

Annual Meeting Disciplinary Distribution

In an effort to promote greater diversity and encourage social science representation on the annual meeting program, the secretariat began three years ago to compile and track disciplinary statistics for panel sessions at the annual meeting.

The charts below contain data for the upcoming 2008 meeting in Atlanta, and list the number of disciplines represented on panel sessions and individual papers/posters both in the overall program, and broken down by area. Also included is a simplified table illustrating the number of papers in the four largest social science disciplines (anthropology, economics, political science and sociology) that were accepted/rejected over the last four meetings.

As was the case in previous years, the data presented here are not "hard." Disciplines represented in each panel and/or individual paper or poster were self-identified by the panel organizers or presenters and not always stated or consistent. Also, to present the data in a concise and readable format it was necessary to combine related disciplines into single categories. For example, anthropology, cultural anthropology, and cultural studies are listed as anthropology. Art and art history are combined into art, etc.

KEY:

* Bolded numbers in parentheses at the top of each column indicate accepted/rejected PANELS or PAPERS, not disciplines.

† Bolded numbers at the bottom of each column indicate number of DISCIPLINES represented on accepted/rejected panels or papers.

For example, in 2008 there were 26 organized SE Asia panels accepted on the program, and 1 rejected. On those 26 panels there were 71 disciplines represented. The most prevalent disciplines were political science (13), anthropology (11), and history (10).

PANELS	CHINA (71/43)	JAPAN (41/6)	SEA (26/1)	SA (18/1)	KOREA (16/2)	INTERAREA (52/18)	TOTAL (224/71)
Anthropology	16/4	12/3	11/0	6/0	1/0	17/3	63/10
Archaeology	1/10	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/0	39/151
Art	13/3	14/1	3/1	3/0	2/0	11/7	46/12
Economics	4/3	1/0	2/0	0/0	1/0	7/2	15/5
Gender Studies	7/6	6/1	4/1	4/1	3/0	4/5	28/14
Geography	4/2	2/0	4/0	0/0	2/1	5/1	17/4
History	46/29	28/5	10/1	8/0	12/2	33/11	137/48
Language	3/0	3/0	3/0	2/0	0/1	6/1	17/2
Linguistics	1/0	1/0	1/0	0/0	1/1	3/0	7/1
Literature	26/17	16/1	3/0	3/0	3/0	12/8	63/26
Music	2/1	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	7/1
Political Science	18/13	10/3	13/0	5/0	1/0	16/7	63/23
Religion	12/11	6/1	6/0	6/0	3/1	7/3	40/16
Sociology	19/6	6/4	5/0	5/1	2/1	11/5	48/17
Theater	7/0	1/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	4/0	13/0
OTHER	16/10	6/1	6/0	0/0	0/0	14/3	42/14
TOTAL	195/115	113/20	71/3	43/2	33/7	154/56	609/203
INDIVIDUAL PAPERS AND POSTER SESSIONS	CHINA (16/42)	JAPAN (8/18)	SEA (16/4)	SA (9/6)	KOREA (10/9)	INTERAREA (8/13)	TOTAL (73/92)
Anthropology	3/4	2/5	2/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/9
Archaeology	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1
Art	5/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	6/3
Economics	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/1	2/3
Gender Studies	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/2	1/4
Geography	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/1
History	1/7	3/3	2/0	2/0	3/2	2/1	13/13
Language	0/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2
Linguistics	0/2	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2
Literature	6/3	0/2	1/0	1/1	0/2	0/0	8/8
Music	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Political Science	0/10	1/2	7/2	6/1	3/1	2/5	19/21
Religion	1/2	0/2	2/0	0/1	1/0	0/1	4/6
Sociology	0/5	0/1	0/0	1/2	3/1	0/1	4/10
Theater	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1
OTHER	1/2	0/2	2/1	1/0	1/2	2/1	7/8
TOTAL	17/42	8/18	17/4	12/6	11/9	8/13	73/92

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CHINA	Accepted Panels (71)	Rejected Panels (43)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (16)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (42)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	16	4	3	4
Archaeology	1	10	0	0
Art/Art History/Cinema	13	3	5	3
Economics	4	3	0	1
Women's/Gender Studies	7	6	0	1
Geography	4	2	0	0
History	46	29	1	7
Language	3	0	0	1
Linguistics	1	0	0	2
Literature	26	17	6	3
Music	2	1	0	0
Political Science	18	13	0	10
Religion	12	11	1	2
Sociology	19	6	0	5
Theater	7	0	0	1
OTHER	16	10	1	2
TOTAL	195	115	17	42

SOUTH ASIA	Accepted Panels (18)	Rejected Panels (1)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (9)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (6)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	6	0	0	0
Archaeology	0	0	0	0
Art/Art History/Cinema	3	0	0	0
Economics	0	0	1	1
Women's/Gender Studies	4	1	0	0
Geography	0	0	0	0
History	8	0	2	0
Language	2	0	0	0
Linguistics	0	0	0	0
Literature	3	0	1	1
Music	0	0	0	0
Political Science	5	0	6	1
Religion	6	0	0	1
Sociology	5	1	1	2
Theater	1	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	43	2	12	6

KOREA	Accepted Panels (16)	Rejected Panels (2)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (10)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (9)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	1	0	0	0
Archaeology	2	0	0	0
Art/Art History/Cinema	2	0	0	0
Economics	1	0	0	0
Women's/Gender Studies	3	0	0	0
Geography	2	1	0	1
History	12	2	3	2
Language	0	1	0	0
Linguistics	1	1	0	0
Literature	3	0	0	2
Music	0	0	0	0
Political Science	1	0	3	1
Religion	3	1	1	0
Sociology	2	1	3	1
Theater	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	33	7	11	9

JAPAN	Accepted Panels (41)	Rejected Panels (6)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (8)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (18)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	12	3	2	5
Archaeology	0	0	0	0
Art/Art History/Cinema	14	1	0	0
Economics	1	0	0	0
Women's/Gender Studies	6	1	0	0
Geography	2	0	0	0
History	28	5	3	3
Language	3	0	1	1
Linguistics	1	0	1	0
Literature	16	1	0	2
Music	1	0	0	0
Political Science	10	3	1	2
Religion	6	1	0	2
Sociology	6	4	0	1
Theater	1	0	0	0
OTHER	6	1	0	2
TOTAL	113	20	8	18

SOUTHEAST ASIA	Accepted Panels (26)	Rejected Panels (1)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (16)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (4)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	11	0	2	0
Archaeology	0	0	0	0
Art/Art History/Cinema	3	1	0	0
Economics	2	0	0	0
Women's/Gender Studies	4	1	1	1
Geography	4	0	0	0
History	10	1	2	0
Language	3	0	0	0
Linguistics	1	0	0	0
Literature	3	0	1	0
Music	0	0	0	0
Political Science	13	0	7	2
Religion	6	0	2	0
Sociology	5	0	0	0
Theater	0	0	0	0
OTHER	6	0	2	1
TOTAL	71	3	17	4

INTERAREA	Accepted Panels (52)	Rejected Panels (18)	Accepted Indiv. Papers & Posters (8)	Rejected Indiv. Papers & Posters (13)
Anthropology/Culture Studies	17	3	0	0
Archaeology	0	0	0	1
Art/Art History/Cinema	11	7	1	0
Economics	7	2	1	1
Women's/Gender Studies	4	5	0	2
Geography	5	1	0	0
History	33	11	2	1
Language	6	1	0	0
Linguistics	3	0	0	0
Literature	12	8	0	0
Music	4	0	0	0
Political Science	16	7	2	5
Religion	7	3	0	1
Sociology	11	5	0	1
Theater	4	0	0	0
OTHER	14	3	2	1
TOTAL	154	56	8	13

The table below provides an overview of social science representation for the last four annual meeting programs. As in the previous tables, the numbers in each column represent the number of disciplines represented on panels accepted/rejected for the program. For example, for the 2008 Atlanta meeting 15 papers on economics were accepted and five were rejected.

	2005 Chicago	2006 San Francisco	2007 Boston	2008 Atlanta
Anthropology	40/12	64/23	70/23	63/10
Economics	7/8	12/8	17/7	15/5
Political Science	22/5	67/31	55/15	63/23
Sociology	17/1	38/23	53/19	48/17
Social Science Totals	86/26	181/85	195/64	189/55

Although the overall number of social science papers accepted onto the program declined slightly from the year before (195 to 189), the acceptance rate actually increased from 75% to 77%. Obviously, the overall number of social science papers has increased dramatically from the 2005 meeting in Chicago when we first started to compile disciplinary statistics, and now typically comprises about a third of the total papers on the program. We hope to continue this initiative and incorporate other measures to increase social science representation within the Association.

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