

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017

## MEMBERSHIP

The BISA Working Group on NGOs has rapidly expanded from its establishment in 2013 to contain c.100 members from across the world, including senior/mid-level career academics as well as ECRs, PhD students and NGO practitioners. This number includes 39 members who are subscribers to BISA.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Working Group maintains a website: <https://bisangoworkinggroup.wordpress.com/>

It also maintains an active Twitter feed: @BISANGOWG

## CONFERENCE

The Working Group is proud to sponsor two panels at the BISA Annual Conference 2017. The first was titled *Speak and You Shall be Heard? Languages and Development NGOs*. Speakers included Angela Crack (University of Portsmouth), Hilary Footitt (University of Reading) and Wine Tesseur (University of Reading). The second was titled *World order, regulation, and negotiated access: the changes effected by NGOs on international politics*. Speakers included Erla Thrandardottir (University of Manchester), Vincent Keating (University of South Denmark), Tom Davies (City University) and Alexandru Grigorescu (Loyola University Chicago).

## ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The Working Group held their 2016 Annual Workshop in January 2017 (delayed due to the availability of the keynote speaker). The funding for this workshop was 'rolled over' from the funding for 2016. The workshop was titled *Legality and Legitimacy of INGOs* and the keynote speaker was David Moore from the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL). This workshop, held at the University of Manchester, brought together a variety of academics and practitioners of international standing to debate the growing legal encroachments on civil society space (including representatives from Save the Children and Amnesty International).

The Working Group's next workshop is primarily aimed at postgraduates. It is titled *Methods for NGO-related Research*, and involves several leading scholars in the field to discuss methodological issues relating to their research, and to offer tips and guidance to students about designing a research project and collecting and analysing data. Participants include Amanda Murdie (University of Georgia), Aseem Prakash (University of Washington), Sarah Stroup (Middlebury College), Nicola Banks (University of Manchester) and Ellen Gutterman (York University, Toronto). This workshop shall be a webinar to enable easy access for students from across the world.