

Training “Early Career Instructors” in International Studies: Existing Efforts and Challenges, and Future Possibilities

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An emerging conversation in learning and teaching circles draws attention to the pedagogical training and support of the next generation of International Studies scholars and instructors, or the “Early Career Instructor” (ECI). This roundtable engages that conversation by bringing together a diverse group of established and emerging scholars to discuss the state of instructor training in International Studies at the individual, institution, and scholarly association level. Participants will consider questions such as: What kinds of mentorship and training opportunities are currently being offered to ECIs? What kinds of support are most valuable to best prepare individuals for success in early teaching experiences? What institutional programmes are effective in scaffolding and supporting new instructors? What forms of support and training can we develop for the future? What topics and techniques are most in need of further attention? How can mentors assist in the transition into teaching? Who is doing the instructor training labour within university spaces? How is instructor training mentorship valued within International Studies as a discipline? Participants include postgraduates, as well as mid-career and senior full-time instructors, including those who work at teaching centres. This roundtable seeks to highlight who is doing the labour of preparing instructors for teaching within higher education, especially in institutions that look vastly different than 3-5 years ago, and how International Studies is part of the future of pedagogical training for ECIs.

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