

International Political Science

Mushakoji Elected IPSA President

Kinhide Mushakoji of the United Nations University in Japan was elected president of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) at its World Congress held in Paris July 15-20, 1985. Mushakoji succeeds Klaus von Beyme of the Federal Republic of Germany.

At his speech in the closing session of the meeting, Mushakoji said that political science has a special mission to help face world crises. He called for a "resurgence of the political in the high sense of the term" and said that we must take into account the complexity of society and not develop overly simplistic models.

The next IPSA Congress will be held in 1988 in late August in Washington, D.C.



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As the Congress physically moves from Paris to Washington, IPSA will be engaged in an "intellectual pilgrimage" as well, according to Mushakoji. He suggested that political science in Europe is different from political science in the U.S. and said that IPSA members would be "looking for a meaningful dialogue with our colleagues in North America" whom he characterized as post-behavioralists.

The three goals for the 1988 Congress, said Mushakoji, will be to identify global issues, to become more aware of the fact that global problems require local solutions, and to stress the importance of the state, government and political institutions.

Mushakoji selected Harold Jacobson of the University of Michigan to serve as chairperson of the Programme Committee for the 1988 Congress. □

Forum '85 and the United Nations Decade for Women Conference

Victoria Schuck

Two Conferences Held

The greatest number of women ever to assemble from around the world gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, last July for two meetings to mark the conclusion of the United

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