
Association News

Shklar Appoints Mansbridge 1990 Program Chair

APSA President-elect Judith N. Shklar, Harvard University, has appointed Jane Mansbridge, Northwestern University, 1990 program chair. The 1990 meetings will be held in San Francisco, at the San Francisco Hilton from August 30 to September 2. The annual meeting last met in San Francisco in 1975 when almost 2,500 attended a program organized by APSA President Austin Ranney and Program Chair William J. Keefe.

Anticipating over 3,500 attendees for the 86th Annual Meeting, Shklar and Mansbridge have taken major steps to promote cooperation and coordination in the 1990 program between Program Committee Sections and the APSA Organized Sections. Mansbridge raises important questions surrounding the evolving relationship between Program Committee Sections and APSA Organized Sections, and the organization and allocation of panels at the annual meeting in an article in this section of *PS*.

The theme of the 1990 program is "Democratization." A plenary session is planned on democratization in Western and Eastern Europe, and Asia. Other special interest panels may be organized around the theme. The program will also feature special program panels on History in Political Science, and Intersections of Theory and Practice.

Editor's Note. Organized Sections are one of the fastest growing and most vital elements of the APSA. Their rapid rise has profoundly

affected the organization of the annual meeting in the last few years. Jane Mansbridge, Program Chair for the 1990 Annual Meeting, has prepared the following essay reviewing the relationship between Program Committee Sections and Organized Sections since the inception of Organized Sections in 1982.

The Mansbridge article raises important issues that will be discussed by APSA members over the next few years.

On the Relation between Program Committee Sections and Organized Sections

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Until fairly recently, the two separate issues of the organization of the panels at the annual meeting of the Association and the allocation of those panels among fields in the discipline had a traditional solution. Panels were organized by Section Chairs appointed by the overall Program Chair, who in turn was appointed by the President of the Association. These appointments were reviewed and approved by the Council of the Association. Panels were allocated among fields in approximately the same proportions as they had been the year before, and requests for supplementary panels were usually granted.