful leadership of the Program Co-chairs, has been instrumental in shaping a program that promises rich academic discussions and invaluable insights. The Local Organizing Committee and its regional partners have worked tirelessly to ensure that the arrangements seamlessly facilitate our intellectual explorations in the beautiful city of Buenos Aires. It is also crucial to highlight the work of our IPSA World Congress Secretariat team, who have been working diligently behind the scenes to organize and manage this event. Their tremendous efforts, from planning to execution, have helped turn our vision into reality.

As we embark on the intellectual journey that is this World Congress, I invite you to bring your curiosity, your critical insights, and your collaborative spirit. On behalf of all those involved in organizing this enriching event, I thank you for your participation. Your contributions and commitment are the very essence of this World Congress.

Thank you, and I wish you an intellectually stimulating and engaging World Congress.

Dianne Pinderhughes
President

