



Report of International Development Studies Students' Association Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

Review

- Last semester, on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017, the IDSSA held a policy workshop for the participants of the International Development Policy Case Competition (IDPCC) and other students in the Carrefour Sherbrooke ballroom. Hosting talks from the World Bank's former Director of Sustainable Development and McGill professors, the event was sold out and widely successful despite being held during a busy time in the semester.
- The IDSSA held academic peer tutoring sessions for students taking IDS core courses last semester with good turnout.
- The preparation for the 2018 IDSSA Journal *Chrysalis* is underway with a callout for submissions released and applications for funding being prepared.

Upcoming Events

- The IDPPC, in partnership with the Institute on the Study of International Development (ISID), is planned for February 10, 2018 in Thomson House. The registration for the event concluded last month. Currently in the process of finding judges for the event, attracting sponsorship, and advertising the event to the McGill student body, particularly students from the Mac campus.
- In collaboration with CaPS, the Career Planning Service, the IDSSA will host an event regarding post-grad opportunities for students pursuing International Development Studies in February.
- The IDSSA is also working on bringing potential guest speakers to McGill in order to provide students with a critical perspective of practitioners in the many disciplines of development. We are aiming to host at least one major speaker for the winter semester.

General Updates

- The IDSSA sweater sale has concluded!
- The IDSSA is connecting students to internships in Montreal with Médecins Sans Frontières in two positions.
- As the present VP External, Mehar Gujral, is going on exchange, Zain Bhanji has been appointed VP External through an interview process and will serve as the IDSSA representative on AUS council for all following meetings in the remainder of this academic year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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