

## Editor's Corner

In this issue two political scientists give readers the benefit of their experiences outside academe. Joseph LaPalombara looks at the mildly flourishing field of political risk analysis which seems to have grown proportionately with the increasing uncertainty of the international environment and the increasing overseas activities of U.S. companies.

After listing some of the reasons multinational corporations are now seriously analyzing political risk, LaPalombara offers guidelines for those who would engage in this activity.

For example, political scientists should not succumb, LaPalombara warns readers, to the temptation of overquantification. They will have to understand the kinds of questions which corporate managers ask about foreign countries and must be able to frame the answers in a usable fashion.

Graduate programs, however, do not typically equip students to analyze political risk for business. As the discipline confronts an intractable academic job market, assessing political risk for the private sector could be an option for those appropriately trained and so inclined.

Shifting to the public sector, Allan Rosenbaum looks at federal management or, more specifically, the lack of it. Reorganizations, hiring freezes, and other related techniques will not make the fed-

eral bureaucracy work better, Rosenbaum tells readers. What is needed are some management skills carefully applied in the day-to-day work situation. Rosenbaum's diagnosis rings true and is well worth reading.

### **Come to Denver**

Finally, this issue features the 1982 Annual Meeting which will be held in Denver, September 2-5. Carl Tubbesing and his colleagues give readers the low-down on Denver and its restaurants.

As for the meeting itself, Ada Finifter and the Program Committee have gone to considerable lengths to make the Program diverse and intellectually exciting. The three special evening plenary sessions promise to be particularly lively, including one on the uses to which social science is put and another on the Reagan presidency and the 1982 elections. Also, there will be two new Annual Meeting publications: a book of abstracts of the panel papers and a volume of papers on major developments in fields of political science.

In addition, the Annual Meeting will be relatively more affordable to attend this year. The details on all of this and more are waiting for you. Welcome to the spring issue of *PS*.

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