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Around the World and Back Again: About the SRCD International Affairs Committee

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We continue our spotlight series on initiatives of SRCD's 14 active standing and operational committees, this time taking a closer look at the International Affairs Committee. Spotlights on the Equity and Justice Committee and the Student and Early Career Council are available.

Marc H. Bornstein, President and Laura L. Namy, Executive Director

SRCD proudly brings together members from over 50 countries. Scholars from around the globe gather under the SRCD imprimatur to exchange knowledge about child development research, policy, and

translation. Our success is, in part, due to the accomplishments of the International Affairs Committee.

Established in 1990 by the Governing Council, the International Affairs Committee mission is to advocate for an international perspective on child development research and theory within the Society and its work. A central goal of the Committee is to broaden international representation in the membership and publications of the Society. The committee accomplishes its mission by facilitating international collaborations in research, education, and application by holding formal workshops and conferences, as well as informal international exchanges of knowledge about child development.

The International Affairs Committee is currently chaired by Silvia H. Koller (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) and Gianluca Esposito (University of Trento, Italy & Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and the committee consists of ten members, including a representative from the Student and Early Career Council. (Full roster below.)

"Our aim is to foster international collaborations among child development scientists from around the world," said Professor Esposito, co-chair of the committee. "We invite SRCD member colleagues from different geographic areas and ethnic groups to join us and efforts."

Silvia H. Koller, Co-Chair	2015-2019	silvi
Gianluca Esposito, Co-Chair	2017-2021	gesp
Prerna Banati	2017-2021	pba
Marylou Hyson	2015-2019	mar
Jill Korbin	2017-2021	jill.k
Suman Verma	2015-2019	sum
Qing Zhou	2017-2021	qing
Mary Gauvain, Governing Council Representative	2013-2017	mar
Frosso Motti, Governing Council Representative	2015-2017	frmo
Olivia Smith, SECC Representative	2017-2019	oxs1

Recent International Affairs Committee Activities

- Creation of an online platform for human development intervention research particularly in low and middle-income countries called the Human Development Intervention Network. Using the network, a researcher or interventionist can create a member profile, then use searchable databases to connect with other individuals conducting similar work and access resources to use in designing human development interventions and evaluations.
- Publication of *Positive Youth Development in Global Contexts of Social and Economic Change* by Anne C. Peterson, Silvia H. Koller, Frosso Motti-Stefanidi, and Suman Verma.
- Publication of *Handbook of Adolescent Development Research and Its Impact on Global Policy*, edited by Jennifer Lansford (SRCD) and Prerna Banati (UNICEF).

Ahead for the International Affairs Committee

- A joint SRCD-ISSBD symposium hosted by members of the committee to be held at the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development Biennial Meeting in Queensland, Australia in July 2018, called "Multilevel Comparison in Developmental Science: Illustrations from Species, Cultures, and Families." To find out more, visit the ISSBD 2018 website.
- A special section in *Child Development* on positive youth development in diverse and global contexts. Jointly written with the Ethnic and Racial Issues Committee. Available Summer 2018.